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STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN WATERFUND AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF ELGEYO MARAKWET

On 3rd November, 2023, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), led by Mr. Willis Ombai, the Chief Executive Officer, hosted H.E. Prof. Grace Cheserek, Deputy Governor of Elgeyo Marakwet County. During the meeting, they engaged in productive discussions regarding collaborative opportunities between WaterFund and Elgeyo Marakwet County. The primary focus was on conservation initiatives within the Chelangani Hills, an area of great ecological significance within the County. Mr. Willis Ombai, expressed deep appreciation for the Deputy Governor's unwavering dedication to their shared mission and conveyed his support for ongoing collaboration to achieve their mutual objectives.



Left: Mr. Willis Ombai (Left), CEO WaterFund with H.E. Prof Grace Cheserek (right), Deputy Governor, Elgeyo Marakwet County

Right: Representatives from both WaterFund and Elgeyo Marakwet County at the meeting.



WATERFUND MEETINGS

During the week, the following meetings took place as highlighted below:

- WaterFund Board of Trustees (BoT) held a full board meeting to deliberate on pertinent issues. During the meeting, the board fully embraced the use of technology by conducting the meeting using eBoard, a secure Board Management System, on their iPads. Holding paperless meetings is also in line with achieving efficiency and effectiveness through digital transformation.
- Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, held a meeting with Water Integrity Network (WIN) Board of Kenya. Present during the meeting were Kenya Water and Sanitation Network (KEWASNET) and Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB). The discussions revolved around integrity work concerning Small Water Supply Systems (SWSS) in Kenya. During the meeting, the three organizations also made a presentation to WIN that provided insights into their respective contributions and efforts to ensure integrity in SWSS. The meeting facilitated knowledge sharing, collaboration, and the establishment of partnerships, all aimed at improving transparency and integrity in the sector to benefit the people of Kenya.
- WaterFund led by Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, met with the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, led by Mr. Pim Van der Male, First Secretary Food Security and Water. During the meeting, deliberations centered on collaboration for water resources management, sustainable financing and participation in the upcoming **Water and Sanitation Investors Conference (WASIC)** set to be held on **6th to 8th March, 2024** at Kenyatta International

Convention Centre (KICC), Nairobi. **For more information on the WASIC Conference, please visit https://wasic-invest.ke/**



Left: WaterFund Board of Trustees embracing the use of technology during their meeting.

Right: Representatives from WIN, WaterFund, KEWASNET and WASREB representatives during the meeting





Left: Mr. Willis Ombai chairing the meeting between WaterFund and Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Right: (From left to right) Mr. Pim Van der Male, First Secretary Food Security and Water, Ms. Viola Kilel and Ms. Rose Makenzi from the Kingdom of the Netherlands



PRODUCTIVITY MAINSTREAMING: WATERFUND'S COMMITMENT TO EFFICIENCY

WaterFund is committed to implementing the Productivity Mainstreaming Indicator in the 20th Cycle of Performance Contracting. This indicator aims to measure the efficiency and effectiveness of resource utilization, including labor, capital, technology, and systems. WaterFund recognizes that productivity and performance are critical to achieving improved service delivery to the public.

In regards to this WaterFund conducted a training program for WaterFund Management, designed to cultivate an environment conducive to achieving the Productivity Mainstreaming indicator. This initiative is a vital part of the organization's overall strategy to enhance service delivery by promoting a culture of high productivity among its employees. The training program was conducted by technical officers from the National Productivity and Competitiveness Centre (NPCC) and was graced by Dr. Nahashon Moitaleel Langat, the CEO of NPCC.

The primary objective of the training was to equip the members of the Productivity Mainstreaming Committee with the requisite knowledge and skills, empowering them to effectively implement the productivity management program. This comprehensive approach underscores WaterFund's commitment to achieving its productivity goals and ultimately providing better services to the public.



Mr. Samuel Gitau, Chairperson of the WaterFund Productivity Mainstreaming Committee giving the opening remarks at the workshop



Dr. Nahashon Moitaleel Langat, the CEO of NPCC giving his remarks



WaterFund Productivity Mainstreaming Committee Members with Facilitators from NPCC

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