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INAUGURAL MEETING BETWEEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

On 28th November, 2023, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) convened an introductory meeting, bringing together the Board of Trustees, management and development partners to delve into matters of institutional structure, partnerships, and programme development.

On behalf of the trustees, Dr. Erick K. Rutto, Chairman Board of Trustees (BoTs) WaterFund, extended his appreciation to the development partners for their steadfast support in the areas of financing, technical support, leveraging and collaboration in various aspects of water and sanitation. Dr. Rutto highlighted that since inception, WaterFund has received KSh. 43.5 billion, which rises to KSh. 49.5 billion with funding from the Government of Kenya (GOK). As a result of this funding, 7.7 million Kenyans have had access to improved water and sanitation, by June 2023; while also making significant contributions to catchment conservation through water resources management activities.

The development partners present applauded WaterFund for consistently demonstrating a high level of professionalism which has established a commendable standard in the water sector. They further added that this recognition has played a key role in their ongoing commitments to partnering with the Fund for upcoming programmes as donors. Some of development partners present included: Ministry of Water Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI), The World Bank, European Union, USAID, German Development Bank (KfW), UN Habitat, Gatsby Africa, KEWASNET, Water.org, Water Resources Authority, and Millennium Water Alliance (MWA).



Dr. Erick K. Rutto, Chairperson, WaterFund BoT, giving his key note speech at the introductory meeting



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, giving his remarks at the meeting



WaterFund Board of Trustees members at the meeting



Ms. Sheillah Karimi, Senior Programme Coordinator, KfW, gives her closing remarks on behalf of the development partners



Members present follow through the session



WaterFund BoT members, management and development partners pose for a group picture

WATERFUND MEETINGS

During the week meetings took place as highlighted below:

- On 28th November 2023, WaterFund held its Joint Rural/Urban Steering Committee meeting for the financial year 2023-2024. The meeting, led by Mr. Wills Ombai, CEO WaterFund, focused on deliberations concerning the: 1st quarter rural and urban report; and financial and audit highlights. In attendance were representatives from: The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI), the European Union (EU), the Water Resources Authority (WRA) and WaterFund.
- WaterFund hosted the organizing committee for the Water and Sanitation Investors Conference (WASIC) scheduled for 6th – 8th March 2024. The Conference aims to present many opportunities for the Public and Private Sector actors in the water and sanitation business; to meet and deliberate on business models and partnerships which will propel Kenya to Universal access by 2030. **For more information on the WASIC Conference, please visit https://wasic-invest.ke/**



Left: Mr. Willis Ombai (far right) CEO, WaterFund, chairing the steering committee meeting

Right: Participants keenly following the proceedings of the rural/urban steering committee meeting





Left: Ms. Ruth Nganga (center), General Manager, Fund Development, chairing the WASIC 2024 committee meeting

Right: WASIC organizing committee members keenly following up with the presentations



FIELD ACTIVITIES: MONITORING AND INSPECTION

WaterFund participated in a collaborative site visit with the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI), Ministry of Health, WASREB, and German Development Bank (KfW) in a joint site visit to Fresh Life offices and production site. Fresh Life is an industry leader in the provision of non-sewered sanitation services as well as safely managing sanitation waste. WaterFund has collaborated with Fresh life to support the Water and Sanitation (WASH) sector with an aim to accelerate coverage through implementation of suitable technologies. During the site visit the delegation visited some of the projects funded by Fresh Life which included: Fresh fit demo toilets, Fresh Life fabrication yard and Regen Organic's recycling plant in Machakos.



Left: The delegation during a site visit at the recycling plant in Machakos County

Right: The delegation follows through a demonstration of the toilets at Sameer Africa Complex

