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WATERFUND'S DEDICATION TO WATER SOLUTIONS: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2023 IWA WATER AND DEVLOPMENT CONGRESS IN RWANDA

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) actively participated in the 2023 International Water Association (IWA) Water and Development Congress & Exhibition (WDCE) in Kigali, Rwanda. This conference took place on 10th – 14th December 2023, with the overarching theme, 'Water, Sanitation, and Climate Resilience – keys to a water-wise future.' This event, organized by the IWA in collaboration with Rwanda's Ministry of Infrastructure and the Water & Sanitation Corporation, with support from the Rwanda Convention Bureau; provided a unique platform for global water professionals to come together, establish connections and share insights on the latest trend's, best practices and innovative technologies for addressing water challenges.

During the IWA conference experts and researchers presented inventive solutions, discussing their experiences and highlighting the necessity for enhanced regulations to protect water resources and the well-being of the communities. Additionally, the conference spurred the promotion of improved regulatory frameworks, encouraging collaborations and knowledge-sharing to instigate positive transformations in the water industry.

WaterFund's Participation at the IWA 2023 Conference

Mr. Isaac Kega, General Manager Programmes at WaterFund, led a convenor session whose topic focused on "Financing for Impact: Enhancing Water and Sanitation in Urban Low-Income and Peri-Urban Areas." He commenced his presentation by highlighting the remarkable growth experienced by the WaterFund over the years, emphasizing Kenya's dedication to endeavors related to water. In his presentation, Mr. Isaac Kega provided comprehensive insights into the Water Sector, which is governed by the Water Act of 2016, encompassing the institutional framework, regulatory aspects, and funding mechanisms.

He underscored the pivotal role of WaterFund in financing initiatives concerning water, sanitation, and the management of water resources, particularly in areas that are underserved and marginalized. In his closing remarks Mr. Isaac Kega, noted that over 70% of the projects financed by WaterFund over the last five years have been deemed to be sustainable and effectively delivering value to the targeted communities. Subsequently, Ms. Stella Warue, Principal Programme Officer, WaterFund, actively engaged in and facilitated a session on Unlocking Climate Finance for Sanitation: The Role of Partnerships. This session was conveyed in collaboration with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

WaterFund's vibrant engagement in the IWA Water and Development Congress & Exhibition 2023 showcased its unwavering commitment to addressing water challenges and advocating for comprehensive global solutions in the water sector.

To read more on WaterFund's presentation, please click on the link below:
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Mr. Isaac Kega, General Manager Programmes, WaterFund, giving his remarks during WaterFund's Convenor session





Delegates follow keenly on WaterFund's presentation on 'Financing for Impact: Enhancing Water and Sanitation in Urban Low-Income and Peri-Urban Areas



Left: Ms. Stella Warue, Principal Programme Officer WaterFund, giving her remarks during a panel discussion on, Unlocking Climate Finance for Sanitation; The Role of Partnerships

Right: WaterFund's exhibition stand at the conference



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #227-WATERFUND AT THE 2019 WORLD WATER WEEK IN STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN



WaterFund's Situation Report No. 227 (SITREP #227) covered the period 26th to 30th August 2019. Among the highlights was that, WaterFund participated in the World Water Week in Stockholm, Sweden from 25th to 30th August 2019. The theme was 'Water for society; including all'. World Water Week conference is organized by Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) whose main goal is working towards solving global water challenges by improving water is usage and management.

Through this platform, WaterFund delegation was able to network, exchange ideas and foster new thinking with experts, practitioners and decision-makers from a range of sectors and countries around the most pressing water related challenges of today. Mr. Ismail Shaiye, the then WaterFund CEO, together with Mr. Markus Tuurkanen, Director for Business Development, Kauko International, Finland, and Mr. David Wanyoike, Senior Advisor for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Netherlands Development Organization (SNV), participated in a SIWI Sofa panel discussion on 'Improving Service Delivery on Rural Areas through Private Sector Participation

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