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THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY MWSI LEADS DISCUSSION ON SECURING GREEN CLIMATE FINANCING FOR WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION PROJECTS

Kenya is presently facing recurring droughts and floods, directly attributed to the impacts of climate change. These disaster related risks are leading to loses of lives and livelihood which in turn contributes to increased vulnerabilities particularly within communities reliant on weather dependent activities.

In view of the above, Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, the Principal Secretary of State Department for Water, Sanitation, MWSI, alongside other state and non-state actors; held a workshop which focused on realizing funds for green climate financing in water, sanitation and irrigation sector. During the workshop the PS highlighted the urgent need to secure funds for resilient projects. Emphasizing on the workshop's central goal, he further stressed the importance of understanding climate challenges and creating a clear plan to seek support from various organizations and investors.

As a key player in the water sector, WaterFund is actively collaborating with the MWSI to: enhance access to financing for climate smart programmes in water supply, sanitation, irrigation and water resources management; increase climate resilient infrastructure; capacity strengthening on adaptation and mitigation technologies and approaches for the sector; and adoption of green and nature-based solutions for integrated water resources management. The PS, expressed optimism that the collaborative efforts between WaterFund and the MWSI would pave the way for a more resilient future in the face of ongoing climate challenges.

Present during the workshop were: Eng. SAO Alima, Water Secretary, State Department for Water and Sanitation (MWSI), Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, and other government officials.



The delegation poses for a group picture at the end of the workshop

WATERFUND CEO SPOTLIGHTS WATERFUND SUCCESSES IN LINE WITH KENYA VISION 2030

On 30thJanuary 2024, Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) participated in a media engagement forum organized by Kenya vision 20230 in collaboration with Ruwaza Centre Media Forum. This session emphasized on the successes of Vision 2030, specifically under the Social Pillar sector of Water & Sanitation, Environment.

As a significant player in the Water sector, Mr. Willis, CEO, took the opportunity to underscore the mandate of the WaterFund. He further highlighted the projects successfully executed by WaterFund in the marginalized and underserved areas; that have resulted in increased access to water and sanitation in the Country.

Other key players who actively participated in this forum include representatives from: National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), Kenya Forest Service, Kenya Forestry Research, Kenya Water Towers Agency and Water Resources Authority.

(For more information: *https://www.facebook.com/share/v/B1bGfpDpudSQWNiL/?mibextid=oFDknk* **)**



Left: Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, giving his remarks during the interview

Right: Panelists during the round table interview



WATERFUND'S MEETINGS

During the week meetings took place as highlighted below:

- WaterFund, led by Dr. Erick K. Rutto, Chairperson, Board of Trustees (BoTs) convened a meeting with Dr. Leina Mpoke, County Executive Committee Member (CECM) Water, Environment, Natural Resources, and Climate Change Kajiado County. The objective of the meeting was to explore potential collaboration between WaterFund and Kajiado County. During the meeting discussions also encompassed the progress of the Mashuru water project and the upcoming third call for water projects in Kajiado County.



Left: Dr. Erick K. Rutto (5th left), Chairperson WaterFund Board of Trustees, during a group picture

Right: Mr. Willis Ombai (left) CEO Waterfund and Dr. Leina Mpoke (right) CECM Water, Environment, Natural Resources, and Climate Change, Kajiado County.



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #233- COMMISIONING OF CHWELE PSF IN BUNGOMA CONTY



WaterFund's Situation Report No. 233 (SITREP #233) covered the period **7th – 11th October 2019.** Among the highlights was that, On 11th October Water Sector Trust Fund in collaboration with Nzoia Water Services Company (NZOWASCO) and the County Government of Bungoma, commissioned the Chwele Public Sanitation Facility (PSF) in Bungoma County. The commissioning was graced by Hon. Eugene Wamalwa, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Devolution and ASALs, H.E. Prof. Ngome Kibanani, Deputy Governor, Bungoma County, Mr. Patrick Kokonya, the then Chairman Board of Trustees, Water Sector Trust Fund and other government officials.

Chwele PSF project was implemented through NZOWASCO under WaterFund's Urban Project Concept (UPC) programme. The UPC was developed to respond to water and public sanitation challenges in urban low-income areas. Chwele PSF project was funded by WaterFund at a total cost of KSh 4.9 Million. Chwele PSF project will benefit 800 beneficiaries of Chwele market through 6 toilets, 2 bathrooms and 4 handwashing facilities.

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