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OFFICIAL REMARKS DURING WASIC CONFERENCE



Hon. Zacharia Njeru, Cabinet Secretary of MWSI, giving the Key Note Speech at the Official Opening of the WASIC conference

On 6th to 8th March 2024, the Ministry of Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation (MWSI) in collaboration with Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) and the Council of Governors hosted the eagerly anticipated Water and Sanitation Investors Conference (WASIC) 2024 9 at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) in Nairobi themed "Accelerating Investments for Sustainable Access to Water and Sanitation for All."

The event was officially inaugurated by Hon. Zacharia Njeru, Cabinet Secretary of MWSI. Speaking at the forum CS Zacharia Njeru emphasized the government's commitment to addressing the pressing challenges within Kenya's water and sanitation sector he also stressed on the urgency of accelerating investments to ensure universal access to clean water and proper sanitation for all Kenyans.



Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, the Principal Secretary of the State Department for Water, Sanitation, MWSI, giving his remarks at the WASIC Conference

During the conference, Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, the Principal Secretary of the State Department for Water, Sanitation, MWSI, emphasized the significance of investing in water storage to address water scarcity and enhance security.

He elaborated on how proper water storage infrastructure, including reservoirs, dams, and water tanks, could help capture and store rainfall, ensuring water availability during dry periods and droughts. Additionally, Mr. Julius Korir highlighted the importance of efficient management services for these storage facilities, emphasizing that such investments would not only benefit investors financially but also contribute to the overall well-being and prosperity of communities by providing reliable access to clean water.



Dr. Erick K. Rutto, Chairperson, Board of Trustees (BoTs)WaterFund giving his speech at the conference

Dr. Erick K. Rutto, Chairperson, Board of Trustees (BoTs) WaterFund stressed the critical role of collaborative efforts in achieving water security and sanitation resilience in Kenya. He emphasized the necessity for stakeholders to unite, including government entities, private investors, and international partners, to tackle the complex challenges facing the water and sanitation sector. The Chairman reiterated WaterFund's commitment to facilitating such partnerships and leveraging innovative financing mechanisms to drive impactful change.



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund Giving his speech at the WASIC Conference

Furthermore, Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund 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 he also highlighted WaterFund's dedication to supporting projects aligned with Kenya's development goals, fostering inclusive growth across communities.

WASIC THEMATIC AREAS

The conference attracted various stakeholders, including government officials, industry leaders, and international partners, providing a platform for exchanging ideas, showcasing investment opportunities, and exploring collaborative initiatives to advance Kenya's water and sanitation goals. The conference aimed to mobilize resources and drive the sector towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal 6 by 2030. Discussions throughout the conference revolved around 4 key thematic areas with the overarching goal of charting a course towards a water-secure and sanitation-resilient future for Kenya. The WASIC Thematic Areas included:

1. Public Private Partnerships and Blended Models for Leveraging on Private Finance
2. Safeguarding our Future: Catchment to Tap and Climate Change Resilience
3. Water and Sanitation for All: The Road to Universal Access by 2030
4. Governance and Policy Framework



Ariel View of the WASIC Opening Ceremony at KICC







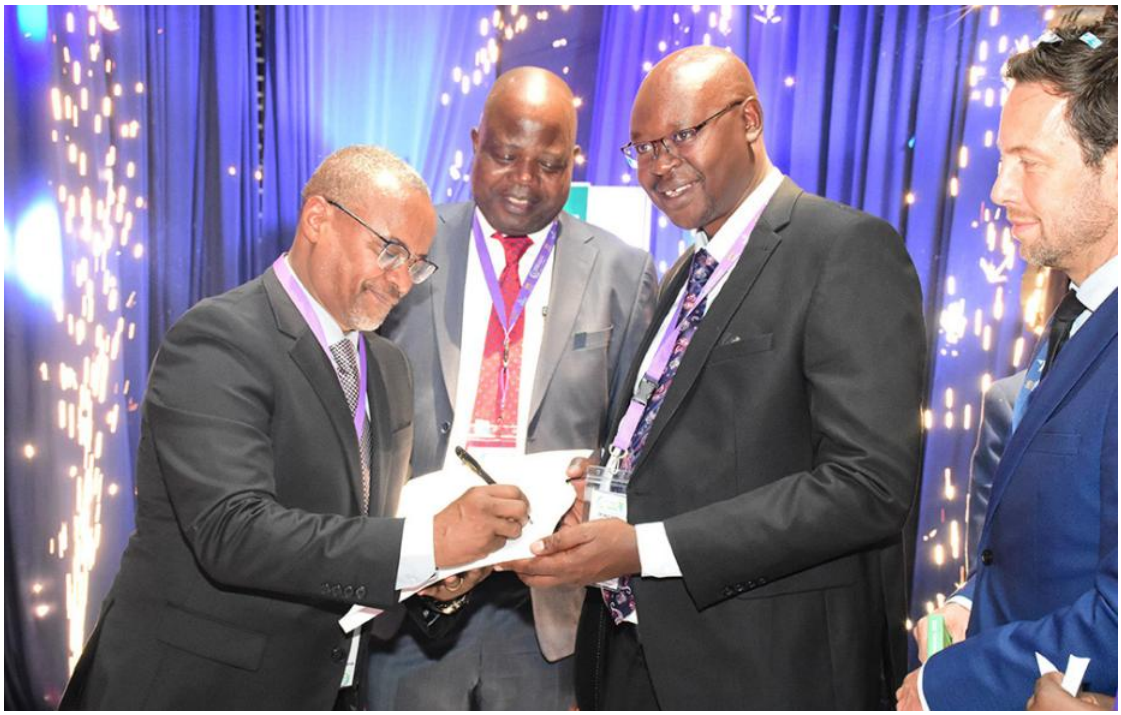


Various Delegations at the WASIC Conference

Launch of first National Water and Sanitation Investment and Financing Plan (NAWASIP)

During the Official WASIC 2024 Opening Ceremony, Hon. Zacharia Njeru, Cabinet Secretary of MWSI, launched the first National Water and Sanitation Investment and Financing Plan (NAWASIP) that envisions universal access to water and sanitation by the year 2030. The NAWASIP seeks to provide a shared intergovernmental strategy for expanding access to water and sanitation. The document was developed jointly by the National and County Governments with a consensus building on the services, financing scenarios and reforms needed.







COMMUNIQUE OF THE WASIC CONFERENCE

In line with the Overall Conference Theme "Accelerating Investments for Sustainable Access to Water and Sanitation for All" the stakeholders of the Water and Sanitation Sector, development partners and the private sector agreed upon 4 commitments. Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, the Principal Secretary of the State Department for Water, Sanitation, MWSI, read them as the conference communique, hereby committing to the following:

a) Guarantee the right to water and sanitation for all
b) Ensure availability of the water resources and resilience
c) Ensure adequate funding
d) Ensure uptake of innovation and technology

Scenes from the Water and Sanitation Conference

MAIN PLENARY SESSIONS



H.E. Andrew Mwadime, Chairman, Water, Forestry and Natural Resource Management Committee at Council of Governors making his remarks



H.E Amb. Stephan Schønemann, Danish Ambassador to Kenya giving his remarks at the Conference

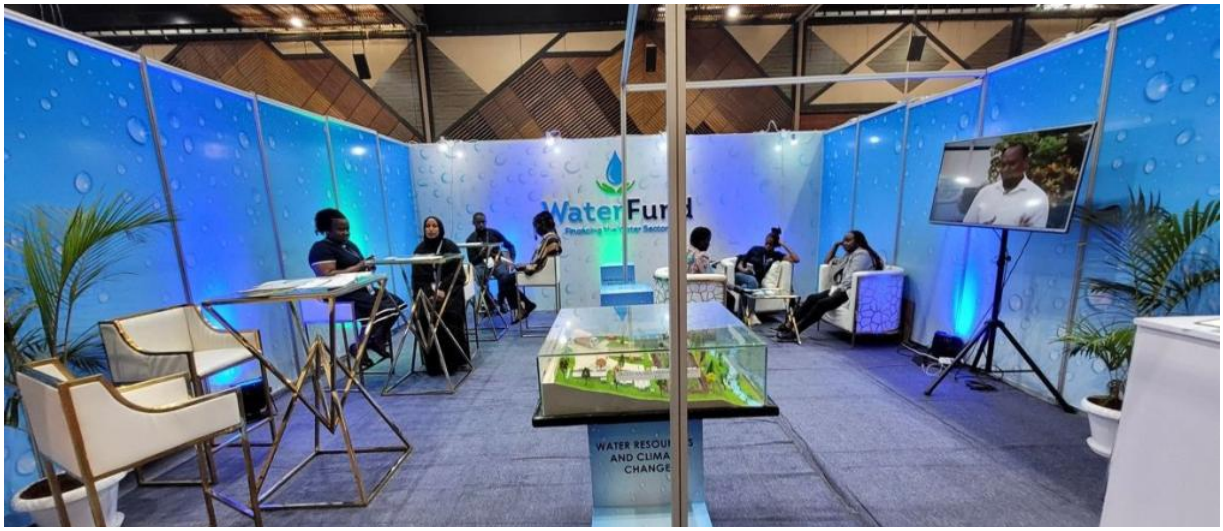


Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager Fund Development giving her remarks at the WASIC conference



WaterFund Staff members pose for a photo during the conference

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