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CABINET SECRETARY LEADS A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING WITH WATERFUND'S TOP MANAGEMENT

Following the success of Water and Sanitation Investors Conference (WASIC) held on 6th to 8th March 2024, The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation led by Hon. Zachariah Njeru, EGH, Cabinet Secretary, convened a follow up meeting and official courtesy call, to Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund). The objective of the meeting was to address pertinent issues concerning WaterFund, following the WASIC conference.

In his opening remarks, Hon. Zachariah Njeru, EGH, underscored the National Government's unwavering commitment to collaborating with state corporations like WaterFund to tackle challenges in the water sector. He further emphasized the imperative of collective action to ensure universal access to clean water and adequate sanitation across Kenya. Adding to that, Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, Principal Secretary, MWSI, emphasized on the significance of investing in innovative water storage solutions to bolster water security. He highlighted the pivotal role of infrastructure such as reservoirs and dams in mitigating water scarcity, particularly during periods of drought.

Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund, pledged the organization's steadfast dedication to supporting sustainable water projects aligned with Kenya's developmental objectives. He reiterated the importance of enduring investments that yield both financial returns and social benefits, thereby fostering growth across communities.



Hon. Zachariah Njeru, EGH, Cabinet Secretary, MWSI, giving his opening remarks at the meeting



Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, Principal Secretary, State Department for Water and Sanitation, MWSI, at the meeting



Dr. Erick K. Rutto, Chairperson, WaterFund Board of Trustees (BoTs), addressing the guests



Left: Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, making his remarks during the meeting

Right: The delegation poses for a group picture at the end of the meeting



CREATING HARMONY THROUGH WATER: 2024 WORLD WATER DAY CELEBRATIONS IN ELGEYO MARAKWET COUNTY

The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI) in collaboration with water sector institutions joined the rest of the world in celebrating the 2024 World Water in Elgeyo Marakwet County. World Water Day is an annual United Nations (UN) observance day held on March 22nd

since the year 1993, which advocates on celebrating water and raising awareness of people living without access to safe water.

This year's theme, 'leveraging water for peace' emphasized on the use of water resources as a means to promote peace and stability among communities that share resources. Leading the water sector in marking this day was, Hon. Zachariah Njeru, EGH, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI). Accompanying the High-level delegation was: Ms. Charlene Ruto, the First Daughter and Patron of Smart Mechanized Agriculture & Climate Action for Humanity and Sustainability (SMACHS) foundation, Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, Principal Secretary, State Department for Water and Sanitation, MWSI, Mr. Ephantus Kimotho, Principal Secretary, Irrigation, MWSI, Eng. SAO Alima, Water Secretary, MWSI, H.E. Wisley Rotich, Governor Elgeyo Marakwet and other senior government officials.

To kick start the World Water Day celebrations, Hon. Zachariah Njeru, EGH, led the team to a visit at Mindililwo Special School in Inten constituency. This institution focuses on caring for intellectually challenged children. During the visit the delegation donated two 10,000-litres water tanks to aid in water harvesting and storage. Additionally, the team purchased a variety of food items to cater for their well-being. Subsequently, the team paid a visit to Illula Albino Centre, an institution that cares for children with Albinism. During the visit the delegation also provided assorted food stuffs to the school. This will go a long way in enabling their basic needs are catered for. Ms. Charlene Ruto, Patron, SMACHS foundation, pledged to sponsor one student who has completed their Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) and is interested in pursuing a course in sign language.

Finally, the delegation inspected Two Rivers Dam in Uasin Gichu, one of three dams that serve Eldoret town and its surroundings. Situated at the confluence of River Endoroto and River Ellegerini, the dam was noted to require rehabilitation and expansion in order to fulfill its purpose. The Cabinet Secretary, through MWSI, pledged to ensure the necessary rehabilitation works kick off. WaterFund actively participated and contributed to the success of the above-mentioned activities and in addition donated branded V-neck t-shirts which were evenly distributed to the participants and students.



Hon. Zachariah Njeru, CS, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation plants a tree to commemorate World Water Day



The delegation during inspection of Two Rivers Dam



A picture showing part of the Two Rivers Dam



The delegation poses for a group picture with students from Illula Albino Centre



The CS leads the delegation in presenting food stuffs to Mindiliwo Special School



The delegation inspecting some of the works done by students from Mindiliwo Special School

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