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KENYA'S WATER SECTOR BEST PRACTICES DISCUSSED AT THE 10TH WORLD WATER FORUM

The 10th World Water Forum took place in Bali, Indonesia, from May 18th to 25th, 2024, focusing on the theme "Water for Shared Prosperity." This event served as a crucial platform for nations to collaborate on effective and integrated strategies to achieve water prosperity for all. Leading the Kenyan delegation was H.E. Zacharia Njeru, Cabinet Secretary of the Ministry of Water Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI). Accompanying the CS was, Mr. Julius Korir, Principal Secretary, Water and Sanitation, MWSI, Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) and other top leadership from the water sector. Through their participation in the forum, the delegation aimed to achieve three primary objectives: global advocacy, resource mobilization, and knowledge sharing in the water sector.

During the forum Hon. Zachariah Njeru, CS MWSI delivered a keynote address on benefits of transboundary cooperation in the Nile Basin. In his address, the Cabinet Secretary highlighted Kenya's ambitious plan to develop 100 mega dams aimed at enhancing water harvesting for domestic use, irrigation, hydroelectric power generation and flood mitigation.

Subsequently Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, participated in a high-level meeting between H.E. Mr. Ville Tavio, Minister for Trade and Development of the Republic of Finland and Mr. Julius Korir, PS, MWSI. Furthermore, the CEO engaged in multiple panel discussions on integrated water resource management, climate resilience and adaptation to extreme hydrological events, water information systems, and sustainable urban water solutions. He also took part in a roundtable meeting which focused on *'Tropical Forests for Climate Action.'* These discussions provided a platform for sharing insights from Kenya's water sector projects and learning about global best practices. As a result of their participation, Kenya secured strategic partnerships, gained valuable insights into global best practices, and elevated the profile of WaterFund and Kenya's water sector initiatives on an international platform.



Hon. Zachariah Njeru, EGH, CS, MWSI, giving his keynote address during the high level discussion focusing on the Nile Basin Initiative



Mr. Julius Korir, CBS Principal Secretary, State Department for Water and Sanitation, MWSI making his remarks



Mr. Willis Ombai (3rd right) during the high-level bilateral meeting with H.E. Mr. Ville Tavio (left), Minister for Trade and Development, Finland



Left: Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund at the World Water Forum

Right : Mr. Willis Ombai (left) with Ms. Gladys Wekesa (right), Member of WaterFund Board of Trustee at the Forum



ENHANCING WATER ACCESS AND SANITATION IN MARSABIT COUNTY

H.E. Mohammud Ali, Governor of Marsabit County along with Hon. Marselino M. Arbelle and Mr. Barako Qatamur, Members of the Board of Trustees (BoT) of Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), led the groundbreaking ceremonies of several water, sanitation, and water resource management projects in Marsabit County. These projects included: Laisamis Integrated Project, North Horr Integrated Project, and Moyale Integrated Project. Funded by WaterFund through the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) under the Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in the ASALs (SWASAP) Programme, these initiatives aim to address water and sanitation issues in Marsabit County, with Concern Worldwide as the main implementing partner.

At the launch of the Moyale Integrated Project, H.E. Mohammud Ali, Governor, thanked WaterFund and DANIDA for the KSh. 42 million funding with supplementary County contribution of KSh. 3 million from the Marsabit County Government. Key project components include: rehabilitating the Moyale-Ramata-Sololo and Dabel water supply schemes; refurbishing two masonry tanks; extending a 4.7 km pipeline; and constructing two water kiosks and a 50m³ elevated steel tank.

The North Horr Integrated Project will involve rehabilitating Tiniku water supply schemes, installing a 2.5 km rising main and distribution pipeline, constructing a 30,000 m³ water pan at North Horr Konon Gos, and building VIP latrines at Konon Gos and Hekima Girls Schools. Hon. Marselino Arbelle, Member BoT WaterFund highlighted that this project will significantly improve water and sanitation access in the region, contributing to the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation's goal of achieving 100% water and sanitation access for Kenyans by 2030.

Lastly the delegation spearheaded the groundbreaking of Laisamis Integrated Project funded with a total of KSh. 48 million, including a KSh. 2 million contributions from the County Government of Marsabit. This project will involve the rehabilitation of the Laisamis Olturot Water Supply Scheme, extension of a 4 km pipeline, rehabilitation of 4 masonry tanks, implementation of Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) in 28 villages, and the establishment of a tree nursery, among other initiatives. In his closing remarks, Mr. Barako Qatamur emphasized the Board of Trustees and WaterFund's commitment to ensuring transparency, accountability and integrity in project implementation.

The groundbreaking ceremonies were attended by high-level officials from the County Government of Marsabit, WaterFund SWASAP Programme officers led by Mr. Peter Koech, Manager, Water and Sanitation Services, Concern Worldwide representatives and community members.



H.E. Mohammud Ali, Governor Marsabit County officially launching the Moyale Integrated Project



Hon. Marselino M. Arbelle (left) WaterFund BoT together with key guests unveil the plaque at North Horr Integrated project site



Hon. Marselino M. Arbelle, Member addressing the guests at the site



Mr. Barako Qatamur, Member WaterFund BoTs during the ground-breaking ceremony in North Horr



Mr. Peter Koech, Manager, Water and Sanitation Services, WaterFund, giving his remarks



Community members follow keenly the proceedings of the groundbreaking ceremony

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