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THE MINISTRY AND WATERFUND HOST THE FINNISH DELEGATION FOR TALKS ON PUBLIC SECTOR INVESTMENT FACILITY

On 10th – 14th June 2024, the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation led by H.E. Zachariah Njeru, EGH, Cabinet Secretary and Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) led by Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO hosted the Finnish Delegation. The delegation was led by Mr. Ville Tavio, Finnish Minister for Foreign Trade and Development together with H.E. Pirkka Tapiola, Ambassador of Finland to Kenya.

The delegation from Finnish included: Personnel from the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Development, Embassy of Finland to Kenya, FinnFund, Finverra, Business Finland and the private sector represented by Operon International. Key discussions in the various meetings at the Ministry and WaterFund included, among other issues, the Finnish Public Sector Investment Facility (PIF) and progress towards realization of PIF Project in Kenya through WaterFund.



Mr. Ville Tavio (left), Minister for Foreign Trade and Development, Finland and H.E. Zachariah Njeru (right), EGH, CS, MWSI



H.E. Pirkka Tapiola (left), Ambassador of Finland to Kenya with the CS (right) MWSI



From left: Mr. Julius Korir, Principal Secretary, Water and Sanitation, MWSI, Eng. SAO Alima, Water Secretary, MWSI and Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund



MWSI, WaterFund and the Finnish delegation during the meeting at the Ministry's headquarter



Mr. Willis Ombai (far right), CEO WaterFund, chairs the meeting at WaterFund offices



WaterFund and the Finnish delegation follow keenly the deliberations

WATERFUND JOINS THE MINISTRY IN THE NATIONAL TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN IN KIMANA WETLAND, KAJIADO COUNTY

The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation in partnership with various water sector institutions has been at the forefront in spearheading several National Tree Planting Campaigns in the country. The MWSI has successfully planted 100,000 trees in Namanga Hills, Kajiado county and 120,000 trees in Kinale Forest, Kiambu County.

In line with the above, water sector institutions, led by the MWSI, embarked on yet another tree planting campaign in Kimana Wetland in Kajiado County. The campaign kicked off on 8th June 2024 in preparation for the main tree planting event on 12th June, 2024. Throughout the week, the institutions present each adopted a school in the wetland area and planted trees with support from the community members. The various schools included: Kimana Girls Secondary, Kimana Primary School, Kimana Mixed Secondary, Oloilei Primary School and Impiron Shapashina Primary School.

On 12th June 2024, Eng. Tito Mwamati, CEO of Tana Athi Water Works Development Agency (TWWDA), led the event on behalf of H.E. Zachariah Njeru, EGH, Cabinet Secretary, MWSI. In his opening speech, he expressed gratitude to the stakeholders and community members for their dedication to the success of the environmental initiative. As a result of their joint efforts, 8,500 tree seedlings were planted in the various school in Kimana Wetland.

WaterFund supported this commendable initiative by purchasing and planting 1,000 tree seedlings at Impiron Shapashina Primary School. During the event, WaterFund officers educated the students on the importance of tree planting, resulting in each student adopting a tree to nurture. Their involvement not only boosted community engagement but also instilled a sense of ownership and responsibility among the participants, particularly the students and community members. This collective effort marks a significant step towards environmental preservation and ensuring the health and vitality of the ecosystem for future generations.



Eng. Tito Mwamati, CEO, TAWWDA giving the key note speech on behalf of the CS, MWSI



Mr. Willis Ombai (3rd right) CEO, WaterFund, addressing students at Impiron Shapashina Primary School



WaterFund led by Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO during the tree planting activity at Kimana Girls Secondary School



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund, as the chief guest, plants a tree at Impiron Shapashina Primary School



Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager, Fund Development, WaterFund, during the tree planting activity



WaterFund officer plants a tree at Impiron Shapashina Primary School

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