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WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE KENYA SANITATION GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE IN KISUMU COUNTY

The Water and Sanitation Providers Association (WASPA), in partnership with the Ministry of Water, Sanitation & Irrigation (MWSI), The Council of Governors, County Government of Kisumu, and Kisumu Water and Sanitation Company (KIWASCO), hosted the Kenya Sanitation Governance Conference and Exhibition 2024 from 3rd to 5th July, 2024, at Ciala Resort, Kisumu. The theme of the conference was, *"Promoting Good Governance to Accelerate Safely Managed Sanitation."*

The conference was inaugurated by Eng. Alima, Water Secretary, MWSI, representing Hon. Zachariah Njeru, EGH, MWSI. In his speech, the Water Secretary emphasized the Ministry's strong commitment to expanding sanitation and sewerage coverage nationwide and collaborating with key stakeholders to address current challenges. H.E. Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o, Governor, Kisumu County, as the key guest, highlighted that the conference had occurred at a critical time when many countries are striving to meet the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 6, which aims to ensure access to water and sanitation for all. The Governor noted that KIWASCO, in collaboration with the County Government of Kisumu, had achieved 92% safe water access and 55% sanitation coverage.

Closing the three-day event, which brought together key stakeholders in the water and sanitation sector, was H.E. Dr. Mathew Ochieng, Deputy Governor Kisumu. In his closing remarks he emphasized on the importance of water and sanitation sector players to work in tandem and incorporate technological innovations and sustainable solutions towards the realization of safely managed sanitation which is a fundamental right for every citizen.

WaterFund's participation during the conference

WaterFund participated in this significant event as a Bronze Category sponsor. In addition, WaterFund also showcased its mission and accomplishments at the exhibition, which garnered notable attention from H.E. Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o, Governor of Kisumu County. The conference theme was closely aligned with WaterFund's Conditional Liquidity Support Grant (CLSG) programme, which aims to provide short-term financial aid to Water Services Providers (WSPs); to enhance their operational and financial performance and service delivery. Kisumu County is one of the beneficiaries under this programme.

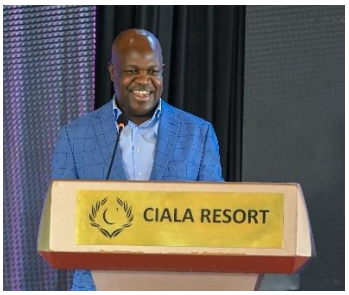
During the conference, WaterFund, led by CEO Mr. Willis Ombai, played a pivotal role by leading a discussion on *"Innovative and Optimized Financing Opportunities in Sanitation."* This session explored new and improved strategies for financing initiatives aimed at ensuring the long-term success of the sanitation sector. Additionally, Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager, Fund Development, WaterFund, participated as a panelist in a key discussion on *"Innovative Financing & Marketing Opportunities."* Mr. Isaac Kega, General Manager, Programmes, also contributed as a panelist in a discussion focused on *"Sanitation Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation."*



Eng. SAO Alima, Water Secretary, MWSI, officially opening the conference on behalf of the CS, MWSI



H.E. Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o, Governor Kisumu County, giving his key note speech



H.E. Dr. Mathew Ochieng, Deputy Governor, Kisumu County giving his remarks during the closing ceremony



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, giving his opening remarks as a key speaker in one of the convener sessions



Mr. Anthony Mulinge (left), MD Fresh Life and Mr. Geoffrey Odundo (center), Advisor, CPF, in a session led by Mr. Willis Ombai (right)



H.E. Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o (left), Governor Kisumu County and Ms. Linda Gwada (right) Principal Corporate Communication Officer at WaterFund's exhibition stand



Left: Ms. Ruth Nganga (center) General Manager, Fund Development WaterFund, during a panel discussion

Right: Mr. Isaac Kega, General Manager, Programmes, WaterFund, making a presentation during one of the convener sessions



WATERFUND LEADS CRUCIAL DIALOGUE ON BRIDGING THE FINANCING GAP AT THE LAGOS WATER CONFERENCE

Ms. Ruth Ng'ang'a, General Manager, Fund Development, WaterFund, attended the two-day Lagos International Water Conference (LIWAC) in Lagos, Nigeria. The conference themed "*Financing Water and Sanitation for a Greater Lagos,*" aimed to engage leading experts across the world in addressing sector challenges, forging valuable partnerships and exploring investment opportunities. During the conference, Ms. Ruth Ng'ang'a moderated a panel discussion on "Innovative Financing: Bridging the Sector Financing Gap."



Left: H.E. Babajide Sanwo-Olu (Center in white attire) Governor, Lagos State and Ms. Ruth Nganga (2nd left), GM, WaterFund, joined by other high-level officials

Right: Ms. Ruth Nganga (3rd left), Dr. Julius Itunga (right) Ag. CEO WASREB with other panelists during the conference



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