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ENG. ERIC MURITHI ANNOUNCED AS THE NEW CABINET SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION

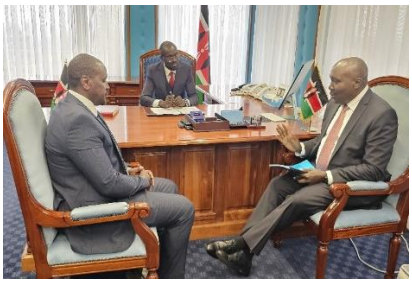
On 7th August 2024, H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya, appointed 19 new Cabinet Secretaries to lead various ministries across the country. The appointments were officially published in the Kenyan Gazette Vol. CXXVI—No. 120, under Gazette Notice No. 9622.

Among the newly appointed leaders was Eng. Eric Murithi Muuga, who took the helm as the Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI). Following his swearing-in, Eng. Muuga was formally received at Maji House by Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, Principal Secretary of the State Department for Water and Sanitation, along with Eng. SAO Alima, Water Secretary, and other MWSI officials.

As the new Cabinet Secretary, Eng. Muuga will be tasked with steering critical initiatives aimed at enhancing water security, improving sanitation services, and expanding irrigation schemes across the Country. His leadership is expected to drive significant advancements within the Ministry, ensuring that key water and sanitation projects were effectively implemented to benefit the people of Kenya.



Eng. Eric Murithi Muuga, newly appointed Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI)



Eng. Vincent Kabuti (left), Acting Irrigation Secretary, Eng. Eric Muuga (center) CS, MWSI and Mr. Julius Korir CBS (right), PS, MWSI



Key officials from the water sector welcome the newly appointed CS

WATERFUND MEETINGS

During the week, the below meetings took place as highlighted:

- Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) hosted a delegation from Water and Sanitation for the Urban Poor (WSUP) to formally introduce Mr. Anthony Ambugo as their new Country Manager. The meeting also served as an opportunity to review ongoing collaborations and address pending tasks.
- Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO of WaterFund, met with a delegation from Turkana Urban County Water and Sewerage Company, led by Ms. Esther Lokitoe, Acting Managing Director. The discussions focused on exploring opportunities for funding collaborations.



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, chairs the meeting between WaterFund and WSUP



Mr. Willis Ombai (left), CEO WaterFund and Mr. Anthony Ambugo (right), Country Manager, WSUP



WaterFund and WSUP representatives pose for a group picture after the introductory meeting



Mr. Willis Ombai CEO, chairing the meeting between WaterFund and Turkana Urban County Water and Sewerage



Representatives from Turkana Urban County Water and Sewerage Company during the meeting.



Participants keenly following through the meeting

FIELD ACTIVITIES:

Field activities including monitoring and inspection of WaterFund's projects continued across the past weeks;

- WaterFund convened with Water Service Providers (WSPs) implementing the Ending Drought Emergencies- Climate Proofed Infrastructure Program (EDE-CPIRA). The primary focus of the meeting was to review the progress of projects nearing completion and to ensure that proper documentation and project closure guidelines are being followed. Additionally, WaterFund officers conducted inspections of some of these ongoing projects.



WaterFund officers during a meeting with Mwingi- Kiambere Water and Sanitation Company



Ongoing construction works of the dam under Ilimukuyu Endau Water Project in Kitui County



Ongoing construction of the water treatment plant and administration block at Ilimukuyu Endau project site

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #248 – WATERFUND LAUNCHES THE WATER AND LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME IN KAKUMA WARD

The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 248 (SITREP #248) covered the period **3rd to 7th February, 2020**. Among the highlights was that the Water and Livelihood Programme (WLP) project under Kakuma Ward in Turkana County was officially launched by WaterFund in conjunction with the County and OXFAM. The priority areas for the WLP Programme in Kakuma was to: Improve water services in Kakuma; and increase water access to needy areas/villages.