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WATERFUND HOSTS THE ETHIOPIAN WATER SECTOR DELEGATION FOR KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE ON KENYA'S WATER SECTOR

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) recently hosted a high-level Ethiopian Water Sector Delegation from August 18th to 23rd, 2024. The purpose of the visit was to share best practices and facilitate knowledge exchange, focusing on Kenya's water sector and institutional frameworks.

The delegation was hosted by Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation; where they discussed Kenya's policies, regulations, and strategies for the water sector, as well as the Ministry's role in supporting sector institutions. In addition, at the WaterFund premises, the delegation met with Management led by Hon. Andrew Mbithi, Ms. Maryan Mohamed, representatives of the WaterFund Board of Trustees, and the CEO, Mr. Willis Ombai. The Ethiopian delegation, which was led by Dr. Mamaru Ayalew Moges, Chairman of the Board for the Ethiopian Water Development Fund (WDF), included Board Members and the General Manager of the WDF. The delegation aimed to understand WaterFund's role and its commercial financing processes under the Result-Based Financing (RBF) Programme.

The Ethiopian delegation also visited several key sector institutions, including the Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB), the Athi Water Works Development Agency (AWWDA), and three Water Services Providers: Nairobi City County Water and Sewerage Company, Nyeri Water and Sanitation Company, and Mathira Water and Sanitation Company. The exchange visit highlighted the importance of cross-border collaboration in the water sector and underscored WaterFund's commitment to fostering international partnerships and collaborations.



Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, PS, MWSI chairing the meeting at Maji House



Ministry top officials, WaterFund and the Ethiopian delegation at the MWSI headquarters



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund chairing the meeting at WaterFund offices



WaterFund and the Ethiopian delegation at WaterFund offices



WASREB, WaterFund and the Ethiopian delegation at WASREBS's head office



The delegation at Mathira Water and Sanitation Company offices

WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE 13TH EDITION OF WASCO GAMES IN MURANGA COUNTY

Water Sector institutions from across the Country gathered at Mumbi Stadium in Murang'a County for the 13th Edition of the Water Companies Sports Organization (WASCO) games. This year's event centred around the theme, "Combating climate change through sports". The event was preceded by a tree-planting initiative in various schools and was officially inaugurated by Eng. Erick Mugaa, Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation (MWSI). He was accompanied by H.E. Dr. Irungu Kanga'ta, Governor of Murang'a County, Mr. Julius Korir, Principal Secretary of MWSI, Eng. SAO Alima, Water Secretary of MWSI, along with other senior National and County government officials.

In his address, as the chief guest, Eng. Erick Mugaa reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to strategic investments in water management such as water harvesting and storage through the construction of water pans and dams. These initiatives aim to tackle the nation's water and sanitation challenges. H.E. Irungu Kanga'ta, Governor of Murang'a County, expressed his gratitude to the Ministry, for their continued support to water and sanitation projects, which have made a significant impact in his County. Mr. Julius Korir, Principal Secretary of MWSI, encouraged participants to use the games as an opportunity to network and share best practices in reducing non-revenue water, a critical issue in the sector. Additionally, he highlighted the importance of increasing water storage capacity and adopting drought-resistant technologies to help water systems withstand the challenges posed by climate change.

WaterFund actively participated in this event by donating and planting 1,000 indigenous and fruit tree seedlings to support the event's climate change theme and contribute to the government's goal of planting 15 billion trees by 2032. WaterFund has financed Murang'a County under its Conditional Liquidity Support Grant (CLSG) programme, which aims to provide short-term liquidity support to Water Services Providers (WSPs) to sustain and enhance their operational and financial performance, critical for improving service delivery. This effort directly aligns with the WASCO Games theme by ensuring the strengthening of essential water services, thereby supporting the region's socio-economic development and resilience.



Eng. Eric Mugaa, CS, MWSI, giving his key note address at the WASCO Games opening ceremony



H.E. Dr. Irungu Kanga'ta, Governor Muranga County, giving his remarks at the event



Eng. Eric Mugaa, CS, MWSI, leads the tree planting exercise in Mbiri Primary School



Mr. Paul Atwa, Manager, HR and Admin, WaterFund giving his remarks on behalf of the WaterFund CEO at the event.



WaterFund staff participating in the tree planting activity at the allocated tree planting area



Participants from various organizations participating in one of the competitive games

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