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CABINET SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF WATER MEETS WITH THE AMBASSADOR OF FINLAND TO KENYA

In a bid to strengthen Kenya's water sector, Eng. Eric Mugaa, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation (MWSI) held a meeting with H.E. Pirkka Tapiola, Ambassador of Finland to Kenya. The discussions centred around the proposed funding for the Water Sector Trust Fund through the Finnish Public Investment Financing Facility.

The proposed funding is set to enhance the capacity of water sector stakeholders and utilities in Kenya over a five-year period (2025 to 2029). With the pressing need for sustainable water management, this collaboration seeks to address key challenges in the sector while fostering development through strategic initiatives. Some of the critical areas the programme will focus on include: waste resources management, safe water supply, waste water treatment, and capacity building. This partnership between Kenya and Finland marks a significant step toward enhancing the country's water infrastructure and addressing the challenges posed by water scarcity and ineffective resource management.

In attendance during this meeting were: Mr. Julius Korir, Principal Secretary, State Department for Water, MWSI, Mr. Ephantus Kimotho, Principal Secretary, State Department for Irrigation, Eng. SAO Alima, Water Secretary, MWSI, Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO Water Sector Trust Fund and other high-level officials.



H.E. Pirkka Tapiola (left) Finnish Ambassador to Kenya and Eng. Eric Mugaa (right) CS MWSI



Mr. Julius Korir, CBS PS, State Department for Water and Sanitation and

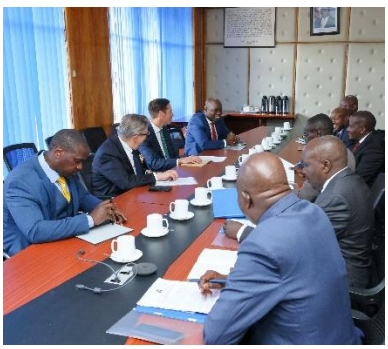


Eng. S.A.O Alima Water Secretary, MWSI



Left: Mr. Willis Ombai (front right) CEO WaterFund, during the meeting

Right: Officials present keenly following the deliberations of the meeting



THE MINISTRY OF WATER ENGAGES STAKEHOLDERS TO FINALIZE THE CLIMATE FINANCING PLAN FOR THE SECTOR

The Ministry of Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation (MWSI) organized a workshop to validate the Draft Water Sector Climate Financing Plan for 2023-2030. Mr. Julius Korir, Principal Secretary, State Department for Water, as the chief guest, spearheaded this workshop which brought together various stakeholders, including Water Sector State Corporations, Water Works Development Agencies, and other entities under MWSI. Accompanying the PS was Eng. SAO Alima, Water Secretary, MWSI.

The Draft Water Sector Climate Financing Plan 2023-2030 aims to incorporate climate change mitigation and adaptation measures within the water sector, focusing on enhancing resource mobilization for climate financing to support resilience-building efforts. The strategy draws on global and regional frameworks while aligning with national policies and sector-specific mandates to ensure effective integration with existing governance structures.

WaterFund led by the CEO, Mr. Willis Ombai, Mr. Isaac Kega, General Manager, Programmes, Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manger, Fund Development and Ms. Joan Wangui, Principal Fund Development Officer took part in this workshop. During the workshop, the team collaborated with other participants to enhance the plan, offering insights into its feasibility and emphasizing WaterFund's role in promoting resource mobilization initiatives for climate financing within Kenya's water sector.

IN BRIEF

- WaterFund participated in a three-day training on Introduction to GIS for Environment and Water Resources. This training was jointly organized by the African Population and Health Research Centre, Integrated Deprived Area Mapping Systems (IDEAMAPS), and The SISTARS (Transforming Institutions to Advance Women Leaders in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). The training aimed to enhance the spatial analysis skills of the participants, equipping them with advanced tools and techniques essential for effective environmental management and decision-making.

- WaterFund participated in a high-level breakfast meeting organized by SISTARS, an initiative which aims at promoting gender equity and enhancing the representation of women in middle management and senior positions within organizations. During the meeting, participants discussed the integration of gender equity and women's leadership opportunities into policies and practices; identified factors influencing women's training and career progression in STEM; explored ways to promote men's involvement; and shared insights on effective strategies for advancing women's careers.



Left: Participants during a group photo at the end of the GIS training workshop

Right: Mr. Paul Atwa, Manager HR, WaterFund, giving his remarks during the SISTARS high-level breakfast meeting



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