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WATERFUND CHAMPIONS SUSTAINABLE WATER SOLUTIONS AT THE 9TH AFRICA WATER WEEK IN CAIRO

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) attended the 9th Africa Water Week in Cairo, Egypt, from 13th to 17th October 2024. This event, held alongside the 7th Cairo Water Week and AMCOW's 14th Executive Committee Session, focused on strengthening Africa's water security and advancing the Africa Water Vision 2025 and Agenda 2063. The theme, "Placing Water and Sanitation at the Heart of Achieving Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want," shaped the discussions.

A significant highlight was a meeting between Kenyan representatives, led by Eng. Eric Muuga, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI) and H.E. Fred Outa, Kenya's Ambassador to Egypt. Alongside Gatsby Africa, WaterFund and other partners, they reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening collaboration and investment in water and sanitation for Kenya.

WaterFund actively participated in sessions aimed at fostering an enabling environment to accelerate WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) service delivery. These sessions addressed critical areas such as governance, financial structuring, data management, innovative solutions, and capacity development. During its presentations, WaterFund highlighted the NAWASIP initiatives, emphasizing its innovative financing strategies, including Results-Based Financing models and the WaterFund's Loan Facility programme, both designed to improve resource accessibility and sustainability in the water sector.



Eng. Eric Muuga, Cabinet Secretary, MWSI, addressing the participants during the conference



Mr. Abdi Wario, Programme Director Water, GATSBY Africa giving his remarks



Ms. Joan Wangui, Principal Fund Development Officer, WaterFund making a presentation

WATERFUND HOSTS STRATEGIC MEETING TO DRIVE FINANCIAL STABILITY FOR WSPs

In an effort to enhance the financial sustainability of water services across the country, WaterFund recently held a collaborative meeting with key partners under its Commercial Viability and Financial Flow (CVF) Programme. Led by Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund and, Mr. Barako Qatamur, Member of WaterFund Board of Trustees, the meeting brought together influential stakeholders to discuss strategies aimed at strengthening the commercial viability of 17 Water Service Providers (WSPs).

The CVF Programme aims to assist these Water Service Providers (WSPs) in enhancing their creditworthiness and operational cost coverage ratios, ultimately advancing the sector's

overarching goal of financial independence. This initiative is funded by Gatsby Africa as the lead donor, in collaboration with the Kenya Water Institute (KEWI), the Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB), and the Kenya School of Government (KSG).



Participants pose for a group picture at the end of the wowrkshop

WATERFUNDS STRATEGIC TRAINING ON PUBLIC INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

WaterFund conducted a training session for its staff on Public Investment Management (PIM) guidelines, officiated by its CEO Mr. Willis Ombai. This training, facilitated by the National Treasury in partnership with the Ministry of Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation, aimed to enhance the capacity of WaterFund staff in developing project concept notes as effective resource mobilization tools. Additionally, it focused on conducting feasibility studies to aid in decision-making regarding project approvals.

The workshop also aimed to integrate WaterFund into the Project Investment Management Information System, which will support the management of both ongoing and newly funded programmes from the government and development partners.



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund giving his opening remarks during the training





Participants following through the presentations

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #255– WATER SECTOR TRUST FUND MEETINGS

The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 255 (SITREP #255) covered the period **23rd to 27th March, 2020**. Among the highlights was that Across the week, the following meeting took place:

- The WaterFund held the 3rd Quarter Rural Steering Committee Meeting through teleconference on Skype. The meeting was attended by development partners funding rural and water resources investments.
- The WaterFund held a teleconference meeting with Aqua for All and WASH-FIN to deliberate on revolving fund mechanism



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