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WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE NYANZA INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT CONFERENCE

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) participated in the Nyanza International Investments Conference from 6th to 8th February, 2025, at Ciala Resort, Kisumu. The theme of the conference was, *"Nyanza Rising: Profile Towards Economic Transformation for Socio-Economic Growth and Development."* This conference was organized by the Nyanza Professionals' Forum (NPF), in collaboration with the six county governments of the former Nyanza Province: Homa Bay, Kisii, Kisumu, Migori, Nyamira, and Siaya.

The conference was inaugurated by H.E. Prof. Kithure Kindiki, Deputy President of Kenya, on behalf of H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto, CGH, President of the Republic of Kenya. In his speech the Deputy President emphasized the Government is addressing five broad areas that are anchored in the Kenya Kwanza Manifesto to realize the economic transformation of our Kenya. These pillars are; job creation, revitalization of key agricultural value chains, strengthening the shilling and enhancing the enablers of economic growth including investment in energy and infrastructure.

H.E. Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o, Governor of Kisumu County, reaffirmed the county's dedication to building strategic partnerships that promote sustainable investments in agriculture, the blue economy, infrastructure, tourism, and innovation. He emphasized the vast potential within the region, noting that through collaboration, these opportunities can be harnessed to generate significant economic benefits for the community.

Ending the three-day conference was Hon. FCPS Dr. Wycliffe Oparanya, EGH, Cabinet Secretary for Cooperatives and MSMEs. In his closing remarks, he expressed gratitude to all participants for their contributions and emphasized the importance of turning discussions into actionable partnerships. He encouraged continued collaboration to drive sustainable investments that will transform the region's economic landscape.

WaterFund's participation during the conference

WaterFund took part in the conference through an exhibition, providing a platform to highlight its mission and achievements. This opportunity enabled WaterFund to engage with key stakeholders, share insights, and explore potential collaborations to enhance investment in the water sector. By connecting with government agencies, investors, and development partners, WaterFund remains committed to advancing sustainable solutions for improved water infrastructure and service delivery.

Reinforcing this commitment beyond the exhibition, Dr. Erick K. Rutto, Chairperson of the WaterFund Board of Trustees (BoTs), played a pivotal role in the conference by leading a discussion on "Leadership and Governance." His session explored critical aspects such as effective leadership in the public sector, transparent governance structures, policy-driven decision-making, and strategies for fostering accountability in institutions. Dr. Rutto emphasized the importance of ethical leadership in driving sustainable development and attracting investments.

WaterFund utilized the conference as an opportunity to sensitize the public on its Customer Service Deliver Charter (CSDC), Complaints and Access to Information. The

CSDC acts as a vehicle to create appropriate awareness of WaterFund's services amongst stakeholders, customers and its publics. It also positions WaterFund as the Industry thought in provision of financial support for water and sanitation services for the poor and underserved communities in rural and urban areas. This is measured in terms of service rendered, customer obligations, user charges and timelines.

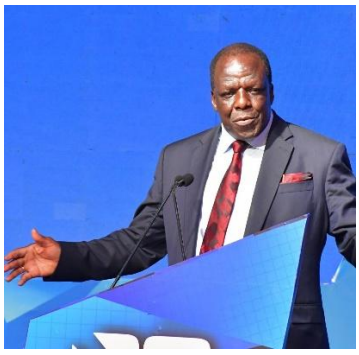
In addition, WaterFund is charged to ensure that all complaints and requests for access to information are addressed adequately. This is in line with WaterFund CSDC that seeks to ensure handling of complaints and provision of information to the public. The Corporate Communication Unit sensitized the public on the correct procedures to follow while filing a complaint in order to ensure effectiveness in solving the matter



H.E. Prof. Kithure Kindiki, Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya opening the confrence of behalf of the president



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



Hon. FCPA Dr. Wycliffe Oparanya, EGH, CS, Cooperatives and MSMEs giving the closing remarks at the end of the conference



Dr. Erick K. Rutto (standing), Chairman WaterFund BoTs making his keynote presentation during the session on leadership and governance



Ms. Gladys Wekesa (left) and Eng. Joseph Ngacha (center), Members of WaterFund Board of Trustees at WaterFund's stand



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, at WaterFund's stand which featured a model of a water kiosk





Stakeholders at WaterFund's exhibition stand during the conference



WaterFund and partner branding at the Conference grounds

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