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WATERFUND PARTCIPATES IN THE WORLD CHAMBERS FEDERATION AFRICA SUMMIT 2025

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) received an invitation from the World Chambers Federation (WCF) in partnership with Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KNCCI) and the Government of Kenya to participate in the WCF Africa Summit 2025. The summit, held from 9th to 10th April 2025, under the theme, Africa's Global Future: Integrated, Innovative and Sustainable, brought together more than 500 delegates from over 70 countries.

The WCF Africa summit was officially opened by H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto, CGH, President of the Republic of Kenya, who reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to attracting sustainable investment and promoting inclusive economic growth. "Kenya is open for business. We are intentionally designing our economic framework to attract investment that is sustainable, inclusive and transformative for generations to come," he said.

Also speaking at the opening ceremony was Hon. FCPS Dr. Wycliffe Oparanya, EGH, Cabinet Secretary for Cooperatives and Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), who emphasized the critical role of MSMEs in advancing inclusive growth and regional integration under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). He highlighted cooperatives, particularly SACCOs and producer groups, as essential vehicles for financial inclusion and enterprise growth, especially in underserved communities.

WaterFund contributed to the success of the summit through a sponsorship of KSh. 500,000. A high-level delegation from WaterFund, including Ms. Josphine Eregae and Ms. Maryan Mohamed from the Board of Trustees, along with Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO and other officers, represented the organization at the event.

The Fund's involvement highlighted its dedication to promoting sustainable water and sanitation solutions through strategic collaborations. The summit served as an important opportunity for WaterFund to present its mandate, showcase key achievements, and engage with global stakeholders on innovative strategies for resource mobilization and impactful investments in the sector.

In conclusion, the WCF Africa Summit 2025 offered a timely venue for discussions, networking, and the exchange of ideas, further solidifying Kenya's position as a leading hub for investment and innovation in Africa.



Dr. William Samoei Ruto, CGH President of the Republic of Kenya giving the key note speech during the opening ceremony



Hon. FCPA Dr. Wycliffe Oparanya EGH, CS, Cooperatives and MSMEs making his remarks



Dr. Erick K. Rutto, President, KNCCI and Chairman, WaterFund Board of Trustees, giving his opening remarks



Left: Participants actively listening to the presentations

Right: WCF summit banner capturing all the key sponsors for the event



WATEFUND STAFF HOLDS ITS QUARTERLY STAFF MEETING

On 7th April 2025 WaterFund convened a staff meeting to deliberate on key staff-related matters. The meeting was officially opened by Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, who in his opening remarks, expressed sincere appreciation to staff for their dedication, hard work, and continued commitment to their work. He further commended the team's collective effort in advancing WaterFund's mandate and acknowledged their crucial role in driving service delivery.

During the session, officials from the Social Health Authority (SHA), Kenya's national body established under the Social Health Insurance Act of 2023, briefed staff on its role in overseeing and implementing the country's universal health coverage. The session provided staff with a clear overview of the SHA, outlining the registration process, available benefits, and the implications of the new system for them. Lastly representatives from the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) conducted a sensitization session highlighting the significance of social protection and financial planning for retirement. The session clarified key aspects of the NSSF Act, including contribution rates and member entitlements, equipping staff with the knowledge needed to make informed choices regarding their long-term financial security.



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, making his opening remarks during the staff meeting



Mr. Paul Atwa, Manager, Human Resource and Administration addressing the staff



WaterFund staff actively listening to the presentations

WATERFUND MEETINGS

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

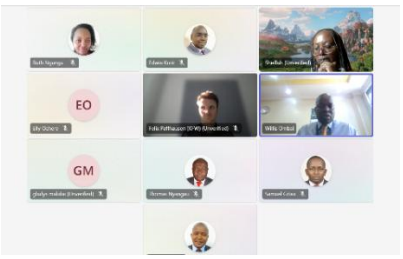
- Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, chaired a meeting with the African Development Bank (AfDB), represented by Ms. Maureen Ntege, Water and Sanitation Engineer, to explore potential areas of collaboration in financing water and sanitation initiatives.
- WaterFund led by the CEO Mr. Willis Ombai held a virtual Urban Steering Committee meeting on 2nd April 2025 with partners financing the Urban programmes. The meeting focused on the Quarter Two Harmonized Urban Progress Report, financial and audit updates, and other key issues of mutual interest.



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, charing the AfDB meeting



Ms. Maureen Ntege (left), Water and Sanitation Engineer, AfDB



A screenshot showing participants during the virtual meeting