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WATERFUND AND KFW REVIEW PROGRESS OF URBAN FINANCING INITIATIVES

Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), chaired a high-level consultative meeting with representatives from the German Development Bank (KfW). The aim of the meeting was to review the physical and financial progress of the ongoing KfW-funded initiatives under Phases III and IV.

The discussions focused on key urban and commercial financing projects currently being financed by WaterFund. These include the Aid on Delivery (AOD) programme, which offers a 50% subsidy on commercial loans extended to Water Service Providers (WSPs); the Urban Project Concept (UPC), which addresses water and sanitation needs in low-income urban settlements; and the Upscaling Basic Sanitation for the Urban Poor (UBSUP), which seeks to improve household sanitation in underserved areas. These efforts reflect WaterFund's commitment to promoting sustainable access to water and sanitation services for marginalized urban populations in Kenya.

In attendance were: Ms. Sheillah Karimi, Senior Portfolio Coordinator for the Water and Sanitation Sector in Kenya, East African Community (EAC), and the Horn of Africa; and Mr. Sebastian Norrmann, Senior Technical Advisor, KfW in Frankfurt, Germany. WaterFund's delegation included Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager, Fund Development; Mr. Isaac Kega, General Manager for Programmes; and Mr. Samuel Gitau, General Manager, Corporate Services, among other team members.



Left: Ms. Sheillah Karimi (left) Senior Portfolio Coordinator, Water and Sanitation Sector, Kenya, EAC and Horn of Africa and Mr. Sebastian Norrmann (right) Senior Technical Advisor, KfW, Frankfurt, Germany

Right: Participants during the meeting keenly following the presentations



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #277– REVIEW OF WATERFUNDS ANNUAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021

The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 277(SITREP #277) covered the period **24th to 28th August, 2020**. Among the highlights was that, as part of effective planning and monitoring the implementation of strategies for FY2020/2021, WaterFund held a management retreat for documenting the progress, challenges as well as lessons learnt during the implementation of the revised Strategic Plan 2018-2022.

Management evaluated the achievements against the set targets to inform the institution's planning process going forward. The objectives of the retreat included annual performance review, budget finalisation, work plan harmonisation, harmonisation of the annual procurement plan, cascading of the performance contract targets and review of the WaterFund's COVID-19 response strategy. During the meeting, management was also sensitized on disability mainstreaming.

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