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WATERFUND CHAMPIONS CLIMATE-SMART INNOVATIONS AT KENYA WATER AND SANITATION INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2025

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) participated in the Kenya Water and Sanitation International Conference and Exhibition 2025, held in Mombasa County. The high-level event was convened by the Water and Sanitation Providers Association (WASPA), in collaboration with the Ministry of Water, Sanitation & Irrigation (MWSI), Council of Governors, and the County Government of Mombasa, under the theme: "Innovative Financing Models, Technology & Innovations for Sustainable Pathways to Climate-Smart Water and Sanitation Solutions & Investments."

The conference was officially inaugurated by Eng. Eric Mugaa, Cabinet Secretary, MWSI, who acknowledged the efforts of all participating water sector institutions and emphasized the need for private sector engagement, blended finance, and climate-resilient investment to realize the Vision 2030 targets. He further urged for enhanced sector innovation to address rising sector challenges such as non-revenue water, which currently stands at 43%, costing the country approximately Ksh. 11 Billion annually.

WaterFund's participation during the conference

As one of the key sponsors of the Kenya Water and Sanitation International Conference and Exhibition 2025, WaterFund enhanced its strategic commitment to transforming Kenya's water and sanitation sector through innovative, sustainable, and inclusive financing models. At its exhibition booth, WaterFund showcased its mandate, key milestones, and programmatic impact, drawing significant attention from delegates and dignitaries, including a visit from Cabinet Secretary Eng. Eric Mugaa.

During the conference, Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, led a high-impact session on "Innovations, Technologies, and Market Opportunities for Climate-Resilient Sanitation." This session explored innovative approaches and technologies aimed at enhancing the adaptability and efficiency of sanitation systems in the face of climate change, while also creating opportunities for economic empowerment within the sanitation value chain.

In a separate panel discussion focused on "Research and Capacity Strengthening for Sustainable Climate-Smart Solutions," Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager, Fund Development, highlighted the importance of evidence-based programming and robust capacity development as fundamental enablers for scaling climate-resilient solutions. Eng. Peter Koech, Manager of Water and Sanitation Services, moderated the session on "Innovation Financing for Climate Resilient Water and Sanitation," where he steered discussions around emerging financing frameworks and innovative financial tools critical for advancing climate adaptation initiatives within the sector. Contributing to a panel on "Policy Innovation and Governance for Resilient, Sustainable Water and Sanitation," Mr. Elly Ochere, Acting Manager for Research, Planning, and Monitoring & Evaluation, highlighted the need for adaptive policy frameworks and strong institutional governance structures to secure long-term sustainability of water and sanitation services.

Through its multifaceted participation, WaterFund demonstrated not only thought leadership and sectoral influence but also its unwavering commitment to driving climate-smart innovations, inclusive dialogue, and impactful partnerships across Kenya's water and sanitation landscape.



Eng. Erick Mugaa, CS MWSI, making his key note address at the conference



Mr. Julius Korir CBS PS MWSI (center) & Eng. SAO Alima, Water Secretary (right) during the conference



Eng. Erick Muuga, CS MWSI, at the WaterFund Exhibition Stand



Mr. Willis Ombai (2nd right) CEO WaterFund, engaging with stakeholders at the WaterFund stand



Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager Fund Development, making a presentation during the conference



Mr. Elly Ochere (right) Ag. Manager Research, Planning and M&E at a panel discussion



Eng. Peter Koech, Manager Water and Sanitation Services with a guest at the WaterFund exhibition stand



Linda Gwada, WaterFund, engaging with a stakeholder



WaterFund branding at the entrance of the conference

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #280 - WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS FLAGGED OFF FOR 74 WATER COMPANIES IN KENYA

The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 280 (SITREP #280) covered the period **14th to 18th September, 2020**. Among the highlights was that, Sicily Kariuki (Mrs.) E.G.H., Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation together with Mr. Ismail Shaiye, CEO Water Sector Trust Fund and Mr. Antony Ambugo, CEO Water Service Providers Association (WASPA), flagged off Water Treatment Chemicals to 74 Water Service Providers (WSPs) in Kenya.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic in Kenya, the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation directed that WSPs supply free water to vulnerable groups within their areas of jurisdiction, including those living in informal settlements. In order to support the WSPs and ensure provision of quality water, The National Treasury allocated the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation KSh. 200 Million to supply water treatment chemicals through Water Sector Trust Fund, to the WSPs within the country.

The 74 water utilities were provided with: Powder Chlorine (HTH), Alum, Soda Ash and Poly Aluminium Chloride (PAC). In attendance were Mohammed Abdi, Director, Nairobi Metropolitan Services, senior officials from the water sector and representatives from the water companies. The event took place at Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company grounds.