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WATERFUND NEGOTIATES ITS PERFORMANCE CONTRACT WITH THE MINISTRY OF WATER SANITATION AND IRRIGATION FOR THE FY 2025/2026

On 30th July 2025, Water Sector Trust Fund led by Eng. Joseph Ngacha, a Member of WaterFund Board of Trustees representing the Board Chairman Dr. Erick K. Rutto, undertook negotiations with the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI) of the institutions Performance Contract (PC) for the Financial Year 2025/2026. The aim of the PC is to ensure the delivery of efficient and effective services to Kenyans in alignment with constitutional provisions throughout the year.

In his remarks, Eng. Ngacha highlighted WaterFund's consistent performance, with a composite score of 2.3939 rated "Excellent" in FY 2023/2024, and a self-evaluated score of 2.4074 rated "Very Good" for FY 2024/2025. He reaffirmed the Board's commitment to supporting the achievement of the 2025/2026 targets by providing strategic policy direction amid existing fiscal challenges.

Leading the Ministry was Ms. Grace Kimitei, Director Planning, State Department of Water and Sanitation who applauded WaterFund for its accomplishments in previous financial years, noting their contribution to enhanced service delivery. She further emphasized the importance of timely submission of quarterly performance reports by the 15th day following the end of each quarter and financial year with failure to comply attracting a 0.05 penalty on the composite score

Present during the PC negotiations was: Mr. Douglas Mutai, Director Administration, MWSI; Ms. Njeri Thige Economist, MWSI; Mr. Marselino Arbelle, Member of WaterFund Board of Trustees; Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund and WaterFund management.



WaterFund Board of Trustees, Management and MWSI officials during a group picture after the PC negotiations

WATERFUND MEETINGS:

During the week meetings took place as highlighted below

- On 29th July, 2025, WaterFund held a meeting with the Danida Sustainable Infrastructure Finance (DSIF) team during a courtesy visit by Mr. Lars Krogsgaard, Chief Investment Officer. The visit aimed to introduce Mr. Krogsgaard and provide an overview of WaterFund's operations in preparation for a potential partnership on Funding for Sustainable Water and Sanitation Provision through Blended Financing Approaches. The WaterFund delegation was led by CEO, Mr. Willis Ombai, while Mr. Krogsgaard was accompanied by Mr. Jorgen Larsen and Mr. Andrew Githaiga from the DSIF team.
- On 30th July, 2025, WaterFund held a meeting with the Nairobi Rivers Commission (NRC) to discuss a proposed collaboration framework in which WaterFund would offer technical

support to the Commission for the establishment of a Trust Fund. The WaterFund team was led by Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund while the NRC delegation was headed by John Kioli, Commissioner.



Mr. Willis Ombai chairing the meeting between WaterFund and DSIF



From left to right: Mr. Lars Krogsgaard, Chief Investment Officer, Mr. Andrew Githaiga and Mr. Jorgen Larsen representatives from DSIF



WaterFund and DSIF representatives posing for a group picture at the CEO's office



From Left to right: Ms. Chebichii Lelei, Mr. John Kioli, NRC commissioners and Mr. Willis Ombai CEO WaterFund

Right: WaterFund led by the CEO and NRC commissioners at the CEO's office



WATERFUND SIGNS CONTRACTS WITH WATER SERVICE PROVIDERS UNDER THE AID ON DELIVERY PROGRAMME

WaterFund, represented by Mr. Edwin Korir, General Manager, Internal Audit & Risk Assurance, on behalf of the CEO, presided over a contract signing ceremony with Nyeri Water and Sanitation Company, Embu Water and Sanitation Company, and Kisumu Water and Sanitation Company. The agreements fall under the Aid on Delivery (AoD) programme, financed by the German Development Bank (KfW) at a value of KSh. 352 million. The funding will support the implementation of water supply and sanitation projects through licensed urban Water Service Providers (WSPs), registered under the Companies Act, across Kenya's 47 counties.



Edwin Korir, General Manager, Internal Audit & Risk Assurance, giving the opening remarks



Eng. James Murage, Consultant, WaterFund, making his remarks



WaterFund and Nyeri Water and Sanitation Company signing the contracts



Left: WaterFund and Kisumu Water and Sanitation company signing the contracts

Right: WaterFund and Embu Water and Sanitation Company signing the contracts



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