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WATERFUND MEETINGS:

During the week meetings took place as highlighted below:

- Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) held its Joint Rural and Urban Steering Committee meeting on 18th September 2025, which was chaired by the CEO Mr. Willis Ombai. The meeting focused on reviewing the FY 2024/2025 Annual Rural and Urban Progress Report. It also covered financial and audit highlights; the upcoming 2025 Joint Annual Operations Monitoring Exercise (JAOME); and updates on anticipated new WaterFund programmes. The Partners in attendance included representatives from: Royal Danish Embassy; German Development Bank (KfW); and the Water Resources Authority (WRA).
- On 12th September 2025, WaterFund held a consultative meeting with Element Access International (EAI) to explore areas of collaboration in advancing sustainable water solutions. The meeting reaffirmed WaterFund's openness to supporting scalable and sustainable innovations that enhance community access to safe water. The EAI team was led by Mr. Elijah Nzuki, Programme Officer while the WaterFund team was led by Ms. Violet Mucheni, Principal Programme Officer, Sanitation.



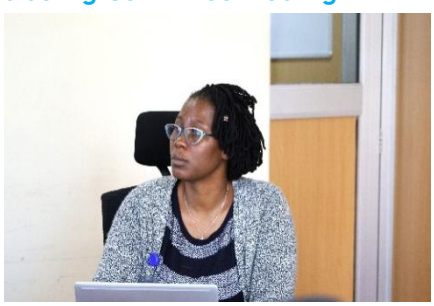
Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, chairing the Joint Urban Rural Steering Committee meeting



Ms. Sheila Karimi (far left), Regional Portfolio Coordinator in WASH-Kenya and East Africa region, (KfW)



WaterFund staff present during the Joint Steering Committee meeting



Ms. Violet Mucheni, Principal Programme Officer, Sanitation chairing the meeting with EAI



Mr. Elijah Nzuki, Programme Officer, EAI, during the meeting



WaterFund staff and EAI team during the meeting

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #288 - WATER SECTOR TRUST FUND CONDUCTS SUITABILITY ASSESSMENTS FOR STAFF



The Water Sector Trust Fund's (WaterFund) Situation Report No. 288 (SITREP #288) covered the period **9th to 13th November, 2020**. Among the highlights was that, WaterFund is a Kenyan State Corporation under the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, re-established under the Water Act, 2016, with the mandate to provide conditional and unconditional grants to Counties and to assist in financing water and sanitation services to the underserved areas. WaterFund was originally established under Water Act, 2002, as Water Services Trust Fund.

Following the expanded mandate and subsequent approval of the WaterFund's new Human Resource Policy Instruments, the institution carried out suitability assessments for officers in the institution. The new Human Resource Policy Instruments was purposed to provide for a well-defined career structure which will attract, motivate and facilitate retention of qualified and experienced staff in WaterFund.

This process, which was conducted by the management and representatives from the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, ensured proper placement of staff to various departments as per their qualifications and experiences.

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