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WATERFUND SCORES "VERY GOOD" IN THE PERFORMANCE CONTRACT EVALUATION FOR THE FY 2024/2025

On 12th November, 2025, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) hosted the Public Service Performance Management Unit (PSPMU). The Unit coordinates performance management, monitors performance, and supports effective service delivery and efficient use of public resources. The one-day exercise commenced with a courtesy call with Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, who was represented by Mr. Samuel Gitau, CPA, General Manager, Corporate Services. Mr. Gitau reiterated his commitment to ensuring WaterFund commits to the Performance Contract.

This exercise was introduced by the Government of Kenya in 2003 to enhance accountability and improve service delivery in the public sector. The process entailed reviewing documents and records, including the Performance Contracting guidelines, Approved Budgets, Annual Procurement Plan, Self-Evaluation report and the documented evidence supporting the reported achievements. This was a comprehensive exercise, with departments providing evidence to support their commitments. The operations concluded with WaterFund securing a score of 2.5837, rated as "Very Good". This score demonstrates WaterFund's commitment to ensuring effective service delivery to the people of Kenya.

Leading the performance evaluation was Ms. Irene Kiarie, Assistant Director PSPMU and Mr. Dennish Ogutu, Economist, PSPMU. In her remarks, she urged WaterFund to aim at improving the "Very Good" score. She further emphasized on a self-evaluation exercise before submitting the relevant reports through the Government Performance Contract Information System (GPCIS). The GPCIS is a tool designed to enable online submission of quarterly reports, self-evaluations, and provides a central tool for managing the performance management framework.



Mr. Samuel Gitau, CPA, (right) General Manager, Corporate Services, representing Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund during a courtesy call by PSPMU team for the PC Evaluation



Photo captured during the courtesy call in the CEO's office



Mr. Elly Ochere, Ag. Manager, Planning, Strategy and M&E, WaterFund's team leader during the PC Evaluation



Left: Ms. Irene Kiarie (left), Assistant Director, PSPMU and Mr. Dennish Ogutu (right), Economist, PSPMU

Right: Photo captured WaterFund staff and PSPMU during the PC Evaluation



WATERFUND MEETINGS:

During the week meetings took place as highlighted below:

- WaterFund hosted the Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) on 11th November, 2025, in a meeting to discuss possible collaboration in resource mobilization for research and innovation activities. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund while the KEWI delegation was led by Mr. Nelson Kwamini, Senior Director.
- WaterFund and Gatsby Africa held a workshop to review the achievements of the Programme for Strengthening Commercial Viability and Financial Flows for WSPs. The meeting aimed at dissemination of results and reflections on the Programme which is now at closure stage; upgrading the skills of WaterFund Staff on commercial viability, commercial financing models and next steps in realizing the intended outcomes under the Programme. The workshop was held from 12th to 14th November, 2025.



Left: Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund chairing the meeting

Right: WaterFund staff and KEWI staff following keenly on the deliberations



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #295 - TATU KENGA REPORTS BACK TO SCHOOL IN 2021

The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 295 (SITREP #295) covered the period **11th - 15th January, 2021**. Among the highlights was that, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) held a Management meeting on 13th January, 2021. The virtual meeting held on Microsoft Teams platform was the first meeting of the new year and brought together all managers and head of departments to discuss on updates, planned activities and challenges for all the departments, among other pertinent issues.



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