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WATERFUND SHOWCASES OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH IN GREEN GROWTH AND CLIMATE ACTION

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) is at the forefront in promoting and creating opportunities for the youth in the water sector. In support of the above, WaterFund sponsored the 6th Bi- Annual Youth conference, organized by East African Youth Parliament that took place from 2nd to 5th December, 2025. This year's theme is "Addressing Unemployment through Smart Agriculture, Entrepreneurship and Climate Action." This conference brought together youths from diverse sectors to engage, learn, network and establish valuable partnerships.

This auspicious event was graced by Ms. Mercy Wanjau, EGH, Secretary to the Cabinet of the Republic of Kenya. In her opening remarks, she reiterated the government's commitment in addressing the challenges of unemployment through various initiatives such as National Youth Opportunities towards Advancement Project, Affordable Housing project among others. She further called for youth engagement in governance and policy formulation.

Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund, officially closed the conference. In his closing remarks, he briefed the participants on WaterFund's mandate, urged the youths to be drivers of change in the society, and drive meaningful policies for change. He took the moment to acknowledge WaterFund's involvement with the youth, by ensuring 30% of public procurement opportunities goes to women, youth and persons with disabilities. "At WaterFund, youth play key roles as project committee members and managing initiatives such as water kiosks which provide them with income-generating opportunities," noted Mr. Ombai.

Similarly, Hon. Jeremiah Mumo Kisangau, President, EAC Youth parliament, echoed the Chief Guest's remarks and encouraged the youth to explore opportunities in smart agriculture to address food security challenges. He further urged youth to venture into green businesses, as it offers opportunities for sustainable livelihoods.

During the conference, Ms. Linda Gwada, Principal Corporate Communication Officer, took the stage to invite all participants to WaterFund's booth to engage and learn more about the Fund's mandate and ongoing projects. This event not only provided the youth with an understanding of the opportunities in smart agriculture, but also opportunities for engaging in business partnerships with government entities.



Ms. Mercy Wanjau, EGH, Secretary to the Cabinet of Kenya, making her remarks



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund, making his remarks



Hon. Jeremiah Mumo Kisangau, President for the EAC Youth parliament making his remarks



Mr. Willis Ombai (left), CEO, WaterFund, and Hon. Jeremiah Mumo (right), President for the EAC Youth parliament, participating in an energizer session



Ms. Linda Gwada, Principal Corporate Communication Officer, WaterFund, making her remarks



Participants posing for a group photo at Leopard Beach resort





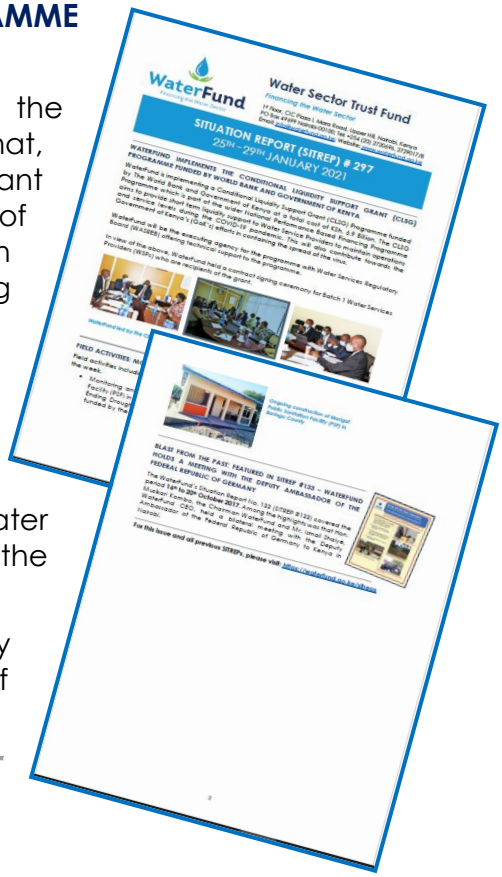




WaterFund staff engaging with guests at the WaterFund booth



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #297 - WATERFUND IMPLEMENTS THE CONDITIONAL LIQUIDITY SUPPORT GRANT (CLSG) PROGRAMME FUNDED BY WORLD BANK AND GOVERNMENT OF KENYA



The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 297 (SITREP #297) covered the period **25th to 29th January, 2021**. Among the highlights was that, WaterFund was implementing a Conditional Liquidity Support Grant (CLSG) Programme funded by The World Bank and Government of Kenya at a total cost of KSh. 6.9 Billion. The CLSG Programme which was part of the wider National Performance Based Financing Programme aimed at providing short term liquidity support to Water Service Providers to maintain operations and service levels during the COVID-19 pandemic. This initiative contributed towards the Government of Kenya's (GoK's) efforts in containing the spread of the virus.

WaterFund was the executing agency for the programme while Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB) offered technical support to the programme.

In view of the above, WaterFund held a contract signing ceremony for Batch 1 Water Services Providers (WSPs) who were recipients of the grant.

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