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ENG. ERICK MUGAA, CS MWSI, LEADS WATER SECTOR AGENCIES IN A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE DELIBERATION ON BLUE ECONOMY, WATER AND SANITATION

Eng. Erick Mugaa, Cabinet Secretary (CS), Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI), together with Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, Principal Secretary (PS), State Department of Water and Sanitation, convened water sector Chief Executive Officers for a high-level strategic meeting to deliberate on the Supplementary Estimates for the Financial Year 2025/2026. The engagement preceded an appearance before the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Blue Economy, Water and Sanitation, chaired by Hon. Kangogo Bowen, Member of Parliament (MP) for Marakwet East. The CS emphasized the urgency of timely budget approval to accelerate the delivery of critical water infrastructure projects across the country, noting the central role of the sector in advancing national development priorities.

The meeting provided a platform for sector agencies, including the Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), to align on key budgetary priorities and financing mechanisms aimed at strengthening service delivery. WaterFund, represented by Mr. Willis Ombai, Chief Executive Officer, contributed to the discussions by highlighting WaterFund's role in financing water and sanitation investments, particularly in underserved and marginalized areas. Discussions further focused on strategic budget adjustments to optimize resource allocation across the sector, ensuring that investments are responsive to emerging needs and aligned with the Country's broader development agenda.



Eng. Erick Mugaa, CS, MWSI, giving his opening statement during the meeting



Hon. Bowen David Kangogo, MP, Marakwet East chairing the meeting



Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, PS, State Department for Water and Sanitation, MWSI addressing delegates during the meeting



Left: Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund, making his contribution during the meeting

Right: Participants actively listening and participating during the meeting



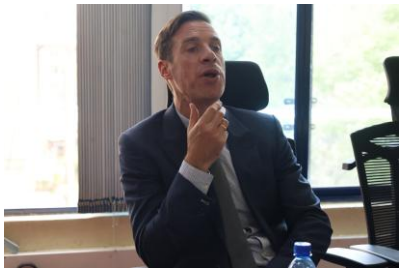
WATERFUND MEETINGS:

During the week, meetings took place as highlighted below:

- WaterFund met with a Delegation from the Public Sector Investment Facility (PIF), domiciled in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland (MFA, Finland), to discuss progress in the pipeline project proposed to be implemented by WaterFund through Operon International Limited.
- WaterFund held discussions with a team from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA, Denmark), and CONCITO, a Danish organization specializing in climate change and sustainability, for consultative Deliberations on Climate Adaptation in the new Kenya Denmark Country Strategy 2026-2031.
- On 11th March 2026, Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, Water Sector Trust Fund, welcomed Mr. Thomas Nyanje, Managing Director, Homabay Water and Sanitation Company (HOMAWASCO). The meeting focused on strengthening the collaboration between the Water and Sanitation Company and WaterFund, as well as enhancing institutional capacity.



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund, chairing the meeting with MFA, Finland delegation



Mr. Matts Weurlander, Head of Cooperation, Embassy of Finland, responding to discussions during the meeting



WaterFund's Management following keenly during the meeting with MFA, Finland delegation



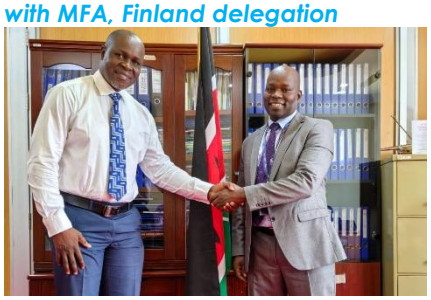
Participants actively taking part in the discussions during the meeting with MFA, Finland delegation



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund, chairing the meeting with MFA, Denmark and CONCITO delegation



Representatives from MFA, Denmark and CONCITO present during meeting



Left: Mr. Willis Ombai (right), CEO, WaterFund and Mr. Thomas Nyanje (left), Managing Director, (HOMAWASCO), posing for a photo in the CEO's office

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