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WATERFUND RECOGNIZED FOR CLEAN AUDIT RECORD DURING HIGH-LEVEL VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT CONVENED BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND HEAD OF PUBLIC SERVICE

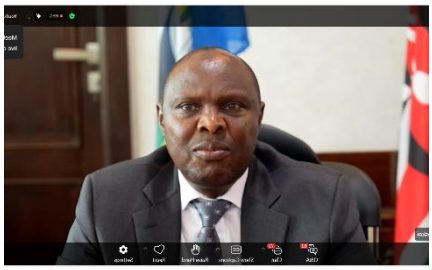
Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, Principal Secretary, State Department for Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MoWSI), led a consultative webinar hosted by Mr. Felix Koskei, EGH, Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service. The virtual engagement convened the Council of Governors, Board Chairpersons, Chief Executive Officers, Board Members, sector agencies, Water Service Providers, and staff across the country to discuss the pertinent issues affecting the sector.

The session featured presentations from the Office of the Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service, a panel discussion, plenary deliberations, and remarks from both the Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service, and the Principal Secretary, State Department for Water and Sanitation.

Mr. Felix Koskei, in his remarks, emphasized on the importance of maintaining high levels of accountability and ethical conduct among public officers. He further reinforced on the need to align sector operations with the Government's transformation agenda, by adopting a customer-centered approach and delivering impactful outcomes to citizens. He encouraged public servants in the water sector to take a leading role in reducing non-revenue water, which continues to result in significant revenue losses to the Government. He also cautioned public servants against discrimination and corruption in Government offices.

Mr. Julius Korir, reaffirmed the State Department's efforts on delivering its mandate, and noted that in collaboration with County Governments, the MoWSI has developed the National Water Investment Financing Plan (NAWASIP), to guide the sector's investment needs. He noted that this Plan is expected to enhance coordinated planning, mobilize resources, and support sustainable financing for improved water and sanitation service delivery across the country.

He further recognized water sector institutions with clean audit records, among them the WaterFund, for its strong financial accountability and governance. This reflects WaterFund's commitment to effective service delivery, and the fulfilment of its mandate, demonstrated by zero-tolerance stance on corruption.



Mr. Felix Koskei, EGH, Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service, giving his key remarks during the virtual engagement



Mr. Julius Korir, PS, State Department for Water and Sanitation (MoWSI), delivering his official remarks during the virtual engagement



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund, keenly following the virtual session



WaterFund staff keenly following deliberations during the virtual session



WATERFUND SHOWCASES ITS INNOVATIVE FINANCING MODELS AT MAJIPRENEURS SUMMIT KENYA 2026

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), participated in the Majipreneurs Summit Kenya 2026, organized by the Centre for Water and Sanitation Switzerland (CEWAS), that was held from 15th to 16th April, 2026 in Nairobi. The summit convened leading entrepreneurs, investors, and sector partners across East Africa, providing a collaborative platform for water innovators to showcase their solutions, exchange experiences, and connect with potential partners to support their growth and expansion. Participants also gained access to expert insights, networking opportunities, and practical discussions on scaling sustainable water services.

Mr. Willis Ombai, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), WaterFund, accompanied by Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager, Fund Development, and Mr. Edwin Korir, General Manager, Internal Audit and Risk Assurance, attended the Majipreneurs Summit 2026. Mr. Ombai was featured as a speaker in the WASH panel session, where he began by highlighting WaterFund's mandate in advancing sustainable water financing and infrastructure development, and its commitment to improving equitable access to safe water and sanitation services.

He noted that WaterFund supports utilities by providing resources, to procure services from WASH enterprises, thereby positioning entrepreneurs as delivery partners within the public sector rather than competitors hence demonstrating a scalable model for public–private collaboration. He further outlined that WaterFund leverages Results-Based Financing (RBF), to drive enterprise performance by linking funding to achieved outcomes, thereby promoting quality and sustainability as RBF has been instrumental in catalyzing commercial financing, by subsidizing loans accessed by utilities. In addition, he highlighted blended financing as a key sustainable model, where WaterFund combines public funds with private and commercial financing, to enable utilities to access affordable funding. He concluded by noting that the blended financing approach, ensures that financing is largely returnable while incorporating de-risking measures, thereby enhancing long-term sustainability in the water sector.

The Summit highlighted the critical role of partnerships between public institutions, private sector actors, and financial institutions in upscaling water innovations. It also strengthened collaboration and reaffirmed the shared commitment, to advancing sustainable and inclusive water solutions across the region.

WaterFund remains committed to strengthening innovative financing approaches, fostering strategic partnerships, and supporting scalable water and sanitation solutions to ensure equitable and sustainable access to water services.



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, delivering his key insights during the WASH Panel Session



Mr. Willis Ombai (right), CEO WaterFund and WaterFund's General Managers (front) following keenly



WaterFund delegation at its exhibition during the Summit