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KENYAN- DANISH WATER SECTOR COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) represented the Fund on a water mission in Denmark from 15th to 19th April, 2024. Leading the Kenyan delegation was Eng. SAO Alima, Water Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI), accompanied by key officials from the water and sanitation sector. The primary objective of this mission was to establish a platform of common understanding, laying the foundation for a long-lasting and productive cooperation between the Kenyan and Danish water sectors.

Furthermore, this mission was a crucial step in the Kenyan-Danish Strategic Water Sector Project (SSC Water Kenya), which commenced in August 2023, and is currently in its inception phase. The SSC Water Kenya is a collaborative effort between the Kenya Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI), the Danish Environment Protection Agency (DEPA), and the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Under the framework of the Danish Environment Protection Agency's Strategic Sector Cooperation, the project aims to identify, formulate, and design the scope of the project through extensive consultations and research.

During the mission, in addition to high-level meetings with key Danish water sector stakeholders, the delegation visited various project sites such as Ueterslev Mose, Lumsås waste water treatment plant, AVK Group a water infrastructure manufacturing plant and Grundfos, a renowned pump manufacturer known worldwide for its water solutions for use in homes, buildings, industries, utilities and agriculture.



Eng. SAO Alima (fourth from the left) Water Secretary, MWSI, poses for a group picture with the delegation



Mr. Willis Ombai (far right), CEO WaterFund during one of the sessions



The delegation during one of the forums



The delegation during one of the Site visits at AVK Group



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, during a site visit at Grundfos headquarters



The Kenyan and Danish delegation pose for a group picture at the end of the mission

WATERFUND'S LOAN FACILITY MODEL SPARKS COLLABORATION AND INTEREST

WaterFund has been developing its loan facility model which aims to blend public and private finance in order to enable Water Services Providers (WSPs) and other implementing agencies; to access affordable credit financing in pursuit of universal water and sanitation coverage. To that end, WaterFund held several forums on 17th and 18th April 2024, to disseminate the WaterFund loan facility model. United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and its WASH FIN 2 Programme supported WaterFund both in the development and dissemination of the model.

Various dissemination forums were held as part of the engagement process. These included the Commercial Banks and Financial Institutions Dissemination Forum, which saw participation from eleven banks, offering valuable input and expressing interest in collaborating with WaterFund. Similarly, the Development Partners Dissemination Forum had eleven organizations participating, all showing interest in collaboration, particularly regarding the Loan Facility. Additionally, the Counties and Water Services Providers Dissemination Forum saw attendance from 19 Water Companies' Managing Directors and five County Executive Officers, all providing valuable input and expressing keen interest in participating in the Model.



Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager, Fund Development, addressing the guests during the forum



Development Partners and participants present during one of the forums



County Executive Committee, MDs & Representatives of Water Services Providers, WaterFund and USAID WASH FIN 2 pose for a group picture

WATERFUND MEETINGS

During the week, meeting took place as highlighted below.

- WaterFund met with the World Bank and representatives from the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI), to deliberate on the modalities of the WaterFund Loan Facility and implementation arrangements for the Kenya WASH Programme.



Representatives from the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI), WaterFund and World Bank during the meeting

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