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ENG. ERICK MUGAA, CABINET SECRETARY, MoWSI, PRESIDES OVER THE 2026 NON-REVENUE WATER (NRW) MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE IN NAKURU COUNTY

The Water and Sanitation Providers Association (WASPA), in partnership with the Ministry of Water, Sanitation & Irrigation (MWSI), The Council of Governors, County Government of Nakuru, and Nakuru Water and Sanitation Services Company (NAWASSCO), hosted the Non-Revenue Water (NRW) Management Conference 2026 from 30th June, 2026, to 3rd July, 2026, at Lake Naivasha Resort in Nakuru County. The Conference was held under the theme: "Improving Non-Revenue Water (NRW) Management by Leveraging Technology & Innovations."

The Conference was officially opened by Eng. Eric Mugaa, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MoWSI), alongside Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, Principal Secretary, State Department for Water and Sanitation (SD-WS), MoWSI, Eng. S.A.O. Alima, Water secretary, MoWSI, senior government officials and H.E. Gideon Behar, Ambassador of Israel to Kenya. In his remarks, the Cabinet Secretary reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to reducing Non-Revenue Water (NRW), noting that currently the NRW has increased to 48%. He urged stakeholders to scale up investments in innovative technologies, strengthen governance frameworks, and enhance operational efficiency in water service delivery to accelerate the reduction of Non-Revenue Water.

Closing the 3-day event, which brought together key stakeholders in the water and sanitation sector, was Hon. Patrick Musili, Chairperson, Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) Governing Council, who challenged delegates and Water Service Providers (WSPs), to turn knowledge into measurable action to reduce water losses across the sector.

Participation of WaterFund during the 2026 NRW Management Conference

WaterFund participated in the Conference through the Gold Sponsor Category. The Fund also took part through an exhibition and knowledge-sharing sessions, showcasing its mandate and strategic role in financing investments in water, sanitation and water resources management. The Conference provided an opportunity for WaterFund to engage with sector stakeholders, promote innovative financing approaches aimed at strengthening efforts to reduce NRW.

WaterFund was honoured to host Eng. Eric Mugaa, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, and H.E. Gideon Behar, Ambassador of Israel to Kenya, at its exhibition stand. Mr. Willis Ombai, Chief Executive Officer, WaterFund, briefed the dignitaries on the Fund's mandate and highlighted key programmes, including the Conditional Liquidity Support Grant (CLSG) Programme, which provides short-term liquidity support to Water Service Providers (WSPs), to sustain and improve their operational and financial performance while supporting utilities to strengthen operational efficiency to enhance utility performance and address NRW challenges.

The Fund, led by Mr. Willis Ombai, the Chief Executive Officer, made a notable contribution during the panel discussion on "Policy Innovation and Governance for Accountability and Performance Management in NRW Reduction," where he emphasized on the importance of strengthening governance frameworks, leveraging innovation and digital technologies, and enhancing institutional accountability to accelerate Non-Revenue Water reduction.

Additionally, Mr. Thomas Nyangau, Manager, Commercial Financing/Urban Investments (CF/UI), WaterFund, participated as a panelist during the session on "Innovations, Technologies and

Market Opportunities: Sustainable Energy Solutions for Water Service Providers." Similarly, Mr. Elly Ochere, Ag. Manager, Planning, Strategy, Monitoring and Evaluation (PSM&E), served as a plenary chair for the session on "Innovative Financing for Reduction of NRW."



Eng. Erick Mugaa, CS, MoWSI, officially opening the Conference



Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, PS, SD-WS, MoWSI, making his key remarks



Eng. S.A.O. Alima, Water secretary, MoWSI, giving his key remarks



H.E. Gideon Behar, Ambassador of Israel to Kenya, making his remarks during the Conference



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund, sharing his key insights as a key panelist during the Conference



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund, briefing the dignitaries on WaterFund's interventions that support NRW reduction



Hon. Patrick Musili, Chairperson, KEWI Governing Council, giving his closing remarks during ceremony



Eng. Thomas Nyangau, Manager, CF/UI, WaterFund, sharing his insights as a speaker during a panel session



Mr. Elly Ochere, Ag. Manager, PSM&E, WaterFund, chairing a plenary session



WaterFund Staff keenly following deliberations at the Plenary Hall



WaterFund staff attending to stakeholders at its exhibition booth during the 2026 NRW Management Conference



WaterFund's stand at the 2026 NRW Management Conference



WaterFund Branding alongside other sector stakeholders during the 2026 NRW Management Conference



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