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WATERFUND'S STRONG PERFORMANCE EARNS 5TH PLACE AMONG 16 WATER SECTOR INSTITUTIONS

On 24th July 2026, Water Sector Trust Fund led by Hon. Andrew Mbithi and Ms. Maryan Mohamed, Members of WaterFund Board of Trustees representing the Board Chairman Dr. Erick K. Rutto, undertook negotiations with the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI) of the institutions Performance Contract (PC) for the Financial Year 2026/2027. The aim of the PC is to ensure the delivery of efficient and effective services to Kenyans in alignment with constitutional provisions throughout the financial year.

Charing the negotiations was Hon. Andrew Mbithi who highlighted the Fund's sustained performance, noting that WaterFund attained a composite score of 2.5857, rated "Very Good," in FY 2024/2025. He further indicated that the Fund's self-evaluation for FY 2025/2026 reflected an improved composite score of 2.4631, also rated "Very Good." While acknowledging the prevailing fiscal challenges facing the water sector and the country, he reaffirmed the Board's commitment to providing strategic policy direction and oversight to support the successful implementation and achievement of the FY 2026/2027 Performance Contract targets.

Leading the Ministry team was Ms. Grace Kimitei, Director Planning, State Department of Water and Sanitation who commended WaterFund for its strong performance, noting the achievement of a score of 2.5837, which placed the institution at position 5 out of 16 water institutions. She acknowledged this as a commendable performance and encouraged the organization to continue sustaining and improving its achievements.

Ms. Maryan Mohamed, Board of Trustees (BoT) Member, officially closed the Performance Contract (PC) negotiations meeting by expressing appreciation to representatives from MWSI, the board, management, and staff for their valuable contributions throughout the negotiations. She commended the collaborative engagement and guidance provided during the exercise and reaffirmed the board's commitment to providing strategic oversight and support towards the successful implementation of the agreed FY 2026/2027 Performance Contract targets. She further conveyed the Fund's appreciation to the Ministry for its continued support and expressed confidence in the successful completion of the Performance Contract cycle, including the vetting and signing processes.


Hon. Andrew Mbithi, Member, WaterFund Board of Trustees, chairing the PC negotiations meeting


Ms. Maryan Mohamed, Member, WaterFund Board of Trustees, WaterFund present during the PC negotiation


Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund giving his remarks during the meeting

Ms. Grace Kimitei, Director Planning, State Department of Water and Sanitation,MWSI, leading the negotiation proceedings

Mr. Elly Ochere, Ag. Manager, Research, Planning and M&E presenting the draft of the PC FY2026/2027

WaterFund staff actively taking part in the PC negotiations

WHERE INVESTMENT MEETS IMPACT: WATERFUND GEARS UP FOR JAOME

Every investment tells a story, but its true impact is measured long after implementation. At WaterFund, monitoring the performance and sustainability of funded projects is just as important as financing them. This commitment is what drives the Joint Annual Operations Monitoring Exercise (JAOME), an initiative that ensures investments continue to improve lives while shaping smarter decisions for the future.

Conducted across all WaterFund-funded programmes, JAOME plays a critical role in evaluating the continuous performance of investments and generating evidence for informed decision-making. The exercise provides valuable insights into the functionality and sustainability of completed projects, enabling WaterFund to better understand which investment approaches deliver the greatest impact and why.

In preparation for the nationwide monitoring exercise, WaterFund staff underwent a comprehensive training on the digital data collection tool that will be used during field data collection. The training equipped participants with the technical knowledge and practical skills required to accurately collect, validate, and submit monitoring data, ensuring consistency, quality, and reliability throughout the exercise. Speaking during the training was Mr. Willis Ombai CEO, WaterFund who urged staff to undertake the exercise with utmost credibility professionalism, and integrity while strictly adhering to research ethics throughout the data collection process. He emphasized the importance of collecting accurate, objective, and high-quality data, noting that the findings from the exercise will inform strategic investment decisions, strengthen accountability.

Mr. Willis Ombai CEO, WaterFund making his remarks during the JAOME training exercise

Mr. Elly Ochere, Ag. Manager, Research, Planning and M&E, making a presentation

Mr. Bernard Njenga, Manager ICT, taking the participants through his presentation

Left: Mr. Emanuel Macharia, Principal Programme Officer, Special Programmes, addressing the staff

Right: WaterFund staff actively listening to the presentations

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