



WATER NEWS UPDATE

TOBIKO CALLS FOR PARTNESHIPS TO CONSERVE CATCHMENTS



Environment Cabinet Secretary Keriako Tobiko prepares to plant a seedling at Thika Dam site .

Environment CS Keriako Tobiko has called on corporates, individuals and communities to come up with sustainable measures to curb the adverse effects caused by global warming.

"The conservation of our environment and especially forests and water towers cannot be undertaken by the government alone or any single entity. It requires concerted efforts of every responsible citizen to protect environment for posterity." He said.

He added that the government has banned charcoal burning and illegal logging to save on forests and water towers

"Kenya is low forest cover country. We now have a forest taskforce in place to look into the scale of illegal logging, destruction, and encroachment of public and community forests, water towers and other catchment areas, as well as the associated impacts." He added.

The Ag. Technical Director Eng. Lucy Njambi (representing the Ag. Managing Director) thanked Ministry of Environment for its reforestation efforts in the water towers and catchments across the country for sustainability.

"As you are aware, Ndakaini Dam is the lifeline of Nairobi City. The dam supplies over 80% of the water consumed by the residents of Nairobi and its environs. There is need therefore for all stakeholders and agencies to protect it." She said.

The Cabinet Secretary was speaking during a tree planting exercise organized by East African Breweries at Thika Dam to mark this year's World Water Day. It is a day to celebrate water, shine the spotlight on water management now and in the future and take stock of the challenges, threats and opportunities in the water sector globally.

UPPER TANA NAIROBI WATER FUND BREAKFAST



Production Manager Philip Githinji (2nd Left) and Finance & Corporate Planning Coordinator David Kimei (Left) during the breakfast meeting.

The Company was recently invited for a breakfast meeting organized by Upper-Tana Nairobi Water Fund in the run-up to the World Water Day with calls for intensified stakeholder participation in protection of water catchments.

The Upper Tana-Nairobi Water Fund is a fund put together through a public-private partnership to protect the water supply of the Tana River Basin by investing in conservation in the upstream.

The fund supports long-term investments upstream through agroforestry, drip irrigation, terracing and erosion-control measures such as grass strips and buffers of vegetation protecting riverbanks.

The water fund is founded on the principle that it is cheaper to prevent water problems at the source than it is to address them later. The Company was represented by Production Manager Philip Githinji, Thika Dam Coordinator Job Kihamba and Finance & Corporate Planning Coordinator David Kimei.



Upper Tana Nairobi Water Fund President Eddy Njoroge addresses the partners during the breakfast meeting.



WORLD WATER DAY IN PICTURES



Environment CS Keriako Tobiko signs the visitors book at Thika Dam .Looking on are Nairobi CEC for Environment Larry Wambua and Acting TD Eng. Lucy Njambi



Nairobi County Executive in charge of Environment, Water and Natural Resources Larry Wambua



Environment Cabinet Secretary Keriako Tobiko arrives at the tree planting site accompanied by Kenya Forest Service Deputy Director Esau Omollo (Left) and the police administration .



Environment CS , Acting Technical Director Eng. Lucy Njambi and Acting Director Human Resources and Administration Services Monica Tuli jointly plant a tree .



Participants led by Environment CS Keriako Tobiko and Nairobi CEC for Environment Larry Wambua pose for a photo .



Environment CS and East Africa Breweries Chairman Charles Muchene plant a tree .



NCWSC PARTICIPATES IN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS



Thirdway Alliance Party leader Dr. Eukuru Aukot and area Member of Parliament Hon. Mercy Gakuya jointly plant a seedling at Dandora Sewerage Treatment Plant to mark International Day of Forests.

The Company in conjunction with the Team Environment Kenya recently marked the International Day of Forests at a tree planting exercise held at Dandora Sewerage and Treatment Plant.

More than 4,000 tree seedlings were planted during the event attended by politicians, environmentalist and students. The Chief Guest for the event was the Thirdway Alliance Party Leader Eukuru Aukot .

“The move by the government to ban illegal logging could not have come at a better time. It is the only way to curb the adverse effects of climate change that is causing havoc.” He said.

The area Member of Parliament Hon. Mercy Gakuya said parliament need to harmonize environment-related laws for better environmental planning and governance as well as build capacities for adaptation to global climatic changes.

Major threats to forests include competition for forest land use with agricultural expansion and settlements, shifting cultivation, unsustainable charcoal production, excessive extraction of forests products ,overgrazing and forest fires

The International Day of Forests is held annually on 21 March to raise awareness on the importance of forests to people and their vital role in environmental sustainability and food security for the benefit of current and future generations.



NCWSC staff participate in tree planting at Dandora Sewerage Treatment Plant



Patricia Kitheka, forester at Embakasi sub-county, explains to pupils from Gib's girls secondary school how to plant a seedling.

FRIENDS OF RUIRU DAM PARTNERS WITH NCWSC

The Company in conjunction with Friends of Ruiru Dam planted trees at Ruiru Dam over the weekend.

Friends of Ruiru Dam (FORD), a Community Based Organization seeks to achieve sustainable conservation initiatives around the catchment for the benefit of the locals surrounding the Dam. The initiatives also endeavors to roll out greening schools program me around the facility



Ruai Ward Administrator Jane Ndanu plants a tree at Ruai Treatment Works.



Friends of Ruiru Dam Vice Chairperson Dr. Jane Wangari waters a seedling she planted.