



WATER NEWS update

NCWSC TAKES PART IN 6TH AFRICA WATER WEEK CONFERENCE



Former President Mwai Kibaki visits the Nairobi City Water and Sewerage stand during the African Council of Water ministers Congress in Dar es Salaam last week. He's welcomed by the company's Head of Corporate Affairs, Mbaruku Vyakweli. Looking on is Kenya's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Amb. Ali Mwakwere. Kibaki was recently appointed UNESO Africa Water Envoy. This was his first assignment.

The Company participated in the 6th Africa Water Week (AWW-6) conference held on the 18th-22nd July 2016 at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Center, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Africa Water Week is a biennial forum that is convened by the African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW) in conjunction with the African Union Commission and organized with other development partners.

The conference brought together African water, energy professionals, civil society, stakeholders and solution providers alike with a view to seek solutions to Africa's water resources and sanitation challenges. It also saw Tanzanian minister for Water and Irrigation, Mr. Gerson Lwenge take up the presidency of the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) from Senegal Minister for Hydraulic and Sanitation, Mr. Amadou Mansour Faye.

In line with the theme 'Achieving the SDGs on Water Security and Sanitation', NCWSC managed to exhibit its innovations, showcase results, share challenges, and also provide updates on how it has been embarking on improving the way it does its core business of water service delivery.

STAFF ATTEND PEER EDUCATORS CONFERENCE

The Company recently participated in the 7th International Conference on Peer education, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS held at KICC from 15th -17th June 2016 .

The biannual event was officially opened by her excellence the first lady Margaret Kenyatta . Florence Wanjala and Judy Atieno who are peer educators represented NCWSC. They made a presentation on the bold steps the Company is undertaking in the fight against HIV/AIDS which supplements the Government effort in the fight against HIV/AIDS at the workplace. The presentation titled 'Scaling up the fight against HIV/AIDS' brought out the key achievements like employees and their families benefiting from the medical cover irrespective of their HIV status.

Through partnership with National AIDS & STI Control Programme, NCWSC has implemented a comprehensive HIV/AIDS workplace policy. This reduces HIV infections at the workplace. Continued educational awareness and sensitization is done to create awareness and stigma reduction which creates a conducive and supportive work environment.

NCWSC PARTICIPATES IN DRAFT NCC POLICY ON WATER & SANITATION WORKSHOP

The Nairobi City County (NCC) government officials, Nairobi County Assembly Water Committee & NCWSC management last week deliberated on the draft Nairobi County Policy and bill on water & sanitation during a workshop held in Mombasa County.

The policy provides guidelines on the management of water and sanitation services within Nairobi City County. The goal of the policy is to facilitate equitable adequate & quality access to water and sanitation services. NCWSC Chairman Raphael Nzomo (MBS) in his opening remarks said that the policy is a timely piece of legislation that once enacted shall enhance the company's service provision to the people of Nairobi.



The Nairobi City County (NCC) government officials, Nairobi County Assembly Water Committee & NCWSC management pose for a photo during the workshop in Mombasa County

The draft NCC Policy provides a framework for water resources management, asset management and further provides for punitive measures for offences such as illegal construction over water works, interference with water equipment, illegal connections and dishonest use of water, discharge of contaminated water among other water and sanitation offenses. The policy recommends fines of up to KSHS 5 million and/or an imprisonment term of up to 10 years for some offences.

In his closing remarks, the Chair of the County Assembly Hon. Alex Otieno said that the onus is on the Water Committee, NCWSC and NCC Government to ensure that the policy is passed in order to improve service delivery & reliable water & sanitation services for the county of Nairobi. On behalf of NCWSC management, Managing Director Eng. Philip Gichuki thanked the Nairobi County officials and members of County Assembly for making the time to discuss and deliberate on the policy.

The two-day workshop was attended by Eng. Christine Ogut NCC Chief Officer-Water, Eng. Kimori CEC Water Environment & Natural Resources and County Assembly Water Committee led by Hon. Alex Otieno. NCWSC Management was represented by Technical Director Eng. Muguna; Finance Director Johnson Randu; Company Secretary Ivy Nyarango; Internal Audit & Risk Director represented by Ambrose Muinde, the Internal Audit Manager; ICT Director Martin Nang'ole was represented by Research & Development Manager, Frank Ochieng; and Finance Manager (E&R) Samuel Gachugia. The workshop was held at Mombasa Continental hotel and it was facilitated by the Institute of Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya (ICPSK).

GWOPA SPONSORED WOPs PROGRAM EVALUATED

A section of staff recently attended an evaluation workshop in an effort to assess the overall achievement, efficiency and effectiveness of the Global Water Operators' Partnerships Alliance (GWOPA) sponsored Water Operators' Partnerships (WOPs) program.

GWOPA is a network of partners committed to helping water operators to help each other improve access to Water and Sanitation (WSS) Services for all through Water Operators' Partnerships (WOPs). WOPs are peer-support arrangements between two or more water and/or sanitation operators, carried out on a not-for-profit basis, with the objective of strengthening their capacity.

NCWSC being a beneficiary of the GWOPA/WOPs program saw the need of having an independent external evaluation with the aid of a consultant for future planning and commitment to similar programs.

A systematic and in-depth discussion on the Performance Improvement Plans (PIP) and implementation plan was done and it was appreciated that most of the activities find anchorage of NCWSC Strategic Business Plan 2014/2015 to 2018/019. However, it was noted that although the PIP envisaged to reduce Non Revenue Water (NRW) to 16%, in line with the NCWSC current Strategic Business Plan, this may require a lot of funding and likely may not be achievable. These among other issues were discussed.



NCWSC staff pose for a photo with the consultant to mark the end of the GWOPA/WOPs evaluation workshop held at Nairobi

KARIOBANGI HOSTS ENG. GICHUKI FOR GOAT EATING

The staff of Kariobangi recently hosted the Managing Director Eng. Philip Gichuki for a goat eating ceremony in recognition of his efforts in facilitating staff working in the sewerage activities that has resulted in improved productivity.

Environment and Compliance Manager Eng. Lucy Njambi used the occasion to enumerate some of the key success that have been attained in the sewer department such as internal trainings of staff on preventive maintenance, effluent and process control unit that is fully operational and the present proposal to the Board of Management for the Department to become a Sewerage and Environment Directorate that has since been approved.

Some of the challenges the staff face are lack of maps in the offices and lack of information management system and inadequate working space leading to congestion.

In attendance was Technical Director Eng. Nahashon Muguna who urged the staff to do their best in their various fields to enable the Company fulfill its mandate of providing water and sewerage services to the residents of Nairobi City County.