



# WATER NEWS UPDATE

## BOOST FOR NCWSC AS IT RECEIVES FUNDING FOR NRW



*Managing Director, Eng. Nahason Muguna, chairs a meeting with representatives from African Development Bank (AfDB) and Athi Water Works Development Agency (AWWDA) on reduction of Non-Revenue Water.*

The French Development Agency (Afd) has approved a funding request put forth by the Company through the Athi Water Works Development Agency (AWWDA).

The Kes 1.152 billion fund is intended to assist the utility in Capacity Building and Non-Revenue Water Management to reduce the current NRW figures by at least 20% in five years. NRW level currently stands at 47.03%. This will result in growth in revenue of the company from the current level by approximately Kes 120 million.

It is proposed that through the funding, there will be a Technical Assistance (TA) to NCWSC for the implementation of the short-term NRW interventions, project management and capacity building.

The role of the Consultant in the TA will be to offer overall guidance and supervision in the studies and activities while the NCWSC staff will carry out the installations, data capture, collation and analysis as part of their on-job training during the assignment. The NCWSC staff will therefore be attached to all facets of the assignment, to enhance their skills.

The TA will include but not limited to the following tasks; study of apparent water loss and intermittent water supply (IWS) in NCWSC jurisdiction; review of hydraulic boundaries; metering as well as preparation of an apparent water loss (AWL) and real water loss (RWL) control strategy.

Others include: assisting in the implementation of NRW management action plan, training and capacity building and water network management software.

Non-revenue water (NRW) is basically produced, cleaned water which is lost somewhere in the water distribution system, never reaching its final destination, the customer. This high level of water losses is one of the major challenges facing water utilities across the world.

Non-Revenue Water Manager, Eng. John Otieno, called for collaboration and concerted efforts by staff to reduce Non-Revenue Water.

"Successful reduction of Non-Revenue Water is not the role of one Department but the responsibility of all staff in NCWSC. This is therefore, a call to all of us to plug into this project and together fight and slay the NRW giant and achieve a reliable and equitable supply of water to our customers." He said.

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## NCWSC HOSTS WASPA BI-MONTHLY MEETING



*NCWSC Managing Director, Eng. Nahason Muguna , gives his remarks during the WASPA Bi-monthly meeting*

The Company recently hosted Water Service Providers Association's bi-monthly meeting to discuss various issues affecting the water and sanitation sector in the country.

Some of the issues discussed were: water tariffs and levies, projects and programmes rolled out by various water service providers, capacity building amongst others.

NCWSC Managing Director, Eng. Nahason Muguna, said the water utilities were worst hit Covid-19 pandemic.

"As WASPA members, we are all aware of the many challenges and milestones we have achieved in the sector over the years and needless to say the COVID-19 pandemic was one we were all unprepared for." He said.

He also applauded the Water Service Providers for their efforts in containing the spread of the pandemic through water provision.

"In some of our jurisdictions some WSP's went ahead to and continue providing free water services to informal areas and vulnerable groups." He added

Water Services Providers Association (WASPA), was registered in November, 2002 under the Societies Act (CAP 108), Laws of Kenya as an association of Water Services Providers (WSPA's) in the country. It is a forum for water companies to consolidate the knowledge and share experiences

## NCWSC GEARS UP FOR WASCO GAMES

Preparations for participation in the 11th Edition of Water Sports Companies Organization (WASCO) to be hosted by Kisumu Water and Sanitation Company Ltd (KIWASCO) have begun in earnest.

Wasco Secretary General Joseph Kihara said inter-regions competitions, is scheduled to take place from 28<sup>th</sup> March -1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 in the run up for Wasco games set for 18<sup>th</sup> April- 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022.

"The unique thing about the 11th edition is that all players and participants will be required to be fully vaccinated in line with the Ministry of Health Covid-19 protocols. We have also for the first time introduced golf for Managing Directors, beach volleyball and para games for players with disabilities. Choir and Traditional dancers have also been slotted in to compete." He said

Embu Water and Sanitation Company Ltd played host to the last edition and the Company emerged the best overall team after previous successful outings in Thika, Nakuru, Nairobi, Eldoret, Machakos, Mombasa and Nzoia water companies.

The games to be featured are: football, netball, volleyball, athletics, badminton, darts, pool, ajua, chess, scramble, draught, table tennis, athletics, choir and traditional dancers.

The aim of the sporting activities is to bring water companies together from their normal formal job setting and give them a platform; where they can share ideas on improving service delivery, compete among them, exposing new talents as well as nurture them.



*NCWSC players and participants in procession during a past WASCO edition*



## NCWSC HANDBALLER FETED AS TOP PLAYER FOR DECEMBER 2021



*Brenda Ariviza pose for a photo with the award*

Nairobi Waters handball player Brenda Ariviza was recently named the LG/Sports Journalists Association of Kenya (SJAK) Player of the month for December 2021.

The award for the handballer follows her stellar performance in last year's regional club championships held in Dar-es-salaam, Tanzania, where she helped her side Nairobi Water Queens to defend the continental women's title.

Ariviza was rewarded a personalized trophy and an LG SolarDOM oven by LG East Africa Marketing Director, Changhyun Kim at Nyayo National Stadium.

"I am so happy to win this award; I did not expect it. This is the first time I am appreciated at home and this will motivate me as the season starts. I thank my coach and teammates for their hard work and support. Our goal is to win more titles for our country, this year we will work hard to defend the title," Ariviza said.

On his part, Kim said the company is glad to witness growing numbers of upcoming and talented sportsmen and women across diverse disciplines which is encouraging as it is a sign of the country's diverse sporting heritage.

"We congratulate Ariviza and wish her well in her future endeavors. I salute her for her achievements and for making Kenya proud. The award celebrates talented Kenyan sportsmen and women for their accomplishments," Mr. Kim said.

To win the coveted monthly award, Ariviza beat among others, swimmer Victoria Okumu who won three freestyle events at the CANA Zone 3 Championships in Uganda and was the top Kenyan performer at the event.

## PICTORIAL



*Participants follow a presentation on Non-Revenue Water made by Non-Revenue Water Manager, Eng. John Otieno.*



*Water Sports Companies Organization (WASCO), Secretary General, Joseph Kihara, makes his remarks during the WASPA bi-monthly meeting in regards to the preparation and participation by utilities during 11th edition of WASCO games.*



*Handballers pose for a photo with Brenda Ariviza led by LG East Africa Marketing Director, Changhyun Kim (6th right) and Human Resource Manager, Titus Tuitoek (7th left) at Nyayo National Stadium.*



*Informal Settlement Region and Non-Revenue Water Department staff extends Christmas cheer to Imani Children's home in Kayole Soweto last year*