



# WATER NEWS UPDATE

## NCWSC TO SEAL DEAL WITH KEWI



*Managing Director, Eng. Nahason Muguna, chairs a meeting with representatives from Kenya Water Institute to deliberate on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding ( MoU)*

The Company held talks with Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) with a view to signing a Memorandum of Understanding (Mou) on areas of mutual interest.

The partnership is expected to contribute to enhanced cooperation and partnership between the two institutions geared towards enhancing provision of water and sewerage services in the city while offering an opportunity for students to acquire hands-on training.

The Managing Director, Eng. Nahason Muguna welcomed the proposal saying it will bridge the existing gap between the learning institution and the industry.

"We welcome the collaboration as this will expose the learners to the emerging trends in the industry. As an institution, we have been toying with the idea of establishing a water academy. I hope that through the partnerships we can learn more that mutually benefit the two institutions." He said.

According to KEWI, the pact is informed by the rising number of students, challenges in water provision by Water Service Providers, emerging issues and rapid changes in technology and the limitations of the learning institution to make it competitive enough to address the need for practical requirements in training and research.

Other activities to be undertaken jointly include: collaboration in capacity building, operation and maintenance, reduction of Non-Revenue Water levels, meter reading as well as establishment of water safety plans.

Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) is a water training and research institute formed by an Act of Parliament in Kenya, KEWI Act (No.11 of 2001) as a semi-autonomous corporate body.



*Ag. Director Human Resource and Administration Services, Monica Tuli and Ag. Technical Director, Eng. Lucy Njambi, converse with Mr. Eric Wamiti - Ag. Deputy Director Academic Affairs (Left) and Mr. Leonard Makokha - Ag. Deputy Director Research, Consultancy and Technical Services (2nd Left) at KEWI.*

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## NCWSC PARTICIPATES IN TREE PLANTING EXERCISE



*NCWSC staff led by Thika Dam Coordinator Job Kihamba joins other stakeholders in tree planting exercise at Kimakia forest, a source for Kiama and Kimakia rivers.*

The Company recently participated in a tree planting exercise at Ndakani Primary School organized by Kenya Forest Service (KFS) in collaboration with Platinum Insurance Company.

A total of 1200 seedlings were planted with additional 230 seedlings donated by Ndakaini Dam Environmental Conservation Association (Ndeka) for planting at the learning institution.

NCWSC also joined British American Tobacco Kenya PLC (BAT Kenya) for a tree planting event at their Thika Town offices to commemorate world environment day. Other stakeholders present during the event were :Kiambu County Government, Thika Water & Sewerage Company Ltd, Kenya Wildlife Service and Kenya Forest Service (KFS).

The cigarettes and tobacco manufacturer plans to plant 2 million seedlings annually countrywide. They donated 2,000 seedlings to the Company for planting at Ndakaini Dam.

Thika Dam Coordinator, Job Kihamba ,and a team from Environment Department represented the Company in the two tree planting events.



*Thika Dam Coordinator Job Kihamba and Schola Ngari of Environment Department pose for a photo with BAT (K) , Managing Director, Crispin Achola (centre) after donating 2,000 tree seedlings to NCWSC.*



*Thika Dam Coordinator Job Kihamba poses for a photo with pupils of Ndakaini Primary School*



## LUSAKA WATER BENCHMARKS WITH NCWSC



*Lusaka Water Supply and Sanitation Company delegation led by its Commercial Services Director, Dennis Malambo ( left, seated) poses for a photo with NCWSC staff . The benchmarking sessions were led by Commercial Director, Eng. Stephen Mbugua and Customer Relations Manager, Rose Kariuki at Panari Hotel, Nairobi.*

The Company recently hosted Dennis Malambo, Director Commercial Services and team from Lusaka Water Supply & Sanitation Company for benchmarking on Billing and ICT, Customer Care and Human Resources.

The team was received by the Commercial Director Eng. Stephen Mbugua who was representing the Managing Director. The guests were taken through a brief of the organization and ownership, Board and Governance, operational structures, business units and departments, service coverage and human resource manpower.

They also toured the Informal Settlement Region, Central Region, as well as the Company data center to familiarize themselves with the various aspects of Billing and Meter Reading, Customer Care, ICT and business operations.

The Lusaka Director was appreciative of the efficiency and effectiveness of the technologies adopted by the organization. " We are really impressed by the level of automation that the Company gone ahead to implement" He said. He further thanked the organization for the learning opportunity and hospitality given to him and team.



*Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Manager, Mbutu Mwaura, does a presentation to the delegates.*



*ICT Director, Martin Nang'ole takes the Lusaka Water Supply and Sanitation Company delegates on a guided tour of the ICT server room .*



## NCWSC MARKS MADARAKA DAY



*NCWSC Choir members led by its director Francis Keya, entertains the public during the Madaraka Day celebrations at Kapsabet Showground, Nandi County.*

The Company choir celebrated the 59<sup>th</sup> Madaraka Day at Kapsabet Showground, Nandi County.

The team led by choir patron, Mary Makindu, paid a courtesy call to the Nandi County Commissioner, Herman Shambi, on the eve of the celebrations and thanked him for the warm reception.

"We are happy for the warm welcome that the residents of this place has accorded us. We have been able to interact well with them since we arrived. We are safe and secure and there is no cause for alarm thus far." She said.

The event was presided over by the Commissioner and attended by the locals, security administration, political and church leaders, current and past athletes amongst others.

Mr. Shambi thanked the Company for gracing the occasion saying the issue of security is important factor during the conceptualization and implementation of water and sanitation programmes.

"We are glad and honored to host you for Madaraka Day celebrations here in Nandi County. Your presence reminds me that we should at all times consider the element of security when coming up with water projects as it is very sensitive touching on millions of lives. We look forward to seeing you entertain us" He said

The team sung "Chombo Cha Amani", "Uzalendo", "Tuishangilie Kenya" and "Maji ni Uha" during the occasion.

The Presidential Events Co-ordination Unit, Co-ordinatator, T.Wasonga,MBS,OGW,said the corporate choir had been selected for its excellence in music.

" Your choir being one of the most outstanding choral groups currently, has been identified to go and entertain dignitaries and the public in Nandi County during this year's Madaraka Day celebrations on 1<sup>st</sup> June,2022" the invitation read in part.

The aim of sending choral groups to various counties is to enhance national cohesion and promote peaceful co-existence more so as the Country gears up for the General Elections on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August, 2022.

The Company choir is a member to Parastatals, Ministries and County Choirs Organization in Kenya (PAMICCO) operating under the auspices of Permanent Presidential Music Commission (PPMC).

Just recently, NCWSC staff Francis Keya and Rose Muniafu, were elected unopposed as National Organizing Secretary and National Vice Secretary respectively during the PAMICCO National Executive Committee (NEC) Elections



*NCWSC Choir officials led by its patron Mary Makindu pose for a photo with Nandi County Commissioner Herman Shambi when they paid him a courtesy call*