



WATER NEWS UPDATE

NCWSC MARKS WORLD WATER DAY 2019



Director for Programmes and Strategic Initiatives Dr. Agnes Yobteric (second right) and Corporate Affairs Manager Mbaruku Vyakweli launches the Telemetric River Gauging Stations at Ndakaini Dam. Looking on are: Prof. Bancy Mati. (far left) Director, Water Research and Resource Center (WARREC), Thika Dam Coordinator Job Kihamba (second left) and Administrative Officer I Daniel Mwendwa at Murang'a County.

The Company in collaboration with Upper Tana-Nairobi Water Fund marked the annual World Water Day with the launch of Telemetric River Gauging Station at Thika Dam.

The telemetric stations are designed to relay on-line data from the source to the office thus saving the Company resources and ensuring timely management decisions in day-to-day operations.

Water and Sanitation Cabinet Secretary Simon Chelugui presided over the national celebrations at Kakamega County, Matungu Sub-Location, Ejinja Primary School saying the day is critical to the attainment of vision 2030.

"This day is meant to prepare and light the populations on how we will manage water in the future. This year's World Water Day theme "Leaving no one behind" adapts the central promise of the vision 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that states everyone must benefit. The aim of Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6) is to ensure availability and sustainable management of water for all by 2030."

He added that the ministry continues to face major challenges such as diminishing water resources, ever increasing national population and severe drought cycles in its endeavor to ensure water security.

More than 5,000 tree seedlings were planted at Ndakaini Primary School during the event attended by Water and Sanitation Ministry officials, environmentalist and students. The Chief Guest for the event was Environment and Forestry Principal Secretary Dr. Ibrahim M. Mohamed represented by Director for Programmes and Strategic Initiatives Dr. Agnes Yobteric.

"Kenya is classified as water scarce country and we should all strive to conserve our water resources. The right to safe drinking water is a basic right enshrined in the constitution and Bill of Rights." She said

She added that the government has rolled out programmes aimed at safeguarding environment for posterity.

"We have rolled out green school programmes that is aimed at inculcating environmental care and stewardship for future generation including water harvesting."

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 Corporate Affairs Manager Mbaruku Vyakweli, Ag. Environment & Compliance Manager Felix Lukwa and Thika Dam Coordinator Job Kihamba.



Director for Programmes and Strategic Initiatives Dr. Agnes Yobteric, waters a tree seedling she planted to commemorate the World Water Day 2019



Thika Dam Coordinator Job Kihamba fields questions on the operations of the Dam from the participants of the World Water Day 2019.



Thika Dam Technician Water Supervisor David Mbugua demonstrates how Telemetric River Gauging Stations operates .



Prof. Bancy Mati , Director, Water Research and Resource Center (WARREC) plants a tree



Director for Programmes and Strategic Initiatives Dr. Agnes Yobteric addresses students of Ndakaini Primary and Secondary schools .



Students of Ndakaini Primary school pose for a group photo with water sector stakeholders to mark the World Water Day 2019



NCWSC staff led by Corporate Affairs Manager Mbaruku Vyakweli and Ag. Environment and Compliance Manager Felix Lukwa pose for photo after participating in a tree planting exercise at Ndakaini Primary .