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Embrace Teamwork and Deliver Institutional Credibility, CEO urges KEWI Trainers



KEWI CEO Dr. Leiro Letangule addresses KEWI trainers under the Academic Affairs Division in Nairobi.

BY PIUS KIMANI

Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) Chief Executive Officer Dr. Leiro Letangule has called upon KEWI trainers to ensure that all is done to enhance and safeguard the training credibility of the institute.

While addressing a meeting of members of the Academic Affairs Division drawn from all the 4 campuses in Nairobi, Dr. Letangule has hailed the team

for its commitment and sacrifices towards making the critical role of disseminating knowledge to students a smooth one. This, he said, is despite some challenges that stood their way threatening to soil the credibility of the examination process within the institute.

“I thank you for the commitments that you have made towards safeguarding the credibility of this institution. We rely on you to enhance this

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Section of staff under the Academic Affairs Division during their meeting at KEWI, Nairobi Campus.

critical role and I call upon you all to continue giving your best to enhance this as we make KEWI a great institution.” He said.

Dr. Leiro who expressed his willingness to steer the institution into a future that will guarantee every graduate a place in the industry called all the trainers to bring the best foot forward and ensure that their respective areas of expertise delivered the best. He added that this was only possible if commitment and teamwork was employed while discharging the duties. He called upon the staff to

approach and discharge their duties in a more focused way.

“We have to see how we can achieve and deliver much of our activities using the available resources. I urge all of ourselves to keep doing the best so that we can move this institution forward.” Dr. Letangule remarked.

While noting that the institution had a great role of training, examining and certifying its trainees in the water sector, Dr. Letangule urged the trainers, with the help of his office and that of the deputy director Academic Affairs, to help strongly

safeguard the institutes examination process noting that the manner in which the institutes handle its examinations which ultimately lead to certification tells a lot about the capabilities of the institute to offer the best in its core mandate.

“We have been having some challenges on how we handle our examination process but we have to move with speed and streamline this core process because it means a lot when it comes to explaining who we are as an institute.”

He further urged the participants to approach the delivery of lesson contents in a more vibrant manner so as to reflect the changing faces of the industry. This he said would help keep the students updated and abreast with current trends available within their areas of learning and subsequently makes them more relevant once they graduate.

“Let’s approach the training process with a fresh perspective. Let’s keep our training content updated each time we step into lecture rooms so that we can offer the best.

Great hallmarks of a great trainer also include personal presentation, timekeeping and mannerisms, fresh content delivery among many others that help entrench credibility in what we offer." Dr. Letangule implored.

The half day meeting which

came at a time when the institution has instituted a raft of measures including reviewing its policies among them the examinations policy had been convened to take stock of the progresses made towards addressing critical issues of curriculum development, delivery of lessons and credible

examination process.

The meeting also helped raise concerns on other issues which have continually impeded comprehensive delivery of the training mandate which include extra training workshops and laboratories, upgraded lecture rooms among other areas of interest to the division.

CEO Closes a 4 Day New Students Induction Exercise

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Kenya Water Institute's Chief Executive Officer Dr. Leiro Letangule embraced the newest students, inspiring them to embark on a transformative educational experience.

In a speech read on his behalf by Dr. Kimeli Chirchir, Deputy Director, Corporate Services, Dr. Letangule acknowledged the students' choice for selecting KEWI as their training destination and also their parents and guardians for allowing and sponsoring them to come to KEWI.

"Our institute is firmly committed to offering exceptional training that equips you with skills and knowledge you need." He said.

While noting that water knowledge is a critical

component when it comes to accelerating the country's development agenda, the CEO has hailed the new students for choosing to be the next water champions in the country by taking their studies at KEWI.



Dr. Kimeli Chirchir,

In his address, Dr. Letangule stressed that there are opportunities in the water sector and therefore the students should take up the opportunity of their studies to grow and build their careers.

Mr. Eric Wamiti Deputy Director, Academic Affairs welcomed the new students and urged them to clear their school fee on time to avoid loosing on their studies. He requested the students to go out of their ways and apply for Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) and NG- CDF funds to help supplement their efforts of paying for their tuition fee.

Mr. Wamiti further requested the students to familiarize themselves well with KEWI environment, join various clubs in the institute and also participate in Kenya Technical Sports Association (KETISA) which are held in every semester. He also mentioned on the importance of the Student's Constitution that governs the student life.

Navigating the Waters of Climate Change: The Crucial Role of Climate Finance to the Water Sector



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Kenya was honored to host the Africa Climate Summit and Africa

Climate Week from 4-6 September 2023. The continental meet came ahead of the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP 28) to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change which will take place from 30 November until 12 December 2023 at the Expo City Dubai to further help the world unite toward agreement on bold, practical and ambitious solutions to the most pressing global challenge of our time.

Defined by unprecedented global challenges, Africa Climate Summit could not have been convened at a better time. This era has few issues larger than the existential threat of Climate change with its far reaching ecological, economic and social consequences. This has taken center stage not only in global agenda but also in our national conversation.

Mitigation and adaptation measures to address climate change require a multifaceted approach that encompasses

reduction of greenhouse gases and strategies to cope with the inevitable impacts. Within this complex landscape, one critical instrument stands out as a catalyst: climate finance.

Climate finance represents the financial resources to support activities and initiatives that would help to positively accelerate the climate change agenda. The funds are pivotal in mobilizing efforts to combat climate change, drive innovations and foster sustainable development especially in vulnerable regions.

The water sector cannot afford to play a spectators role in this endeavor. This is because it is a custodian

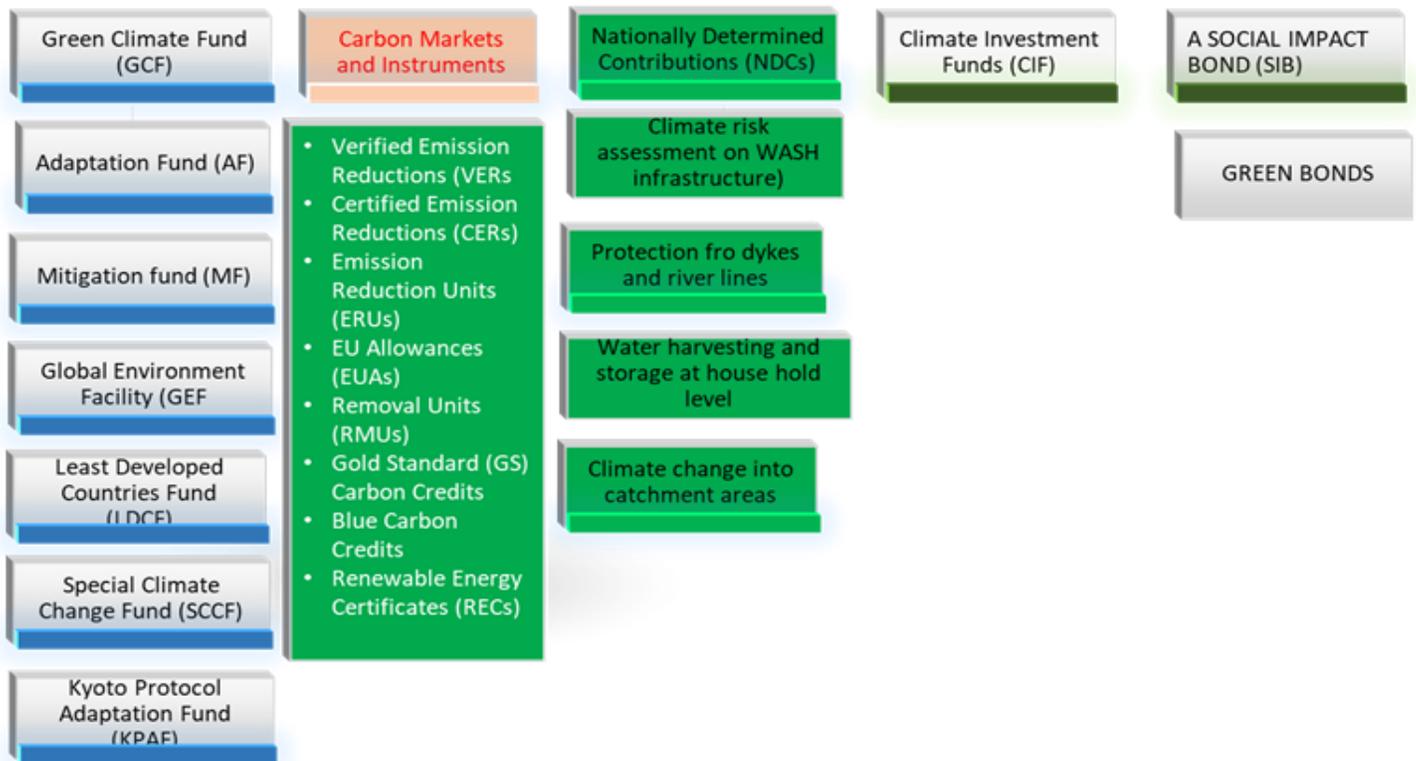
institution of largest stake of the ecological makeup of the planet and is therefore tasked in shaping the response to climate crisis. Understanding the dynamics of the profound intersection between climate change and climate finance we can therefore gain insight into how as a nation, communities and individuals work together leveraging access to climate financing to support the water sector build resilience.

Attracting climate financing for water sector can be achieved by implementing strategies and initiatives for developing climate resilient water infrastructure. A number of water sector projects qualify for climate financing. Climate resilient infrastructure which



President William Ruto addressing delegates during the recently concluded Africa Climate Summit in Nairobi.

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A flow chart diagram of the climate financing model.

enhance water efficiency and conservation, integrated water resource management programs, natural and ecosystem-based adaptation infrastructure, water recycling and reuse initiatives, climate resilient irrigation systems (agriculture) are among interventions that require a financial intervention in a bid to help address the vagaries of climate change.

Projects that reduce vulnerability of communities like flood and risk reduction, access to safe drinking water and sanitation, research and data collection for effective adaptation strategies,

capacity building and institutional strengthening also stand out as key interventions that can be used to plan, implement and manage climate resilient water projects.

Leveraging international climate funds is a simple yet complex undertaking including project preparation, alignment with climate objectives and engagement with climate finance institutions.

Exploring them requires meticulous scrutiny and identification of funds which guide proposals that priorities and align them to water sector pro-

jects.

Successful implementation of the projects is pegged on building partnerships and technical networks with relevant multi-sectoral stakeholders i.e. public, private and communities as this enhances credibility.

Engagement with national designated authorities is paramount. The sector should steer towards being accredited by build its own technical capacity and demonstrate the ability through stakeholders consultation in the funding proposals.

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Ms. Naomi Jelimo (seated right), Manager Human Resource and Administration on a familiarization visit at KEWI Chiakariga Campus.

Quote of the Week

“Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

-Muriel Strode.

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Round Up of the Week's Events



Above: New students during orientation exercise across KEWI Campuses.



*Right and Left :
A group photo of KEWI
staff and management
during the 12th Mara
Day Celebrations in
Serengeti, Tanzania*



Long - Term Programmes

Diploma in Water Engineering Technology (DWET) Diploma in Wastewater
 Diploma in Water, Sanitation Engineering Technology (DWSET)
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 Diploma in Irrigation and Drainage Engineering Technology (DIDET)
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 Certificate in Water Engineering Technology (CWET)
 Drilling Operations and Management (DOM)
 Plumbing and Pipe Fitting (PPF)
 Water Operators Course (WOC) in:

- Water Supply
- Meter Reading
- Sewerage Operations

Short - Term Programmes

Use of Earth Observation Tools and GIS for Water Resources Management
 Entrepreneurship and Financial Management for Water Managers
 Operation and Maintenance of Water Supply Networks
 Metering and Installation of Water Supply Networks
 Leak Detection & Repair techniques
 Drilling Operations and Management (DOM)
 Operation & Maintenance of Pumping Stations
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