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## Measuring Success: KEWI Takes a Closer Look at Performance Contract with an Evaluation Exercise



*From Left;  
Deputy Director  
Academic Affairs  
Mr. Eric Wamiti,  
PSPMS  
Evaluator Mr.  
Mourice Raryeah  
and PSPMS  
Moderator Ms.  
Mary Lokoro  
during the  
Performance  
Contract  
Evaluation.*

BY DORINE EVA

In an era where accountability and excellence are paramount in the government, Kenya Water Institute has once again reaffirmed its commitment to delivering outstanding results after it held a Performance Evaluation Exercise to confirm the scores as per the achievement of the Financial Year 2022/2023.

The primary objective of this performance contract

evaluation which was to assess how well KEWI has met its predefined goals and objectives within the specified timeframe also aimed to measure progress, identify areas of excellence, and pinpoint opportunities for enhancement.

Presiding over the exercise on behalf of KEWI Chief Executive Officer, the Deputy Director Academic Affairs Mr. Eric Wamiti said that the purpose was to see whether the institute complied with the targets that

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were set.

The Deputy Director Research Consultancy and Technical Services Mr. Nelson Kwamini, in his remarks, said that the exercise was important for the government to measure the performance of the institute. He further confirmed that the Institute was ready to present evidence for the achievement.

The Performance Contract Evaluation exercise was led by Mr. Mourice Raryeah, Public Service Performance Management Service Lead Evaluator and Ms. Mary Lokoro Public Service Performance Management Service Moderator both from the Office of the Prime Cabinet Secretary.

Mr. Raryeah informed the participants that this was to moderate the scores of self-evaluation as per the evidence documented. The scores were to be awarded for the

achievement and reasons for over/under achievement recorded. He assured KEWI staff that the exercise was not to fault-find, but to ensure effective service delivery among government agencies and corporations.

The evaluation process was a meticulous and in-depth examination of various aspects of the institution from academic performance to administrative efficiency. It involved the assessment of academic achievements, faculty and staff performance, infrastructure and facilities, community engagement initiatives, financial management, and more. This

comprehensive approach allowed the staff involved in Performance Contract to gain a holistic view of the strengths and areas in need of improvement.

The recent performance contract evaluation has not only validated KEWI commitment to excellence but also underscored the significant impact it has had on its students, faculty, and the community at large.

The successful completion of the Performance Contract Evaluation is a significant milestone for KEWI.

*Above and below: Moments during the Performance Contract Evaluation Exercise at KEWI.*



# KEWI Showcases Its Milestones in the Ongoing Nairobi Trade Fair



*Dryden Kazira (in red) listens closely to visitors at the KEWI Exhibition Booth during the Nairobi Trade Fair that is currently underway at Jamhuri Park Show Grounds in Nairobi.*

BY PIUS KIMANI

**K**enya Water Institute (KEWI) is exhibiting its innovations and other related areas at the International Trade Fair currently underway at Jamhuri Park Show Ground in Nairobi.

The annual event which was officially opened by President William Ruto has attracted hundreds of exhibitors both local and global who are

showcasing livestock and crop demonstrations, manufacturers and service industry provisions and international exhibitions.

KEWI exhibition booth has been a beehive of activities as cadres of visitors trooped to sample what was on offer. Students from different schools both primary and secondary have shown great interest in understanding

deeply what training opportunities were available.

With the annual gala scheduled to close on Sunday, KEWI expects to have tapped exceedingly much from such an opportunity to sway Kenyans into consuming her products

During the ongoing show, KEWI has lined up a series of innovations including the famous Smart Irrigation

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*An enthusiastic primary school pupil is taken through the process of Wastewater treatment at the KEWI Exhibition Booth at the ongoing Nairobi Trade Fair in Jamhuri Park Show Ground.*

Project. The project resonated with the expos theme of Promoting Innovation and Technology in Agriculture and Trade.

Here, visitors had a rare chance of understanding first hand how to efficiently use a sensor-triggered irrigation technology that helps conserve water. The system allows a sensor to detect the level of moisture levels in soil and relay the information to a data board. If the levels of the moisture content in the soil are not enough to facilitate plant growth, the system triggers a tap on the pumping machine which consecutively allows the

water to start dripping on the soil and only stops when it detects that it's enough for plant growth.

Visitors and especially from dry areas of the country were keen to tap on the technology one produced in large scale to help conserve the little water they get.

Visitors were equally elated to learn of how water is treated from the source to their taps through various stages. The experts explained in details how through each chamber, water was treated and its quality improved to guarantee cleanliness.

Talking during the exhibition, Mr. Walter Oswaga a Water Engineering Technician who is also the part of the team leading the exhibition noted that it was of great importance to frequently participate in such events as it greatly helps the institution and get the necessary exposures and marketing opportunities.

“An event of this nature is good for us as we get a marketing mileage that can help us score a big one in marketing our services.” He said.

# When the Strange Sport Became an Opportunity to Fly Outside the Country



*Vincent Kiptoo (Second from left) with his colleagues in this group photo.*

## BY VINCENT KIPTOO

**F**ew weeks ago, I got a rare chance of being part of the team that represented Kenya in a Floorball competition in Ivory Coast. Such are chances that I never dreamt of even in my wildest dreams.

When floorball was introduced in the campus, we were skeptical of it. We couldn't understand the nature of this new sporting activity that resembled the traditional hockey game though played slightly differ-

ently. See, this game is played indoors on a gym floor with specialized lightweight sticks and a very light ball and with a goalkeeper without a stick. Majority of us just began participating for the fun of it and would downplay any serious exploit when it came to playing the game fulltime.

However, the game began gaining prominence. I saw an opportunity in it and decided to pursue it wholeheartedly. Who knows, it may open

doors for me and expose me to opportunities that I may not have imagined. And today, I can attest to the fact that I have no regret on that decision.

I am a member of the Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) Floorball team that recently was part of the national team that flew the country flag during the African Championship in Ivory Coast. KEWI is currently the floorball reigning champions in Kenya. I have been part of this growing team since its early

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*Kenya team that represented the country in the recently concluded African Floorball Championships in Ivory Coast.*

days of its inception in 2021. We were first trained by Blackbirds Club which helped recruit some of its members from KEWI.

We have participated in a series of tournaments and league games. This has really helped us hone our skills and gain more experience. This can be testified by the honors of being called up to the national team.

With the great of honors of representing our country internationally in this sport together with my 7 colleagues, we joined the rest of the team members from other institutions for preparations at Indoor Arena, Moi International Sports Center Kasarani for trainings ahead of the games. The beauty of it all is that I was made the team captain.

On 13<sup>th</sup> of this month, we flew to Abidjan. Here, we required culture orientation exercise. I learned some French words that are regularly used on a daily basis in this Western Africa nation. I sampled their cuisine. That's a story for another day. Back to business.

Being the reigning African Champions, a title Kenya took in 2019 before the tournament took a break due to the Covid-19 pandemic; we really had an uphill task of defending the title. We had to pull all the tricks to try retaining the title we won in Nairobi in 2019.

We faced off with Burkina Faso in our first match where we unfortunately lost. We however got a reprieve when

we thrashed Morocco but again lost to our hosts' during the semifinals who faced off the Burkinabe team in finals.

Our ladies team battled up to the finals where they also played with Burkina Faso before equally losing through penalty shootouts. It may have not gone how we wished but we came back with enough lessons to help us in our next assignment.

We managed to bring home silver and bronze trophies for ladies and men respectively and also took accolades for the Most Valuable Player (MVP) and Best Defender positions in ladies categories.

It was a great exposure. We can only afford to become

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better in the coming days. Who knows, greater opportunities may come our way through this sport.

I urge all of my colleagues to exploit their talents take new challenges and explore what opportunities such explorations bring.

Sports are a lucrative income earner and if well considered, can be a life changer.

To the entire KEWI management and administration, we sincerely thank you for your support.



*Vincent Kiptoo is a Diploma in Water Engineering student at KEWI, Nairobi Campus*

## Quote of the Week

“It takes 20 years to build a reputation and five minutes to ruin it. If you think about that, you will do things differently.”

**-Warren Buffett.**

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# Round Up of the Week's Events



*African Development Bank (AfDB) officials when they met with the KEWI Project Implementation Team to assess the progress of the AfDB*



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