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KEWI joins a Meeting of Minds and a Commitment to Excellence



From left seated: CS Zacharia Mwangi Njeru, Hon. Patrick Musili Mbangula. From left standing: Eng. SAO Alima, PS Julius Korir, Dr. Leiro Letangule, Mr. Nelson Kwamini and Dr. Mathew K. Chirchir.

BY PIUS KIMANI

The Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Water Sanitation and Irrigation Mr. Zacharia Mwangi Njeru called for a meeting with the Principal Secretaries from the two State Departments under the Ministry, Chairpersons and Chief Executive Officers from the respective agencies to get a

brief on the status of projects and programmes that are being implemented by the Agencies and the Authorities, and signing of Performance Contracts.

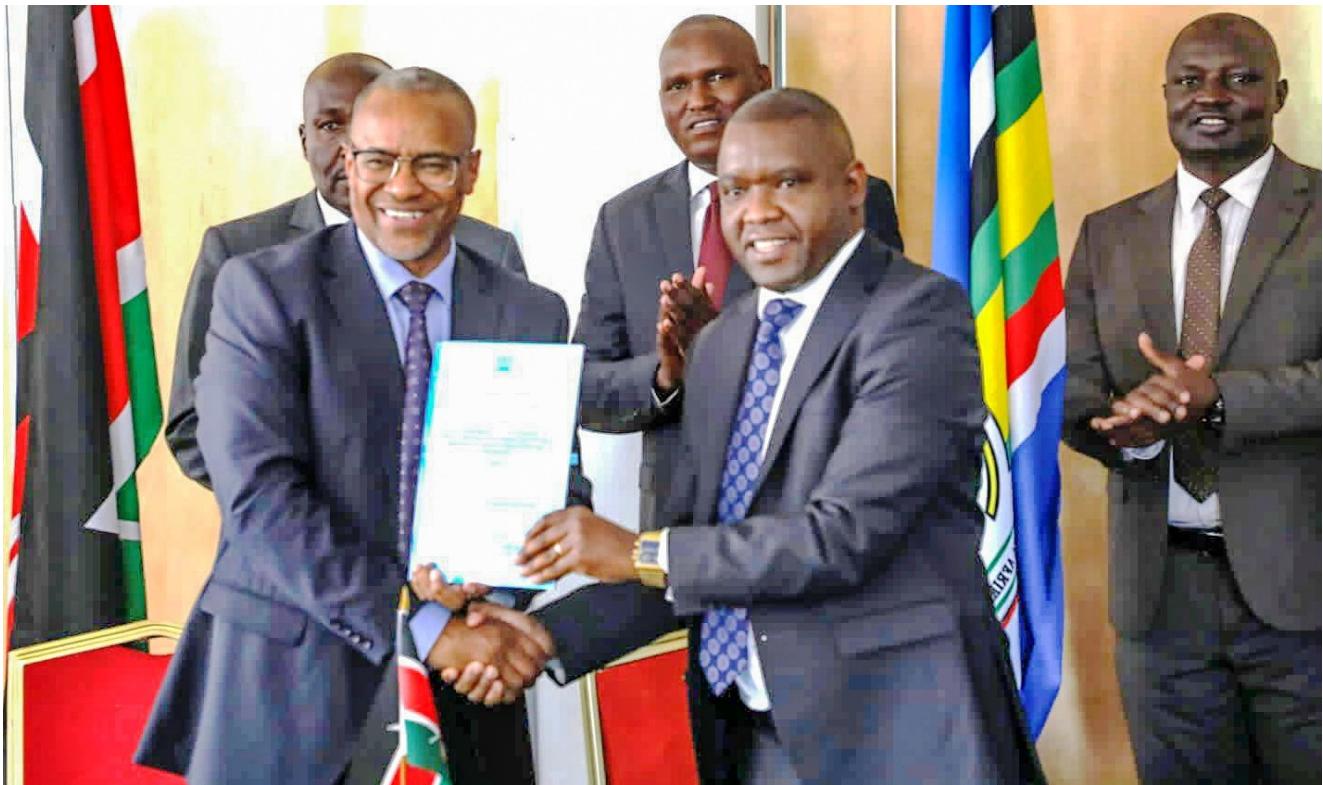
KEWI CEO Dr. Leiro Letangule, accompanied by Hon. Patrick Musili Mbangula briefed the Cabinet Secretary on the status of the Institute.

The presentations were based on the mandate, area of

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coverage, pending legal issues, human resource issues, His Excellency Directives, Performance Contract, annual budgets, communication strategy, parliamentary issues, governance, projects (completed, ongoing and stalled) key achievements in the last two years and challenges.

In his remarks, the Cabinet Secretary pledged open-door policy and assured them of their support and cooperation. He added that most of the Ministry's work henceforth will be seen in the field where most of the services are required.

Kenya Water Institute
Governing Council
Chairperson Hon. Patrick

Musili Mbangula led the institute in signing the Performance Contract on behalf of the Governing Council and management with the Cabinet Secretary.

The Performance Contract is a roadmap of set of targets that aid KEWI and Ministry of Water Sanitation and irrigation as a whole in accomplishing its mandate to contribute to national development by promoting and supporting KEWI management.

In the process of signing, KEWI commits to discharge obligations, rights and duties under commitment with the management and cascade to members of staff. This is achieved through principles of contracting that states, "What gets measured, gets done."

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The purpose of the Performance Contract is to establish the basis for ensuring that efficient and effective services are delivered to Kenyans in line with provisions of the constitution.

Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDA's) are required to adopt systems that enable innovativeness and adaptability of public services to the needs of users; hence the contract represents the basis for continuous performance of the MDA's.

Above: CS Zachariah Mwangi Njeru and Hon. Patrick Mbangula during the signing of the Performance Contract.

From Strategy to Execution: Meeting held to gain Insights into Daily Departmental Operations



KEWI Deputy Directors and Heads of Departments during the meeting .

BY DORINE EVA

In a proactive move towards enhancing the efficiency and productivity of our esteemed institute, the Deputy Directors and Heads of Departments (HODs) convened a crucial meeting to assess the daily operations and activities across various departments.

The meeting marked a significant step towards achieving a more streamlined and well-coordinated approach to academic and administrative functions.

The meeting began with a comprehensive review of the Institute's current activities, with a specific focus on the various departments and their daily operation and was chaired by Deputy Director Research, Consultancy and Technical Services Mr. Nelson

Kwamini, who recognized the importance of ensuring that all departments work cohesively towards common goals, aiming to provide an outstanding academic experience for students and facilitate smoother administrative processes.

One of the primary objectives of the meeting was to foster better communication and collaboration between departments. The attendees discussed the importance of creating a conducive environment for cross-departmental information sharing and cooperation. By doing so, the institute aims to eliminate duplication of efforts, reduce bottlenecks, and enhance the overall efficiency of the institute.

During the meeting, the Deputy Directors and HODs

took the opportunity to critically evaluate the existing processes and procedures within their respective departments.

This evaluation aimed to identify any redundancies, bottlenecks, or areas where improvements could be made. The collaborative effort allowed the leaders to brainstorm and devise strategies to optimize workflow and streamline daily activities.

In closing, the Deputy Directors and HODs affirmed their commitment to a culture of continuous improvement. Regular follow-up meetings will be scheduled to monitor the progress of these initiatives and address any challenges that may arise.

The institute's leadership is dedicated to fostering an environment of excellence and innovation, where staff can work together to achieve common goals.

The meeting to assess daily departmental activities stands as a testament to the institute's unwavering commitment to excellence and its dedication to making continuous improvements that benefit both staff and students.

By working together, the institute is poised to achieve even greater success in the future.

Institute Joins the World to Mark World Mental Health Day



Ms Trizah Mwangi, a Senior Public Education and Advocacy Officer ,NACADA during the World Mental Health Day in Nairobi Campus.

BY P. KIMANI & E. RONEX

Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) Chief Executive Officer Dr. Leiro Letangule has assured both the staff and students that the Council and Management of the institute is committed to comply with the Kenya Health Policy, 2014-2030 that gives directions to ensure significant reduction in the overall ill health in Kenya.

In a speech read on his behalf by the Deputy Director, Research, Consultancy and Technical Services, Mr. Nelson Kwamini during the

commemoration of the World Mental Health Day at KEWI Main Campuses and its three other satellite campuses, the CEO said that in support of this sector commitment under the government stewardship, KEWI is in the process of coming up with various policy documents so as to effectively address the intent of KEWI.

“The policy drafts are at advanced stages of review in readiness for validation process in the months of October and November, 2023 through public participation by various stakeholders, the key stakeholders of which are

the entire community-students and staff.” his speech read.

Dr. Letangule stated that he was committed to do everything possible to make both the study and the working environment at KEWI remained comfortable and conducive to the highest standards possible.

“As the management, we are really concerned about your success and hence will ensure mental health and wellness programs are streamlined in all our operations.” He added

While noting that the event was meant to ensure that no

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member of KEWI community is left out of the sensitization campaign and thus ensuring that mental health is valued, promoted and protected and that everyone can exercise their human rights and access quality mental health care they need, Dr. Letangule said that he was sure members will pick vital lessons based on their different experiences so as to acquaint themselves with the policies and measures the government had put in place to protect persons living with mental health challenges.

“...share with us your various experiences...what you have learnt over the years, strate-



gies you use to solve conflicts, the rights affiliated with mental health issues that are denied your subjects and how they cope with them...”

Dr. Letangule challenged the participants to rise above

the vagaries of mental stress and deny the struggles they go through to define them.

“Taking care of your mental health is an act of self-love.”

Quote of the Week

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

-Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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Round Up of the Week's Events



Training sessions of the just concluded Safe Toilets (SATO) trainings funded by Africa Development Bank. (AfDB).

Long - Term Programmes

Diploma in Water Engineering Technology (DWET) Diploma in Wastewater
 Diploma in Water, Sanitation Engineering Technology (DWSET)
 Diploma in Water Resources Management Technology (DWRMT)
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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
 Pump Selection, Installation and Maintenance
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