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National tree planting drive launched

President Uhuru Kenyatta launched the national tree planting drive at Nairobi Moi Forces Academy on 12th May 2018. The event was attended Deputy President William Ruto, First Lady Margaret Kenyatta, Governor Nairobi County, various Cabinet Secretaries and other government officials.



President Uhuru Kenyatta, First Lady Margaret Kenyatta and Deputy President William Ruto are received by DG NEMA Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu, Chairman, John Konchellah and Ms. Anne Owino when they visited the NEMA stand [PHOTO: A. MWANGI/NEMA]

The President also launched a campaign to cleanup Nairobi City at the Juja, Outering road roundabout that was organized by NEMA and Nairobi County.

The President regretted that the city was falling under the weight of garbage and reckless dumping of chemicals and other hazardous industrial waste on roads and rivers. He went ahead to demand the Governor of Nairobi County, Mike Sonko to ensure that all the sub counties in Nairobi are cleaned up.

NEMA also mounted a successful exhibition where the Authority had a rare opportunity to explain to the President and his deputy the mandate of NEMA and some of its recent undertakings such as plastic bags ban implementation.



President Uhuru Kenyatta leads other government officials in a cleanup exercise at Juja Road [PHOTO: A. MWANGI/NEMA]

During the event, the president announced the establishment of Presidential Environment Awards Scheme that will go towards recognizing individual's contributions in the management and conservation of the environment.



Senior Government officials waiting for H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta during a cleanup at Juja Road [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]

The government plans to plant at least 1.8 billion trees by 2022. The tree planting

drive was replicated in 47 counties and targets to boost the country's forest cover by 10 percent by 2022. This year's theme was, 'Panda Miti, Penda Kenya' that saw Kenyans mobilized from all over the country to plant trees.



H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta addressing the public during the event [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]

Staff inducted on HR manual

NEMA officials underwent an induction on the role of staff advisory committee from 7th to 11th May 2018 in Kisumu. The training was undertaken by Kenya School of Government (KSG).



NEMA officials during the HRMAC training in Kisumu [PHOTO: C. MBUVI]

The training focused on staff welfare, health and safety; recruitment and selection process; career guidelines, staff training and development; discipline and grievance handling procedures; performance management and succession planning.

The induction also focused on the mandate from the new PSC human resources policy and procedures manual where the

Authority's revised HR policy heavily borrowed from.

Laikipia complies with plastic bags ban

NEMA in conjunction with ward administrators, department of public health, office of the county commissioner have been sensitizing business communities in all market centers in Laikipia East and West on plastic bags ban for the last four months.



R-L. Fanuel Mosago (CDE), Sarah Waruo (CEO), OCS, Inspector at Nyahururu police station after market inspection on the vehicle are confiscated food products in polythene bags [PHOTO: COURTESY]

Although challenges of non-compliance do occur, in Laikipia County residents have highly adhered to the plastic ban. This has been facilitated by continuous monitoring and compliance through routine inspections.

In April 2018, an inspection was done in Nyahururu market to find out the level of compliance among traders. It was noted that there was significant compliance with the ban.

Generally, in Laikipia County there is a high level of compliance with the plastic ban. This has significantly led to a safe, clean and healthy environment especially in the markets, rivers and waterways.

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