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Environment CS, PS meets the board

The Environment and Forestry, Cabinet Secretary, Keriako Tobiko and Principal Secretary, Charles Sunkuli visited NEMA on 19th March 2018.

The CS held a meeting with the NEMA board of management where salient environmental issues facing the country were discussed.



Environment and Forestry CS, Mr. Keriako Tobiko is received by NEMA Chairman, Mr. John Konchellah and NEMA Director General, Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu at NEMA [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]



The meeting in progress at NEMA boardroom [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU]

NEMA Chairman, DG visits Green Park



[L-R] NEMA Board member, Prof. Barnabas Mitaru, Chairman, Mr. John Konchellah and NEMA Director General Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu during a press briefing at Green Park Estate [PHOTO: A. MWANGI/NEMA]

The NEMA Board chairman, John Konchellah and NEMA Director General, Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu visited Green Park Estates on 20th March 2018. This followed heavy rains that resulted in Stoni Athi River bursting its banks that flooded part of the estate.

Speaking at the site, NEMA Chairman stated that Athi plains and the surrounding are low-lying and some even below sea level that may be affected by siltation and debris especially during heavy rains.

According to Prof. Wahungu, the estate observed riparian space as per the license condition.

DG NEMA visits Wetlands international

National Environment Management Authority Director General Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu has lauded

Wetlands International for its great efforts towards the conservation of wetlands in the country, which feeds into the ongoing government efforts to afforest, secure and conserve national water towers and wetlands. The DG pledged his support in implementing the wetlands agenda for this country through wetlands conservation and management.



DG NEMA Prof Geoffrey Wahungu with Wetlands International Regional head, Mrs. Julie Mulonga during the courtesy call [PHOTO: COURTESY]

The DG said this when he made a courtesy call to Wetlands International regional office on Wednesday 14th March 2018, where he held a meeting with the Regional head, Mrs. Julie Mulonga and NEMA Deputy Director, ecosystems Mr. Stephen Katua. "I have come here to assure you of my support in implementing the wetlands agenda in this country through conservation and management," he said this pledging to support Wetlands International achieve its vision and conservation objectives.

During the meeting, Mrs. Mulonga assured the DG of the organizations support in his great plans to streamline environmental conservation initiatives and thanked him for the visit.

She enumerated the successes achieved by Wetlands International in its various project areas, working with NEMA and looks forward for more collaborations and partnerships that will enhance the conservation of wetlands in the country.

Other issues discussed was building partnerships for conservation and

management of wetlands is in the country and how the conservation and management of coastal wetlands and mangroves can improve the coverage of coastal forests in Kenya.

Last year, Wetlands International Kenya and NEMA Kenya signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that provides for collaboration in the implementation of actions towards sustainable management and promotion of "wise use" of wetlands in Kenya.

Currently we are in the process of reviewing the Wetlands, River banks, Lake Shores and Seashore Management Regulations, 2009 to align with the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and the Amended EMCA Cap 387 to provide for the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands and their resources while promoting integration of wetlands resource use into local and national management aspirations.

State of environment in Kirinyaga

Over the last two Financial Years 2016/17 and 2017/18, NEMA, Kirinyaga County Office, with the support of Upper Tana Natural Resource Management Project (UTaNRMP) has carried out State of Environment (SoE) Assessments on 33 Focal Development Areas (FDAs) clustered along the 6 River Basins of the County i.e. Rupingazi, Nyamindi, Thiba, Ragati, Murubara and Rwamuthambi and covering all the 5 Sub-counties i.e. Kirinyaga Central, Kirinyaga East and West and Mwea East and West.

From the exercise, the following issues were highlighted; poor solid management, encroachment of wetlands, deforestation, soil erosion among others.

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