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NEMA Chairman, Mr. John Konchellah chairing the PC meeting at NEMA boardroom [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]

NEMA enforcing plastic bags ban

The ban on plastic bags in Kenya took effect on 28th August 2017. Hence, forth, the Authority has been enforcing the ban to foster compliance in the 47 counties. Hitherto, several arrests have been done in Nairobi and in Counties. Those found using and selling plastic bags are deemed to be in contravention of the law.

The offenders have been arrested and taken to court of law where some have been fined and others are awaiting their verdict in court.

NEMA acts on noise polluting clubs

Despite the devolution of noise pollution function, NEMA remains the principle government instrument for the implementation of all policies relating to environment. With this mandate, the Authority has closed various clubs in Nairobi following numerous complaints from residents about

excessive noise emanating from the clubs. The clubs closed included Kiza Lounge, Space Lounge bar and Grill, Tavern and B-club. The clubs lacked recommended sound proof systems hence causing extreme loud noises. The clubs were demanded to immediately close until they satisfactorily comply with the law provisions on noise pollution.

WWD 2018 preparations underway

Preparations for the World Wetlands Day Celebrations 2018 are in the top gear. So far, four meetings have been held in preparation for the event, under the theme *Wetlands for a Sustainable Urban Future* and the slogan '*healthy wetlands, clean towns*'.



Deputy Director CMF, Mr. Stephen Katua chairing the Wetlands National Organizing committee meeting at NEMA [PHOTO: A. MWANGI/NEMA]

This year's celebrations will be held on February 2nd at Lake Ol Bolossat, Nyandarua County, a critical ecosystem being the only lake in Central Kenya and a source of river Ewaso-Ngiro which supports many livelihoods downstream.

Several build up activities have been scheduled to mark this year's celebrations. On 31st February, a community forum will be held at Kasuku grounds where focus will be on church leaders, administrators, County Government of Nyandarua, investors, water resource users and users of wetlands.

A major plastic mop up (clean up) of Nyandarua town will take place on 1st February where schools and colleges have been invited to participate. Tree will also be planted.

An art competition has also been launched to schools in the host county and the winners will be honoured during the major celebrations.

NEMA supports persons with disabilities

The United Nations International Day for Persons with Disability is a day set aside "to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development", according to the United Nations, the custodian of the day. The day has been marked on December 3 since 1992.



NEMA's Erick Ngondi receives a visitor at the NEMA booth during the event. Sarah Muthoni and Felix Mugambi look on [PHOTO: A. MWANGI/NEMA]

This year's theme was "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient society for all". In Kenya, the day was celebrated nationally on 7th December at KANU Grounds in Nanyuki town-Laikipia County.

The commemoration was officiated by the Principal Secretary, Ministry of Labor Social Securities and East Africa Community, Madam Mwatete. Other delegates included Senator Mwaura, Nominated MP Sankok, and Mr. Gabow CEO National Council for Persons with Disabilities among others.

NEMA came out in a big way to exhibit and share with stakeholders on what NEMA is doing as regards to persons with disabilities and created awareness on the correlation between environment and disability. The community was thrilled by NEMA stand and praised the Authority on the plastic ban implementation.

Wearing a 'plastic suit'



Brian Sariton (C) from Zero Percent Plastic Waste wears a suit made from recycled plastic paper bags when he was received by DDEEI Mamo Boru and Chief EEI&PP, Dr. Catherine Mbaisi at NEMA [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]

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