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DG tours Muthurwa, Wakulima markets



NEMA Director General, Prof Geoffrey Wahungu creates awareness on packing of clothes during the tour of Muthurwa market [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]

The NEMA Director General Prof Geoffrey Wahungu on 6th March 2018 toured Wakulima and Muthurwa markets to assess the level of compliance with the plastic bags ban. The Director General was particularly impressed by the level of compliance in the two markets where he called on other markets in the country to emulate them.



DG NEMA Prof Geoffrey Wahungu receives a banana from a trader in Wakulima market [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]

“Today, we came here not to carry out inspections or enforcement. We have come here to assess the level of compliance and create awareness on the plastic bags ban”, Prof Wahungu said. He added that the Authority has engaged the chairmen of the market and the sector leaders who we have engaged and have taken the role of ensuring that no plastic bags are being used in the market.

He urged traders of the markets to continue complying with the ban and be examples to other markets which are still using plastic bags. Prof Wahungu encouraged the traders to practice voluntary compliance with the plastic bags ban.

NEMA plants 1000 tree seedlings

NEMA was among organizations involved in tree planting during the launch of the national tree planting campaign by the Environment CS, Keriako Tobiko on 7th March 2017 in Ngong forest. During the exercise, the Authority planted 1000 tree seedlings.



A section of NEMA staff carrying tree seedlings for planting during the exercise [PHOTO: A. MWANGI/NEMA]

The exercise was led by NEMA Director General Prof Geoffrey Wahungu who was joined by board members who also participated in the tree planting. The government launched the initiative aimed at surpassing the mandatory 10 percent forests cover envisioned in 2030 by five percent. This target hopes to be achieved by 2022.



CS Environment and Forestry, Keriako plants a tree assisted by NEMA Director General Prof Geoffrey Wahungu and Deputy Director Environmental Services, Mamo Boru at Ngong forest [PHOTO: A. MWANGI/NEMA]

During the launch, Mr. Keriako stated that the exercise will see the ministry agencies plant and commit to adopt thousands of trees to celebrate the national tree planting campaign.

Speaking at Ngong Road Forest Block 5 along the Southern bypass, he said the ministry is drafting a strategy to set aside a National Tree Planting Day to be commemorated annually. He added that each county will be required to plant a minimum of a million tree seedlings every year to ensure the target is met.



NEMA Director General Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu plants a tree during the launch of tree planting campaign [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]



NEMA Board member, Prof. Bernabas Mitaru planting a tree during the exercise [PHOTO: J. OCHIENO/NEMA]

WWD 2018 postmortem meeting

The department of Coastal Marine and Fresh Waters organized for a postmortem meeting to analyze the World Wetlands Day 2018 at Panari on 5th March 2018.

The event was held at Lake Ol Bolossat in Nyandarua County. During the event, Lake Ol Bolossat was declared a protected area as it was gazetted by the CS ministry of Environment.



Committee members during the post mortem meeting at Panari hotel [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]

Speaking during the meeting, Deputy Director CMF, Stephen Katua appreciated the Committee members who worked tirelessly to ensure the event was successful. Mr. Katua stated that the Authority has already initiated talks with Kenya Wildlife Services to have Lake Ol Bolossat designated as the 7th Ramsar site in the country. He added that the Authority is already in talks with the government of

Nyandarua County, Attorney general's office and National Lands Commission to fast track all the necessary legal obligations to operationalize the gazettelement.

The National Steering Committee members generally described WWD 2018 as one of the best day ever organized. Though not perfect in all means, members appreciated the effort of every stakeholder towards the success of the celebrations.

Inspections in Ngong town, Kajiado

NEMA led a crackdown on plastic bags usage in Ngong town on 2nd March 2018. During the crackdown, four traders were arrested.

Speaking to the media during the operation, NEMA head of waste unit, Maurine Njeri stated that the Authority is committed to continued implementation of the ban.



NEMA's Maurine Njeri, Daniel Mututho and a trader during the plastic bags crackdown in Ngong town [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]

The crackdown was carried out in collaboration with Kajiado NEMA County officers. During the arrest, the four were found with large quantities of plastic bags in their stores. The officers also took the opportunity to create awareness to the traders to facilitate compliance with the ban.

Plastic bags arrests in Nairobi

NEMA arrested two businessmen suspected to be selling banned plastic bags. The company located along Likoni road in Industrial area was found in possession of 75 tonnes of banned plastic bags.

The operation was led by NEMA Director General Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu. Chief Inspection Officer, Mr, Robert Orina and Nairobi County Director of Environment, Njoki Mukiri were also part of the operation. "We got a tip from members of the public that there was an industry that was still having the banned plastic and we decide to come and inspect the premise," Orina said.



NEMA County Director of Environment, Njoki Mukiri holding some of the nabbed plastic bags from a premise in Industrial area [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]

Orina added that the Authority suspected that the plastic bags were being sneaked into the market at night, some of which were causing problems in implementing the ban. Despite the argument that the premise had been licensed to recycle plastic bags, the inspectors found out that the type of bags being recycled were different from the batches of plastic bags in their stores.

Orina urged manufacturers to come to NEMA and declare their stock instead of waiting to be nabbed and plastics seized. Njoki Mukiri noted that despite challenges here and there in Nairobi County, compliance with the ban has hit 90 percent.

How NEMA planted at Ngong Forest



Service Charter Corner

Corporate Communication is required to monitor the implementation of the service delivery charter and therefore, the Ecoflash Team has introduced this corner that is meant to highlight the services under each section/department in NEMA.

This week, we look at the Transport Section. These are their services;

- ✓ Receiving transport requisitions from officers,
- ✓ Vehicle movement management,
- ✓ Undertake repairs and maintenance of vehicles within a month,
- ✓ Develop strategy for replacement of old vehicles,
- ✓ Keeping inventory of vehicles.

But then as an internal customer ensure you submit your request for transport for long safaris, two (2) days in advance while local running, three (3) hours prior to trip.

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