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## AWARDS GALORE

In the last 6 months, NEMA has won three awards: African Environmental Regulator of the Year, UN Person of the Year 2022 and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) award under the national government: Parastatals category. These awards, according to NEMA Director General Mamo B. Mamo, EBS is a result of staff dedication, team spirit and hard work.





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# AWARDS



United Nations Persons of the Year award

Africa Environmental Regulator of year 2022



Africa Public Sector CEO of the Year

Outstanding SDGs implementor under the national government



Public sector legal department of the year

# Plant trees, conserve environment

By S. Irungu



NEMA Director General, Mamo B. Mamo, EBS, receives the President of the Republic of Kenya, H.E Dr. William Ruto, CGH at the NEMA demonstration booth during the 15 billion tree planting launch at Ngong Hills. Looking on are CS Environment and Forestry, Hon. Soipan Tuyu, NEMA Chairman, Eric Mungai and Chief Conservator of Forests, Julius Kamau.

The 15 Billion tree growing campaign was launched on 21st December 2022 by the President of the Republic of Kenya, His Excellency, Dr. William Ruto, CGH.

The campaign dubbed Mission 15B aims at planting 15 billion trees in the next 10 years translating to 30% tree cover.

To booster the campaign and environmental conservation, the National Environment Management Authority is piloting the use of biodegradable bags that can be planted with the seedling and decompose within only six months as opposed to plastic polythene bags that take over 300 years to decompose.

During the launch at Ngong Hills, Kajiado County, the Authority led by the Director General, Mamo B. Mamo, EBS accompanied by the Chairman, Eric Mungai demonstrated to the President the use of biodegradable bags that can save the environment off the plastic bags litter as Kenya walks the journey to achieve 30% tree cover for the next 10 years.

This is in line with the plastic bags ban that the Authority has been implementing since 2017.

560,000 trees were planted countrywide to mark the launch.



NEMA Chairman, Eric Mungai, MBS planting a tree seedling during the launch



Some of the biodegradable bags for planting seedlings

# NEMA wins UN Person of the year

By S. Irungu



Front Row: NEMA Chairman, Eric Mungai (L), DG Mamo B. Mamo, EBS and Coordinator UNEP Kenya Country Programme Africa Office, Dr. Cyrill Siewe holds the NEMA awards certificate in a group at UN complex, Nairobi

**N**EMA received a prestigious award under the United Nations Person of the year (2022) category, in recognition of her effort in promoting and safeguarding the environment in Kenya and vehemently working towards enforcement of the plastic bags ban.

The ban on plastic carrier bags was a key player in working towards the historic plastic resolution adopted by UN members states in March 2022 and was hailed as the biggest moment for the environment since the Paris Agreement.

NEMA becomes the first national institution to scoop the UN persons of the year award.

The award was received by the Director General, Mamo B. Mamo, EBS accompanied by the Chairman, Eric Mungai, Board members and management team.

The ceremony was held at UN Complex,

Gigiri, Nairobi on 24th October 2022. Speaking at the event, the DG noted that the recognition of the Authority by the United Nations in its effort to implement and enforce the plastic ban since 2017 is a milestone towards achieving a clean and healthy environment.

He added that the Authority has continuously enforced the ban by working with 47 County Governments.

He noted that the Authority has gazetted over 200 environmental inspectors in the Counties to support with the enforcement actions.

“As NEMA family we feel honored as an institution to receive this award. This award gives us the motivation we need to continue inventing new ways of making our environment clean and healthy. This award is for all our stakeholders, our partners and indeed the Kenyans citizens whose lives we strive to improve,” Mamo said.

“The problem of plastic pollution is cross boundary and cross-cutting, and it requires systemic solutions covering policy, technology, management, financing, knowledge and research, awareness raising and behaviour change,” the DG said.

He observed that the main challenge is the unwillingness of the public to desist from the using the bags although the ban has had a tremendous change in Kenyans attitude towards the bags.

The NEMA Chairman, Eric Mungai asked the neighbouring countries to also ban the plastic bags. He pointed out that the Authority has experienced challenges with influx of the illegal plastic bags into Kenyan markets through the porous borders.

He warned that the enforcement of the ban on importation, manufacture and use of the banned bags is active and those violating the law will be arrested and prosecuted.



**NEMA DG Mamo B. Mamo, EBS (L) receives certificate from Dr. Cyrill Siewe at UN Complex in Nairobi during the awards ceremony**



**Participants during the awards ceremony at UN complex, Nairobi**

# NEMA awarded SDGs award

The National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has been awarded in recognition of outstanding contribution on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) implementation under the national government: Parastatals category. The Authority was the 2nd Runners Up.

The objective of the awards is to recognize and award outstanding stakeholders' initiatives and progressive delivery in SDGs implementation.

The award was received by Ag. Director Legal Services, Linda Kosgei and Godfrey Mwangi on behalf of DG, NEMA, Mamo B. Mamo, EBS in Mombasa.

The awards ceremony was officiated by Katherine Muoki Economic Planning Secretary State Department of Economic Planning. In attendance was also the former PS Saitoti Torome of the State Department of Economic Planning.



From: NEMA's legal Ag. Legal Services Director, Linda Kosgei (C) accompanied by Godfrey Mwangi receives the award from Katherine Muoki, secretary, state department of Economic Planning

# NEMA Bags Continental Awards

In the Month of May during the 3rd Africa Public Sector Conference held in Accra Ghana, the NEMA Director General, Mamo B. Mamo, EBS was awarded the prestigious Africa Public Sector CEO of the Year Award. The ceremony graced by H.E the Vice President of the Republic of Ghana Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia.

The award was to reward and promote Excellence in Public Sector in Africa. Mamo also received an award for the Africa top 50 Public Sector leader. NEMA Kenya received the prestigious award of Africa Environmental Regulator of year 2022.

High Commissioner of Kenya to the Republic of Ghana H.E Amb. Eliphaz Barine was in attendance among other dignitaries.

While appearing in the National Television Station in Ghana, GTV Breakfast Show, Mr. Mamo revealed that the citizens and government officials had addressed issues about the ban on plastic bags decades before it was implemented.

He added that the discussion on the ban on plastic took a decade for all stakeholders participate in the process especially the manufacturers of the plastics as well as political leaders. The Authority had to educate the public on the dangers of using plastics.

“My hearty congratulations to you, Mamo B Mamo, EBS for being awarded the Environmental Regulator of the year 2022. This is indeed a great inspiration to the public Sector in Kenya,” former CS Environment and Forestry, Keriako Tobiko stated.



NEMA Director General, Mamo B. Mamo, EBS (2nd R) receive a trophy from H.E the Vice President of the Republic of Ghana Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia (R)

# Take Care of Your Environment

By E. Nissi & S. Irungu



**NEMA Director General, Mamo B. Mamo, EBS addressing KU students during the 2022/2023 Growing Leaders Programme opening ceremony**

The NEMA Director General, Mamo B. Mamo, EBS graced the official opening ceremony of the 2022/2023 Growing Leaders Programme on 19th October 2022 at Kenyatta University.

Speaking at the event, the Director General stated that Kenya has prioritized environmental protection as enshrined in the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

“We have a ‘green’ constitution, that considers a clean and healthy environment as a human right. However, the right bears a responsibility for individual to take care of their surroundings,” he remarked.

The DG urged the students to be responsible for their environment. “We throw away our waste and expect someone else to collect it,” Mamo said pointing out the need to exercise responsibility in life.

“A big dream aspires and energizes you. Nothing is

formed in reality unless it’s first conceived in the mind. We are created original, nobody can be you, stand out and be you, achieve your dreams,” the DG encouraged the students as he underscored the importance of pursuing individual visions and not throwing a towel.

The Ag. Vice-Chancellor of Kenyatta University, Prof. Waceke Wanjohi revealed that NEMA and Kenyatta University will develop an MoU to offer attachments positions with NEMA as well as to improve on the research component for the Authority to enable more scholars to delve into environmental studies.

Certificate in Leadership Development and Mentorship programme is offered to the final year students at the University for free to equip them with leadership skills as they graduate. The course has been expanded to cover emerging issues such as climate change, pollution, terrorism among others.

# Exercise your mandate fearlessly: CS Environment & Forestry

By S. Irungu & V. Busolo



CS Environment and Forestry Hon. Soipan Tuya receives a gift package from NEMA Chairman, Eric Mungai during the event at Weston Hotel. Looking on is DG NEMA, Mamo B. Mamo, EBS, Board members-Dr. Lul Abdiwahid and Noordin Osman during the staff party.

**T**he Environment and Forestry Cabinet Secretary, Hon. Soipan Tuya called on the NEMA to continue exercising its mandate in accordance with law without fear.

The CS said this as she graced the end of year NEMA staff get together party on 2nd December 2022 at Weston hotel, Nairobi.

“We are the custodians of the Constitution that grants Kenyans the right to a clean and healthy environment. It is upon us to protect the environment especially on waste management and pollution control,” CS Soipan Tuya.

The CS reiterated the support of the ministry to NEMA in ensuring continued compliance and enforcement actions with the plastic ban within

Kenya to completely get rid of plastic bags. “I will liaise with the neighboring countries to rally them to join in the ban the plastic bags so as to end the proliferation of the bags from neighboring countries that have not yet to ban use of plastic carrier bags,” she remarked.

She further congratulated NEMA for the tremendous success as an Authority and winning the coveted African Environmental Regulator of the Year 2022 during the 3rd Africa Public Sector Conference and Awards ceremony held in Accra, Ghana.

NEMA was also recognized for the United Nation’s Person of the Year 2022 by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in recognition of efforts in promoting and vehemently working towards enforcement of the plastic carrier bags ban.

The CS lauded the NEMA management board and staff for enforcing waste management rules especially the single use plastics and carrier bags. She pledged to support the Authority in enforcing the waste management rules and regulations.

Further Tuya said it is upon the Ministry to protect the environment especially on waste management and pollution control to ensure Kenyans enjoy this right.

The NEMA Chairman, Eric Mungai stated that the Authority takes pride in the momentous milestone of the implementation of the plastic bags ban on manufacturing, importation and use of plastic carriers in Kenya since August 28, 2017, implementation of 8 gazetted regulations on wetlands, EIA/EA, biodiversity, controlled substances, air quality, waste management and noise regulations.

“The inclusion of explicit environmental provisions in Kenya’s 2010 constitution is first and foremost recognition of the citizen’s right to an environment- every citizen has a right to a clean and healthy environment,” NEMA Chairman, Eric Mungai said.

He postulated that citizens have a duty to keep their environment clean as the future of our children depends on us.

“We grow and prosper as an authority because of your dedication, team spirit and hard work - I know the Journey has not been an easy one,” NEMA Director General, Mamo B. Mamo stated.

He noted that NEMA has achieved great milestones that has shaped the environment space in Kenya and beyond- indeed , Kenya is being looked at an an Environment leader in the Continent and the Environment Capital of the world.

The DG highlighted other achievements that the Authority has achieved including development of 10 green points, review of EMCA, improved score for the performance contract for last year, enhancing ease of doing business and digitizing of the licensing regime offered by the Authority among others.

The long serving staff who have exemplary contributed to the achievements of the Authority were awarded during the event.



CS Environment and Forestry Hon. Sopian Tuya (2nd L) DG NEMA, Mamo B. Mamo, EBS, (L) Chairman, Eric Mungai cutting a cake during the staff party. Looking on is NEMA's Patricia Wambua.



NEMA Board members in a group photo with CS Hon. Soipan Tuya



NEMA management team in a group photo with CS Hon. Soipan Tuya



CDE Kiambu Stephen Wambua receives a certificate from Board member Dr. Lul Abdiwahid

By S. Irungu



NEMA DG, Mamo B. Mamo, EBS speaking during the opening of 12th RCE conference at KU

## 12th Regional Center of Expertise held

**K**enya hosted the 12th Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE) from 28-30 November 2022 at Kenyatta University.

This is the second time Kenya is hosting the regional RCE meeting. Kenya hosted the 8th Global RCE conference in November 2013 and 6th African RCE Conference in August, 2016.

Both conferences brought together a wide variety of stakeholders from around the Globe – from cities, communities, governments, industry, international organizations, and academia to discuss, debate and launch activities that reinforce the fundamental role that education plays in achieving a sustainable future for all.

This year, the theme is “Role of African RCEs in Climate Action”.

Kenya has 9 registered RCEs, the highest number of RCEs in Africa. All the RCEs are fully recognized by the United Nations University (UNU). These includes; Greater Nairobi- our Host, Kakamega Western, Mau

complex ecosystem, Greater Pwani, North Rift, Nyanza, Upper Eastern, Central Kenya and South Rift.

All the RCEs are hosted by our universities and they focus on specific areas of concern in the sustainable development space. However, all have a common focus on climate change.

The opening ceremony, was graced by Dr. Pacifica Ogolla, who represented Environment and Forestry CS Hon. Soipan Tuya who was the chief guest, The Vice Chancellor Kenyatta University, NEMA Chairman, Eric Mungai and Director General, Mamo B. Mamo also graced the event among other dignitaries from Kenya and global RCE networks.

The Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Forestry stated that the 3-day African RCE conference will provide RCEs with a platform to discuss how to further strengthen and engage with National and County governments to focus on RCE activities on climate change and set the agenda for future action to mitigate and adapt to climate change and protect our environment.

The CS added that the concern for the environmental crisis and more climate change is no longer confined to multilateral institutions or the non-governmental sector. It has become a responsibility of all.

In the context of these interlinked global risks, the role of RCEs in Africa in sharing best practices and promoting innovations to address climate change impacts has become more important than ever before. Equally important is the role of scientific research by our universities in finding innovative solutions to the existential challenges facing mankind.

“Climate change is a daily and dreadful event that faces us. We need to collectively act on climate change to turn the tides. The University has educational programs to educate the learners on climate change issues,” Prof. Paul Wainaina, Vice Chancellor Kenyatta University said.

The role of NEMA is to in facilitate RCE operations in Kenya pegged on its mandate of exercising general supervision and coordination over all matters relating to the environment and implementation of all policies

relating to the environment. In the constitution of Kenya 2010, every Kenyan has a right to a clean and healthy environment which is now echoed by the recent United Nations General Assembly resolution.

“The Authority recognizes that actions geared towards improving the quality of our environment. This will succeed if we take up individual and collective responsibility to manage our environment,” Chairman, NEMA said as he asked everyone to assume the role of environmental stewardship to ensure we all play a role in environmental conservation.

The NEMA Director General, Mamo B. Mamo, EBS exuded confidence that the many projects already ongoing within the Regional Centres of Expertise on waste management, Education for Sustainable Development, Biodiversity, watershed management, coastal management, green cities and climate change will transform the country. Notably, efforts are being made to mobilize more stakeholders to join the RCEs depending on their area of operations. The Authority has been organizing annual RCE coordinators meeting to share their experiences and best practices.



Dr. Pacifica Ogola flanked by other dignitaries plants a tree during the RCE conference at KU. She was representing CS Environment and Forestry Hon. Soipan Tuyu.

Regional Centres of Expertise RCEs were created as effective strategies to promote Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).

Lead by United Nations University, RCEs are aimed at overcoming the compartmentalization of knowledge and linking policy and practice. In this case, RCEs are supposed to promote “social learning” and “communities of practice.

Therefore, RCEs offer perfect opportunities for higher education institutions in contributing towards ESD. Higher education institutions globally are normally urged to adopt the use RCEs as value-adding learning networks at the local and global levels.

NEMA together with stakeholders spearheaded the development of Education for Sustainable Development Strategy in 2008 during the United

Nation Decade for Education for Sustainable Development (UNDESD) 2005-2014.

The strategy is being reviewed to capture the spirit of the ESD for 2030 and Sustainable Development Goals.

The lessons learnt from implementation of the decade culminated to development of National Education for Sustainable Development Policy (2014) and Regional Centres of Expertise identified as a flagship strategy to achieve sustainable development.

An RCE is a network of existing formal, non-formal and informal education organisations, mobilised to deliver education for sustainable development (ESD) to local and regional communities.

There are currently 127 recognized RCEs worldwide.



**Dr. Pacifica Ogolla receives a portrait of the CE Environment and Forestry from DG NEMA, Mamo B. Mamo, Chair Eric Mungai during the RCE conference. They were accompanied by other dignitaries**

# Be Conscious of Your e-Waste

By S. Irungu

Less than 20% of e-waste is formally recycled, with 80% either ending up in landfill or being informally recycled – much of it by hand exposing workers to hazardous substances.

The Authority is implementing the African Environmental Health and Pollution management project (AEHPMP). The program is a Global Environment Facility with World Bank as the Implementing Agency.

In Kenya, NEMA is the executing agency and the project main objective is to strengthen institutional capacity to manage and regulate e-waste and related UPOPS in Kenya.

The project is implemented in five African countries notably; Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Ghana and Senegal with World Bank as the Implementing Agency.

The project is founded on the basis that Electronic and e-waste commonly referred to as e-waste is emerging as one of the most critical environmental challenge globally, regionally and nationally.

Currently e-waste accumulation is reaching

unsustainable level and owing to management challenges, they are becoming a major source of environmental pollution. In Kenya, electronic waste is the fastest growing waste component, with an estimated 51,300 tons of electronic waste being generated in annually.

It is in this regard that NEMA in conjunction with Africa Waste and Environment Management Centre (AWEMAC) conducted a training on e-waste management in Kenya at PrideInn, Mombasa. on 31st Oct- 3rd Nov 2022.

While making the introductory remarks, the project coordinator, Dr. Charles Lange called on stakeholders and Kenyans in general to be more conscious of their e-waste and dispose it wisely to facilitate recycling to maintain a clean and healthy environment.

The group also visited Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Centre (WEEE Centre) in Mombasa to learn about e-waste recycling and circular economy. The aim of the training is to build the capacity of County and national government officials to handle e-waste in the country.



Participants in a group photo during the training at Pridelnn in Mombasa

# NEMC Tanzania visit Kenya

By A. Kamiri

The National Environment Management Council in Tanzania (NEMC) visited Kenya on 21st November 2022.

The delegation was in the country to share experiences and lessons with NEMA Kenya on environmental management practices in both countries.

The delegation also visited various sites in the country to familiarize themselves with environmental operations of the Authority especially on the compliance and enforcement actions as well as the regulatory regimes. The activity offered an opportunity for both teams to learn about various ecosystems, partnerships and collaborations. The teams agreed to work together to enhance environmental management in East Africa.

Particularly, the delegation visited Mombasa County office and Bamburi cement in Mombasa as well as the rehabilitated sites at the facility. The team was led by Mr. Charles Wangwe from NEMC Tanzania.



NEMC Tanzania delegation with NEMA Kenya officers in a group photo during the visit

# LSK, NEMA meet over GMOs



NEMA, LSK staff during the meeting

The Law Society of Kenya (LSK) public Interest Committee paid courtesy call to NEMA on 1st December 2022.

The committee of the Society was meeting the Authority's legal and technical officers to come up with an informed opinion on the ongoing discussions regarding Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) foods in the country.

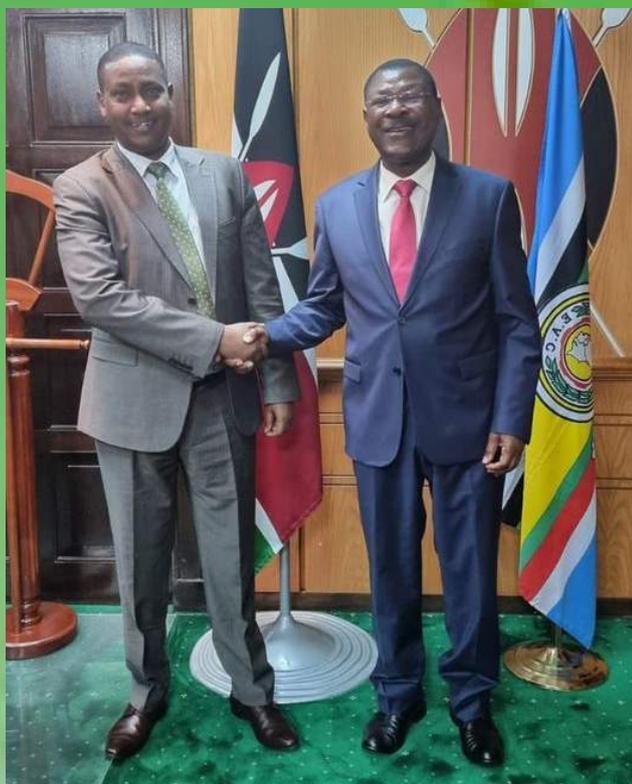
The teams deliberated on possible and critical areas of the matters to enable the Committee come up with an informed paper in the interest of the Kenyan public.

The meeting focused on the legal, environmental, policy and regulatory framework and NEMA's role in biosciences technology, biotechnology and research and innovation processes.

# PICTORIALS



**Participants during the EIK annual conference at Panari Hotel, Nairobi**



**NEMA Director General, Mamo B Mamo, EBS made a courtesy call to the Speaker of the National Assembly Rt.Hon. Moses Wetangula at his office in Parliament Building to discuss partnership between the National Assembly and NEMA on matters environment in Kenya**

**CS Environment and Forestry, Hon. Soipan Tuya with DG NEMA Mamo B. Mamo, EBS during the staff party at Weston Hotel**





**From L: DG NEMA Mamo B. Mamo, EBS, KU VC Prof. Paul Wainaina and Dr. Pacifica Ogolla during the RCE conference at KU**

**NEMA's Ann Theuri receives dignitaries at the NEMA booth during the RCE conference at KU**



**DG NEMA Mamo B. Mamo with other dignitaries during the launch of the private sector strategy on climate change solution 2022/23 at Kempinski Hotel.**



**NEMA Board, management celebrate as they received the UN person of the year award**

# UNEP, NEMA partner to create awareness on Antimicrobial Resistance

By S. Irungu

**A**ntimicrobial resistance (AMR) is the ability of microorganisms to persist or grow in the presence of drugs designed to kill them. These drugs, called antimicrobials, are used to treat infectious diseases caused by microorganisms such as bacteria, fungi, viruses.

When microorganisms become resistant to antimicrobials, standard treatments are often ineffective, and in some cases, no drugs provide effective therapy. Consequently, treatments fail. This increases illness and mortality in humans, animals and plants.

NEMA has partnered with other stakeholders to offer support and to contribute in preventing antimicrobial resistance (AMR) by ensuring a clean and health environment and implementing of policies that relate to environmental management in Kenya. Through this partnership, the environmental dimension of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) will be enhanced through development of a national action plan and awareness creation in liaison with relevant sectors for behaviour change and advocacy.

The Conference followed the World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) held in November this year under the theme “Preventing Antimicrobial Resistance Together” seeks to encourage stakeholder collaboration and involvement through a One Health Approach, to address the global challenge of drug resistance, and inability of antibiotics and antimicrobials to treat infections.

As lead agency and the AMR in the Environment Health Sector, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) undertakes its mandate in ensuring a clean and healthy environment in Kenya

thereby preventing the occurrence and increase in AMR. The Authority has developed and implemented policies that relate to environmental dimensions of AMR in Kenya. The team seeks to develop a National Action Plan on the Prevention and Containment of AMR that will provide a roadmap for this sector to prevent projections of up to 10 million AMR deaths per year, and cost of up to USD 100 trillion globally by 2050.

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and NEMA Kenya held a three-day conference at Ole Sereni on 14th December 2022 to create awareness on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in Kenya. The conference has brought together stakeholders from various sectors. This is a continuation of the World Antimicrobial Awareness Week held in November 2022.

As the lead agency in the environmental sector, NEMA undertakes its mandate to ensure a clean and healthy environmet thereby prevent occurrence and increase in AMR~DG NEMA Mamo B. Mamo, EBS stated in a statement read on his behalf by Director Compliance & Enforcement, David Ongare.

“We first need to collect data on Antimicrobial Resistance to make informed decisions. This will entail strengthening AMR environmental dimensions by addressing issues such as pollution,” Dr. Cyrille-Lazare Siewe, UNEP Kenya country program Africa Office stated.

According to Dr. Lilian Musila, Principal Research Scientist at KEMRI, 1.9 million people died in 2019 as a direct result of Antimicrobial Resistance. She adds that by 2050, 10 million people will be affected globally.



Participants during the Conference at Emara Ole Sereni Hotel



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# It's time for wetland restoration



More than 35% of natural wetlands have been lost in the last 50 years.

**World Wetlands Day is an environmentally related celebration which dates back to 1971 when several environmentalists gathered to reaffirm the protection and love for wetlands.**

**The day is celebrated every February 2.**

**Preparations are on high for the World Wetlands Day 2023 where the National Steering committee led by NEMA has been holding meetings gearing towards the celebrations.**

**The theme for the celebrations in 2023 will be “Wetlands Restoration” and the slogan, “Wetland restoration, wakati ni sasa”. The event will be held at Nkoisusu Primary School in Narok County.**

**World  
Wetlands Day**  
2 February 2023



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**ECOSYSTEM  
RESTORATION**  
2021-2030



# ELC in environmental conservation

By Michael Njiru

The 10th birthday for Environmental and Land Court marked on 28th October, 2022 made a land mark event as NEMA and ELC joined hands in tree planting and clean-up activities.

The two and other major stake holders in environmental conservation; Kenya Forest Service, County Government of Kiambu, Public Health and the Kenya Prisons teamed up at Thika town, made a procession to Chania Boys High to plant variety of trees.

The occasion was graced by Hon. Bernard Eboso, Judge at Thika E.L.C. The occasion marked the launching of tree planting which targeted 10,000 seedlings to be planted. Chania Boys Joined with a lot of energy and made it possible to plant over 500 tree seedlings.

NEMA Kiambu team was represented by Michael Njiru. In his speech, he highly condemned the upsurge of the banned plastic bags and warned the vendors who use the same. He told the public that they risk jail and fines. The courts and prisons department present to get ready for the clients who defy the ban.

On tree planting, he encouraged students and the public to plant more trees at home and work places since trees are the only cure and prevention to environmental degradation.

On closure, the guest of honor reminded the public that environmental conservation should not be enforced but at free will. It is our responsibility to care for God's creation and make our lives better today and tomorrow.



NEMA's Michael Njiru addressing the gathering during the event in Thika town

## NEMA, USAID Kenya partner to address Ocean pollution



From L: Francia Chwanya, Sarah Jean, DG NEMA, Mamo B. Mamo, EBS, Anna Cahnonly, Enock Kanyanya and Winfred Osumo

USAID-Kenya paid courtesy call to NEMA Director General, Mamo B. Mamo, EBS on 22nd December 2022.

The deliberations focused on how to establish a mechanism for a funding support to prevent leakage of plastics from land-based sources, specifically from rapidly growing peri-urban areas to the Indian Ocean.

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# Merry Christmas

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2023



Africa's Environmental Regulator of the Year 2022  
UN Person of the Year 2022 Runners-up  
UN-Outstanding Implementor of SDGs 2022