

GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY



THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

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Pursuant to Standing Order 180 (6) I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly, today Wednesday 7th June, 2017.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND SANITATION ON WATER SUMMIT HELD IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY FROM 28TH -30TH NOVEMBER, 2016

(Chairperson, sectoral Committee on Water and Sanitation)

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*Approved.
Speaker
7/6/17*

*Paper laid by
Hon. Thogori on
the table of the
Assembly on
Wed 7/6/17
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Notice of motion
Given by Hon Thugsi
on Wed 7/6/17.
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NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

(5TH SESSION)

NOTICE OF MOTION – (Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Water and Sanitation)

Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion:-

THAT, this Assembly adopts THE REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON WATER AND SANITATION ON WATER SUMMIT HELD IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY FROM 28TH -30TH NOVEMBER, 2016, laid on the Table of the Assembly today Wednesday, 7th June, 2017

(Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Water and Sanitation)

Approved.
Hon Speaker
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7/6/17

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NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

FIRST ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND SANITATION ON
WATER SUMMIT HELD IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY FROM 28TH -30TH
NOVEMBER, 2016.**

**Clerk's Chambers,
CITY HALL,
NAIROBI.**

MARCH, 2017

*Paper laid by
Hon Thug' on
Wed 7/6/17
Assembly
Plenary
7/6/17*

PREFACE

The Sectoral Committee on Water and Sanitation is one of the Sectoral Committees established under Standing Order 191. It is mandated under the Second Schedule to, among other functions oversee all matters related to Water and Sanitation Services; water distribution, regulation, marketing and sewerage services.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Committee on Water and Sanitation wishes to thank the Government Hungary for the invitation to attend the Water Summit 2016 in Budapest.

The Committee also extends appreciation to offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the Nairobi City County Assembly for the continued support that facilitated attendance of the Summit.

1.0 BACKGROUND

The Sectoral Committee on Water and Sanitation is established under the provisions of the County Assembly Standing Order 191 and under the Second Schedule is mandated to consider all matters related to “*water distribution, management, regulation; sewerage and sanitation services*”.

Two Members of the Committee were invited by the Hungarian Government to attend the Water Summit 2016 in Budapest, Hungary from 28th - 30th November, 2016.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee on Water and Sanitation comprises the following members:

1. Hon. Alex O. Otieno, MCA - Chairperson
2. Hon. Kenneth Thugi, MCA - Deputy Chairperson
3. Hon. Michael Ogada, MCA
4. Hon. Herman Azangu, MCA
5. Hon. Robert Mbatia, MCA
6. Hon. Hashim Kamau, MCA
7. Hon. David Kairu, MCA
8. Hon. Pius Otieno, MCA
9. Hon. Celestine Ongere, MCA
10. Hon. Hawa Dafala, MCA
11. Hon. Maurice Akuk, MCA
12. Hon. Oscar Lore, MCA
13. Hon. Victoria Alali, MCA
14. Hon. Monica Ndegwa, MCA
15. Hon. Nancy Mwaura, MCA
16. Hon. Peter Wanyoike, MCA
17. Hon. Caroline Muga, MCA

Hon. Members,

On behalf of the Committee on Water and Sanitation, it is my pleasant duty and honor, to present the Committee’s Report on participation in the Water Summit in Budapest, Hungary.

SIGNATURE.....



DATE

9/3/2017

HON. ALEX OTIENO OUDA, MCA

(CHAIRPERSON)

INTRODUCTION

The Water Summit 2016 focused mainly on giving momentum to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal 6 that relates to water and sanitation services. The Summit underscored the fact that in deed water connects both at national and regional levels and therefore a paradigm shift was critical to build more resilient water cities.

It was stated that water needed to be a source of peace and stability; a connecting and unifying factor and not a source or cause of conflicts.

EMERGING ISSUES FROM WATER SUMMIT 2016, BUDAPEST

The Budapest Water Summit, 2016 theme ‘ water connects’ was discussed at length in various presentations that seemed to agree on the roles Public and Private sectors and relevant institutions should play to ensure realization of the SDGs 6.

It was widely talked about that water was undeniably one of the Planet’s most valuable natural resources that had no boundaries. Water remains a key element of development of policies striving for a better life for humanity.

The Summit reiterated the importance of institutional arrangements that aim at strengthening cross sector collaboration that would guarantee ecological integrity. Ramsar Convention adopted in Iran in 1971 was mentioned at various presentations as a key international treaty concerned on conservation and sustainable use of Wetlands. The Summit was informed of the need to implement fully the Convention resolutions to optimally preserve water that is a scarce product.

It was emphatically stated that institutions dealing with water management needed to be strengthened and capacity building for both water users and providers enhanced to make people understand significance of saving water.

On the Kenyan issue, it was stated that water plays a critical role towards achievement of vision 2030. According the Managing Director, Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company, around 73% of Kenya’s population have improved water access while 29% have improved sanitation services.

It was mentioned that the Vision 2030 was pegged on Economic, Social and Political pillars (water and sanitation services fell under the Social Pillar).

Worth noting at the Summit presentations, was the milestone Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company had made on realization of Social Connection Policy that has seen water access in informal settlements a reality.

The introduction of Automated Water Dispensers has made it cheaper for locals in such informal settlements to have access to quality water at Kshs. 50 cents per 20 litre Jeri can.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) There is need for the National Government to secure sufficient financing in order to increase water supply and improve sanitation services within the County and the entire Country at large. The President's launch of Kenya's Industrialization Strategy on 4th February, 2017 was a positive gesture that saw signed agreement of Kshs. 18.74 Billion not only aimed at returning the Peugeot Assembly in Kenya in June, 2017 but also a boost in the construction of Ruiru II Dam that is projected to increase water distribution in Nairobi and its neighboring Counties.
- b) The Nairobi City County Government should occasionally develop regulations that compel the Water Service Providers (WSPs) for instance, the Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company Limited to provide quality water and sanitation services to the residents of Nairobi.
- c) The draft Nairobi City County Water and Sanitation Policy, 2016 should be expeditiously concluded to ensure the very regulatory frameworks make the water commodity easily accessible to the users.
- d) More and viable collaborative strategies need to be explored to tackle incessant water scarcity within the City.
- e) The City County Government should advocate for realization of sustainable cities whose population is also fully sensitized on the importance of saving water – the scarce commodity.
- f) There is need to separate politics from practical concerns on water in order to create an enabling environment that ensures the City County moves fast to achieving an

integrated approach by coming up with practical measures geared towards realization of water sustainability.

- g) Political good-will remains important ingredient that accelerates trans-boundary water cooperation arrangements. As such, this good-will needs to be fostered for the common good of civilians as it ensures equitable sharing of water resources devoid of perennial conflicts.
- h) It is evident that many institutions of water have been in existence and this has resulted into duplication of roles, an issue that should be looked into and dealt with through new legislative frameworks/regulations.
- i) Scaling up partnerships between Public and Private sectors should be encouraged by the City County Government to establish water businesses that could better enhance provision of water related services to residents.
- j) The County Government should always align/harmonize its Integrated Development Plans to the Sustainable Development Goal on Water and Sanitation services among other SDGs, In other words, water needs to be viewed as an integral component of socio-economic prosperity of any given nation.
- k) There is need for both the National and County Governments to embrace an Integrated Water Resource Management that is a key mechanism to addressing water challenges. (the aim is to realize an economic and social development with minimal negative impact)

