**Kenya 2030 Water Resources Group**

**Governing Board Meeting**

**13 April 2016, 7.00 – 9.00am**

**Serena Hotel, Nairobi**

**Opening and Introductions**

The meeting was opened with introductions and welcome from the chair Mr. Vimal Shah, CEO of Bidco. The Co-chair, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Hon. Eugene Wamalwa sent his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting due to an urgent trip with the President.

The chair presented the agenda and stressed that the aim of the meeting was to review progress made in setting up the Technical Working Groups (TWGs) and to endorse, as well as guide, both key sector initiatives and additional governing board members. The minutes of the previous meeting were then unanimously accepted and adopted.

Mr. Anders Berntell, as Executive Director of the 2030 WRG, introduced the first cut of a Kenya 2030 WRG promotional video and the board endorsed use of the film as an informational tool to create more awareness of the partnership.

**Progress Updates on Sector initiatives by TWG Chairs**

* Agricultural Water Management: Mount Kenya/Upper Ewaso Ngiro North Water Partnership

Executive Director of Laikipia Wildlife Forum (LWF), Mr. Peter Hetz, presented the establishment of this partnership as a mechanism for collective action aimed to balance increasing demands on water resources in the catchment. The board endorsed LWF as lead partner in moving this partnership forward and gave formal go-ahead to launch the partnership (date to be communicated).

* Agricultural Water Management: Irrigation and value chain financing

Ms. Jenifer White, Senior Consultant 2030 WRG, provided insights into the irrigation sector identifying a need for educating farmers on irrigation technologies and opportunities for financing more efficient irrigation solutions for smallholder farmers. The Governing Board endorsed the recommendation for 2030 WRG to design a financing mechanism, an ‘Irrigation fund’, working in close collaboration with banks and other sector partners.

* Industrial Water Management

CEO of Kenya Association of Manufactures (KAM), Ms. Phyllis Wakiaga, presented the progress made as lead on the work on Water Audits as chair of the TWG on industrial water management. KAM also proposed to the Board to explore the potential set-up of a Water Efficiency Award together with 2030 WRG, with the aim to increase uptake of audits in the short term and support more water use efficient practices amongst Kenyan private sector in the longer term. An MoU was signed immediately after the meeting between KAM and 2030 WRG, to support forthcoming execution of these activities.

* Urban Water Management

A report-back from the previous Technical Working Group meeting and the 2030 WRG Knowledge Exchange in South Africa was made by Co-Chair of the TWG, Kenya Water and Sanitation CSOs Network (KEWASNET), represented by Ms. Sareen Malik. As a key takeaway from the Knowledge Exchange was the recognition that opportunities exist to replicate the ‘No Drop’ campaign, a brief presentation on this topic was made by Nick Tandi from South Africa. The board endorsed adoption of the ‘No drop’ as key priority for the TWG with the aim to adapt this to the Kenyan context. A follow-up workshop with the working group was held on 14 April to explore replication of the No Drop tool accordingly.

**Governance**

The participants suggested to keep a slot for governance updates in the upcoming Governing Board meetings, following a brief report-back by Mr. Richard Fox representing Flamingo (prev. Finlays).

**New Governing Board members endorsed**

The board approved addition of the following organizations to the Kenya 2030 WRG governing board:

* Kenya Bankers Association
* Balton CP (Amiran)
* GIZ (as observers)

Suggestions for additional outreach included the Kenya Water Services Trust fund, Universities and research institutions.

**Conclusion and Next Steps**

The meeting concluded with a summary of key next steps (with below lead partners indicated in brackets):

* Launch of the Mount Kenya/ Upper Ewaso Ngiro North Water Partnership (LWF)
* Designing of a financing mechanism to support adoption of efficient irrigation methods by farmers (2030 WRG)
* Establishing a program to support uptake of water audits and set-up of a water efficiency award (KAM)
* Developing a tool to address utility water losses in Kenya building on the South African ‘No Drop’ campaign (Ministry of Water & Irrigation and KEWASNET)
* Strengthen efforts to ensure commitment from other key government ministries as a means to promote stronger cross-sector collaboration (2030WRG Secretariat)

The chair closed the meeting with a vote of thanks and noting that the next meeting date is October 18th 2016. He emphasized the need for partnership to ensure practical action of the initiatives endorsed and for progressive action towards closing the water supply demand gap.

**Annex 1: Participant List**

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| **Name** | **Title / Organization** | **Position** |
| Mr. Vimal Shah | CEO, Bidco | Chair (Private Sector) |
| Hon. Benjamin Cheboi | Chair, Water, Forestry and Mining committee - CoG | Board Member |
| Mr. Patrick Mwangi | PS, State Department of Irrigation | Board Member |
| Ms. Phyllis Wakiaga | CEO, Kenya Association of Manufacturers | Board Member |
| Eng. Joseph Ngondi | Chairman, Kenya Water Partnership | Board Member |
| Mr. Richard Fox | Sustainability Director, Flamingo | Board Member |
| Jane Ngige | CEO, Kenya Flower Council | Board Member |
| Ms. Munira Bashir | Director, The Nature Conservancy | Board Member |
| Amb. Dr J. K Kiplagat | Director, Ministry of Industrialization and Ent. Devt | Board Member (Proxy) |
| Eng. Robinson Gaita | Director, Ministry of Water and Irrigation | Observer |
| Eng. Kimanthi Kyengo | Deputy Director, Ministry of Water and Irrigation | Secretary |
| Mr. Suresh Patel | Chair of Water and Environment Committee, KEPSA | Board Member (Proxy) |
| Mr. Samson Shivachi | CEO, Kenya Water and Sanitation CSOs Network (KEWASNET) | Board Member (Proxy) |
| Brinda Chiniah | Regional Manager Corporate Affairs, Nestle – Equatorial Africa | Board Member (Proxy) |
| Ms. Sareen Malik | CEO, Kenya Water and Sanitation CSOs Network (KEWASNET) | Rep, Chair TWG |
| Peter Hetz | Director, Laikipia Wildlife Forum | Rep, Chair TWG |
| **Secretariat** |  |  |
| Mr. Anders Berntell | Director, 2030 Water Resources Group |  |
| Mr. Will Davies | Africa Head, 2030 WRG |  |
| Ms. Josephine Gustafsson | Regional Coordinator, 2030 WRG |  |
| Joy Busolo | Partnership Operations Manager, Kenya 2030 WRG |  |
| Jennifer White | Senior Consultant, 2030WRG |  |
| Noelle Kiluva | Consultant, 2030WRG |  |
| **Absent with apologies:** |  |  |
| Hon. Eugene Wamalwa | Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water and Irrigation | Chair (Public Sector) |
| Annabell Waititu | CEO, Kenya Water and Sanitation CSOs Network (KEWASNET) | Board Member |
| Mr. Cornel Krummenacher | CEO, Nestle – Equatorial Africa | Board Member |
| Ms. Aida Kimemia | Manager, IFC | Observer |
| Mr. Chris Heymaans | Chair, Water Sector Technical Group | Observer |
| Elisabeth Folkunger | Senior Program Manager, Embassy of Sweden | Observer |