



NATIONAL WATER HARVESTING & STORAGE AUTHORITY

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During the Launch of National Water Harvesting and Storage Authority's Strategic Plan 2022/2027 on 15th December, 2021 at National Water Plaza, Nairobi

National Water Harvesting & Storage Authority launched its 2022/2027 Strategic Plan today 15th December, 2021.

The Chief Guest was the Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Sicily Kariuki (Mrs.) EGH. Who was represented by the Water Secretary Eng. S.A.O Alima

Key Strategic Objectives

- (1) To increase water storage in the country by 148.6 million cubic meters by the year 2026 and enhance sustainability of constructed water structures through operations and maintenance.
- (2) To protect/save lives and property from the effects of floods and drought by construction and maintenance of 70km of dykes, construction of 125 No. small pans/dams and 203 No. boreholes.

The CS said that the water harvesting and storage regulations are now in place, while the water harvesting and storage strategy is at the final stage of cabinet approval.

The Water Harvesting and Storage Regulations shall apply to and govern policies, plans, programs, activities and discharge of mandate of the national government, county governments as well as the Water Storage Authority each in the execution of their respective mandates.

The regulations have emphasized on Rain Water Harvesting. It provides that any building which is used for residential, institutional facilities, offices, manufacturing or commercial establishments shall have its roof adequately guttered for catching rain water or may have a ground catchment for the purposes of harvesting rainwater.

NWWSA's Board Chairman Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Andrew Ikenye said the plan provides a road map for meeting our Mission of "Developing and managing national water works infrastructure towards enhancing water security, flood mitigation and storage for multipurpose use." He said the Plan gives priority to the attainment of government targets as follows:

How the Authority' Strategic Plan Is contributing to Government's Priority Programs and Targets

Vision 2030 recognizes water as a critical development ingredient while the Constitution of Kenya 2010 stipulates that access to water is a human right.

We acknowledge that water is a key enabler of the Big 4 agenda. Manufacturing, food security, universal healthcare and affordable housing cannot be achieved if there is no adequate supply of water.

While developing this plan, we took into consideration the key government priorities outlined in the Constitution, this Plan integrates the country's aspirations as spelt out in Medium Term Plan III, Vision 2030, the Big Four Agenda, the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation's Strategic Plan among other relevant policy documents in the sector.

NWWSA's Ag. Chief Executive Officer CS. Sharon Obonyo highlighted the Strategic Objectives of the Authority adding that the Plan will also be instrumental in mainstreaming cross-cutting and policy issues as per legal and regulatory guidelines, enhancement of financial sustainability and improvement of corporate image and customer service delivery.

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