

TANA AND ATHI RIVERS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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TARDA LAUNCHES A TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN

TARDA was honoured to host H.E. Pastor Dr. Dorcas Rigathi during the Authority's Tree Planting Launch at Kanyama Borehole Site, Mathira East, Nyeri County. Chairman, Mr. Patrick Gichohi and Managing Director Mr. Liban Roba led Authority at the event aimed aligning with TARDA's commitment to supporting the Presidential Directive of planting 15 billion trees by 2032, forging a greener and more sustainable future for our nation.

AFRICA CLIMATE SUMMIT 2023



Managing Director Mr. Liban Roba led the TARDA Team at the Africa Climate Summit, which brought delegates from all over the world under the theme "Driving Green Growth and Climate Finance Solutions for Africa and the World". The urgency of addressing climate change cannot be overstated, and the Summit provided a crucial platform for collaboration and action.

ZERO FAULT AUDIT CAMPAIGN



TARDA Chairman Mr. Patrick Gichohi and Managing Director Mr. Liban Roba led the Authority at the Kenya School of Government alongside Chairpersons and Managing Directors of State Corporations for a consultative meeting with the Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service. Mr. Felix Koskei where discussions focused on the implementation of the Zero Fault Audit Regime for the Financial Year 2023/2024.

TANA DELTA IRRIGATION PROJECT HIGH LEVEL VISITS BY THE HEAD OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY



The Tana Delta Irrigation Project (TDIP) played host to high level visitors including the Head of Public Service Mr. Felix Koskei and Principal Secretary, State Department for ASALs and Regional Development, Dr. Idris Dokota who undertook assessment of rehabilitation works at the Project.

ADHOC COMMITTEE OF THE TARDA BOARD ON TDIP SITE VISIT



The Adhoc Committee of the TARDA Board of Directors on the Tana Delta Irrigation Project (TDIP) embarked on an insightful site visit to the Project. This visit was aimed at assessing the rehabilitation works geared towards meeting the demands of the Presidential Directive on food security.

MILESTONE MOMENT



Thrilled to announce that water is now flowing into the Intake! After meticulous planning, dedicated efforts and unwavering commitment, this achievement marks a significant step in TARDA's mission toward sustainable water distribution.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



TARDA undertook an intensive 3-day community engagement program in the heart of Tana Delta, with a focus on the vital TDIP Project. We embarked on a journey of dialogue, collaboration and progress with the communities as we shape the future of water resource management.

NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR



The Authority participated in this year's Nairobi International Trade Fair from September 25th to October 1st 2023 at the Jamhuri Park Showground under the theme 'Promoting Climate Smart Agricultural & Trade Initiatives For Sustainable Economic Growth' where TARDA showcased its role in environmental conservation, natural resource management, sustainable development and socio-economic wellbeing.

CONSERVATION



Tana Region Coordinator, Mr. Joses Mugambi led the TARDA Team during celebrations to mark World Bamboo Day in Kanyonga Village, Karurumo, Embu County. The Team met with Embu Governor Hon. Cecily Mbarire, Senior Environment and State House officials where discussions were held on TARDA's ambitious conservation and climate change adaptation programs, as well as our commitment to food security initiatives across various counties.

Latewa CBO undertook a successful tree planting and nurturing exercise at the Kenya School of Law (KSL) and together with other collaborators planted a total of 200 tree seedlings, comprising 150 indigenous trees and 50 fruit trees. TARDA is one of Latewa's key collaborators and is committed to supporting such pivotal initiatives.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



TARDA was represented at a workshop organized by World Water Net on Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) at Maanzoni Lodge Athi Basin Region in Machakos County. The focus of the discussions was on building of synergies and coordination mechanisms for effectiveness in service provision.

SPECIAL MENTION

Kudos to the dedicated TDIP Project Implementation Committee (PIC) for their tireless efforts in making the dream of water flowing through the intake a reality. Their commitment and hard work are the driving force behind this significant achievement.



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AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

02. BOARD OUTLINES VISION FOR TARDA

TARDA Board of Directors and Management held a retreat at Masinga Dam Resort where they discussed various aspects of the Authority's mandate as well as the upcoming formulation of the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan. The discussions also focused on the Authority's strategic road map that aligns with the Government's Bottom up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) where the team explored key areas under TARDA in order to embrace a sustainable and prosperous future.

03. SECURITY

P.S. State Department for ASALs and Regional Development Dr. Idris Dokota, TARDA Managing Director Mr. Liban Roba, Tana River County Commissioner, Tana River County Security Team and investors attended a security meeting at the Tana Delta Irrigation Project (TDIP) aimed at enhancing security at the Project in order to ensure the success of the project. P.S. Idris Dokota also toured the on-going rehabilitation works at Kitere Intake.

04. STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT

TARDA Management and Kenya School of Government consultants embarked on TARDA's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan formulation that seeks to create a future that ensures sustainable water resources, climate resilience and community well-being through sustainable development.

05. PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVES

TARDA in partnership with other Regional Development Authorities came together in a strategy session in Mombasa to forge a way forward on actualizing the Presidential Directive of planting 5 Billion fruit seedlings by 2032.

06. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BILL

TARDA was part of a pivotal Retreat held with stakeholders making submissions on the Regional Development Authority Bill (2023) to the National Assembly Regional Development Committee alongside other Regional Development Authorities (RDAs) in Mombasa.

07. PARTNERSHIPS

TARDA participated in the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development - RCMRD International Conference 2023 #RIC2023, themed "NEXT LEVEL: Space to Community." The conference aimed to foster collaboration between space technology and community impact, focusing on innovative approaches to address today's challenges.

08. CONSERVATION

TARDA staff undertook tree planting activities during the Board Retreat as well as during the Strategic Plan Workshop held at Masinga Dam Resort in an effort to contribute towards the achievement of the 15 billion trees by 2032 and the 10% cover, an initiative launched by H.E. President William Ruto.



01. DEVOLUTION

TARDA participated in the 8th Devolution Conference alongside other stakeholders drawn from the public, private and non-governmental and international community under the theme 'The Present and The Future' which seeks to bring transformational services to the locals in various counties. The Authority also showcased the vital role of technology in beekeeping as a powerful tool against climate change through an ingenious system unveiled that empowers beekeepers to safeguard their precious honey.