



TARDA NEWS

TANA AND ATHI RIVERS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

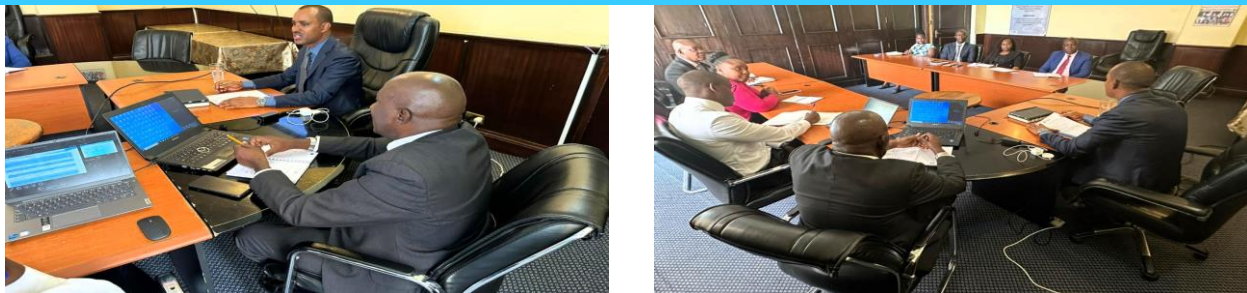
ISSUE NO. 4 | NOVEMBER 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

MINISTRY OF EAC, THE ASALS AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOSTS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS



On November 1st, 2023, TARDA had the privilege of participating in a development partners consultative meeting organized by the Ministry of EAC, ASALs, and Regional Development. This meeting provided an opportunity for TARDA to collaborate with various stakeholders and contribute to the region's sustainable development.

TARDA KCB MEETING



On November 2nd, 2023, TARDA engaged in fruitful discussions with the KCB team, led by the head of infrastructure, Mr. Felix Okwany, to explore investment opportunities for the Authority. This collaboration aimed to enhance TARDA's capacity to implement projects and initiatives that promote regional development.

CONSERVATION

In line with the Presidential Directive to plant 15 billion trees by 2032, TARDA actively participated in tree planting activities.



On November 6th, 2023, TARDA, alongside Kisaka Foundation Kenya, Kenya Meat Commission (KMC), the DCC-Athi River office, and Machakos county, planted 300 tree seedlings at the KMC grounds

KAMITI MAXIMUM PRISON CONSERVATION



Demonstrating its commitment to environmental conservation, TARDA conducted a joint tree planting exercise at the Kamiti Maximum Prison, donating 4000 tree seedlings on November 16th.

UNIVERSITY OF EMBU TREE PLANTING



TARDA also took part in a tree planting exercise at the University of Embu, contributing to the planting of 10,000 seedlings and showcasing its dedication to enhancing the ecosystem.

NATIONAL TREE PLANTING EVENT



On November 13th the Authority also undertook a countrywide tree planting campaign in commemoration of the National Tree Growing Day. TARDA donated over 150,000 tree seedlings towards the initiative.

NYANDARUA TREE PLANTING EVENT



In line with TARDA's commitment to environmental conservation, the Authority undertook a tree planting exercise in Nyandarua and Machakos Counties on 10th and 17th November respectively. The Authority donated 5,000 and 11,000 tree seedlings which were to be planted at Turasha River Riparian in Nyandarua and Iveti Forest in Machakos counties. This initiative, led by Chairman Mr. Patrick Gichohi and Managing Director Mr. Liban Roba, is part of TARDA's Tree Planting Campaign that was successfully launched on 29th September 2023 and is part of the Authority's contribution to the campaign of 15 billion trees by 2032. The events were attended by various officials, including the representatives of the respective Governors, County Commissioners and TARDA Board Directors.

ATHI-BASIN REGIONAL OFFICE STAKEHOLDER MEETING



Through our Athi-Basin Regional Office TARDA attended a Stakeholders/ Lead agency meeting at Machakos where discussions revolved around wetland identification, multi-agency collaboration, tree adoption strategies, environmental events planning, river conservation, community engagement on climate change, catchment conservation, sand and quarry regulations, river clean-up and waste management. These initiatives align with TARDA's mission to promote sustainable practices and protect natural resources.

TANA DELTA IRRIGATION PROJECT



TARDA demobilized a boat from Masinga Dam Resort to the Tana Delta Irrigation Project (TDIP) to assist in rescue and evacuation of locals in Tana River County in light of the ongoing heavy rains currently pounding the country. TARDA is working in collaboration with the area MP Hon Ali Wario, the local administration led by Chief Nuru Dokota, and other partners to support rescue and relief efforts in Tana River County.

PS FOR STATE DEPARTMENT OF IRRIGATION TDIP VISIT



The TDIP Project received a visit from the Principal Secretary, State Department for Irrigation, Mr. Ephantus Kimotho, accompanied by officials from the National Irrigation Authority. This inspection tour aimed to assess the progress and potential of the project, which plays a crucial role in Kenya's efforts to achieve food security through irrigation, utilizing public-private partnerships such as the one we have with Agri All Africa, to enhance food production and ensure food security across the country.

PS STATE DEPARTMENT FOR ASALs AND RDA BETA MEETING ON FEEDLOTS



In collaboration with other Regional Development Authorities (RDAs), TARDA recently participated in discussions regarding the establishment of livestock feedlots in various ASALs regions. The meeting was held by the Principal Secretary of the State Department for ASALs and Regional Development, Mr. Harsama Kello, on November 9th, 2023. Additionally, TARDA participated in a partners' engagement with the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Secretariat on November 14. The agenda of the engagement was to understand the BETA agenda on livestock in the ASALs.

PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENT TRAINING



TARDA also conducted a five-day workshop training from November 12th to 17th, aimed at developing, implementing and adopting strategies and interventions that will enable the measurement, management and improvement of productivity within the Authority.

COMMISSIONING OF THE LAST MILE COUNTY CONNECTIVITY PROJECT (LMCCP)



TARDA's Athi-Basin Regional office also took part in the commissioning of the Last Mile County Connectivity Project (LMCCP) in Machakos County on November 17. The project was commissioned by the Head of Public Service, Mr. Felix K. Koskei.

PS STRATEGIC MEETING ON PLANTING 5 BILLION FRUIT AND OIL SEEDLINGS



TARDA's Managing Director recently attended a Strategic Meeting chaired by the Principal Secretary for the ASALs and Regional Development, Mr. Kello Harsama in Narok County. In attendance at the meeting were all the heads of the 6 Regional Development Authorities, with TARDA being represented by Managing Director Mr. Liban Roba. The aim of the meeting, which took place on November 16th, was to develop a visionary strategy to plant 5 billion fruit and oil seedlings by the end of 2032.

TARDA PRESENTS FIRST DRAFT OF STRATEGIC PLAN TO THE BOARD



In collaboration with consultants from the Kenya School of Government, TARDA undertook a workshop on 15th November 2023 to validate the first draft of our Strategic Plan for the years 2024-2028. The purpose was to identify and address any gaps in the plan before presenting it to the TARDA Board for validation which took place on 16th November.