



# TARDA NEWS

TANA AND ATHI RIVERS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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## MINISTRY OF EAC, THE ASALS AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### TARDA BOARD CHAIRMAN UNDERTAKES INSPECTION TOUR OF THE MASINGA AND KIAMBERE DAMS



TARDA's Board Chairman Mr. Patrick Gichohi accompanied by Directors Joyce Wamucii and Eng. Robinson Gaita visited the Masinga and Kiambere Dams. Managing Director Mr. Liban Roba was also present during the inspection tour. The Chairman-led Team visited the Dams to assess the water levels and ensure effective flood control in case of any eventuality.

The dams play a crucial role in water resource management, as well as flood control, power generation and irrigation. This visit held significant implications for TARDA's role in ensuring a secure water future for the region and further highlighted the need to ensure the dams' safety and sustainability amid the rains.

### TARDA'S PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CENTRE



TARDA Managing Director Mr. Liban Roba met with the Chief Executive Officer of the Nairobi International Finance Centre (NIFCA), Mr. Oscar Njuguna to explore a possible partnership between TARDA and NIFCA. Exciting opportunities lie ahead in leveraging finance for our development projects. The potential collaboration between TARDA and NIFC aims to drive progress and improve the lives of Kenyans.

### EMPOWERING FARMERS AND SUPPORTING LOCAL AGRICULTURE

A Team from TARDA visited Kamaki Farmers' Cooperative in Kitui South to explore collaboration opportunities in empowering farmers through smart beekeeping technology. Discussions revolved around enhancement of beekeeping practices, procuring raw honey from local farmers and improving farmers' livelihoods. Through strategic partnerships, TARDA aims to create new opportunities for farmers and provide them with a reliable market for their honey.



## TRANSFORMING THE LIVESTOCK SECTOR: TARDA COLLABORATES WITH LIVESTOCK STEERING COMMITTEE



TARDA held a successful meeting with Senior Officials from McKinsey and the State Department for ASALs and Regional Development. The meeting is a fruition of the Livestock Sector Steering Committee approaching the State Department for partnership aimed at “resetting the livestock sector’s economic growth path”. McKinsey is assisting the Livestock Sector Steering Committee in commercializing fodder production by facilitating investments in large-scale farms. TARDA, which has been identified among other RDAs to aid in this endeavor, was led by Managing Director Mr. Liban Roba at the meeting.

## TARDA JOINS DRIVE TO PROMOTE REFORESTATION AND COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE



TARDA attended a tree planting event hosted by Kisaka Foundation Kenya where we donated 1,000 assorted tree seedlings from our Machakos Tree Nursery towards the success of the Event. The event was part of wider efforts aimed at meeting the Presidential Directive on 15 Billion Trees By2032. We were joined by other agencies such as Kenya Forest Service, NEMA and Equity Bank among others at Baraka AIC Mlolongo Church. Such initiatives play a vital role in reforestation efforts and combatting climate change.

## TARDA PARTICIPATES IN LAUNCH OF EMBU COUNTY AGGREGATION AND INDUSTRIAL PARK



TARDA participated in the Launch of the Embu County Aggregation & Industrial Park in an event that marked a key milestone in promoting sustainable agribusiness & economic development. The event was officiated by the Embu Governor, Cecily Mbarire. TARDA also plays a pivotal role in supporting local communities in the area. During the launch we highlighted our role in fostering East Africa's largest honey factory in Kiambere. Beyond honey production, TARDA is actively involved in conservation efforts. Our commitment extends to providing fruits and indigenous tree seedlings to schools, institutions and CBOs as part of climate change adaptation & mitigation initiatives.