



TARDA NEWS

TANA AND ATHI RIVERS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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MINISTRY OF EAC, THE ASALS AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ACHIEVEMENT STOCK-TAKING: GOVERNMENT ROADSHOW LANDS AT THE MINISTRY OF EAC, THE ASALS & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT



The Government Roadshow held on 16th January 2024 took stock of gains and progress at the Ministry of EAC Community, the ASALs and Regional Development Kenya led by Cabinet Secretary Hon. Peninah Malonza at Kenya International Convention Centre. The exercise is led by the Ministry of Public Service, Performance & Delivery Management Cabinet Secretary Moses Kuria who noted that Regional Development Authorities are the vehicle to drive Foreign Direct Investment in Kenya. The TARDA Team at the event were led by Managing Director Mr. Liban Roba who presented a brief overview of projects and achievements that have been undertaken by the Authority to spur development in Kenya.

SETTING THE STAGE FOR 2024: TARDA ENGAGES IN MINISTERIAL STRATEGIC MEETING

TARDA actively participated in a strategic meeting convened by the Ministry of East African Community, The ASALs and Regional Development through Cabinet Secretary Hon. Peninah Malonza accompanied by PS State Department for ASALs and Regional Development PS Kello Harsama on 12th January 2024. During the meeting attended by all State Agencies in the State Department, we delved into the Ministry's Strategic Direction to ensure that all State Agencies facilitate seamless collaboration for posterity. The TARDA Team which included our Board Directors were led by Board Chair Mr. Patrick Gichohi. The meeting also aimed to celebrate milestones and learn from past successes to fuel future.

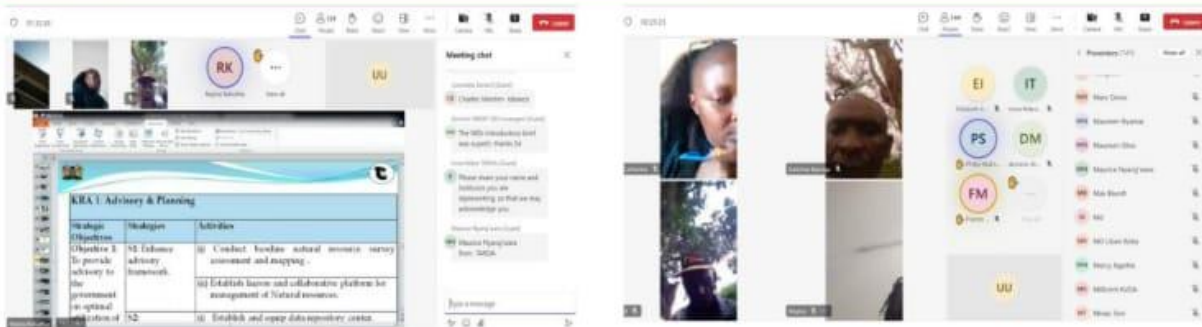


TARDA'S ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON TDIP AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION



The Tana and Athi Rivers Development Authority was part of a RoundTable Discussion on the Tana Delta Irrigation Project and its implementation under Public Private Partnership (PPP) between ourselves and Agri All Africa convened by the Principal Secretary, State Department for the ASALs and Regional Development Kello Harsama on January 11th 2024. The main objective of the meeting revolved around enhancing the infrastructure and expanding the irrigated land within the Project. Other topics encompassed security enhancements, electricity provision and road development, crucial for the seamless implementation of the Project.

TARDA UNDERTAKES STAKEHOLDER VALIDATION FOR STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2027



TARDA undertook a Stakeholder Validation Meeting for our Strategic Plan 2023-2027 on January 29th to share your feedback on key draft areas such as:

- 1: Advisory & Planning: Enhancing advisory frameworks & knowledge management.
- 2: Integrated Development: Promoting climate-smart agriculture, equitable resource utilization and development projects
3. Institutional Capacity: Strengthening human capital. Financial resources, corporate governance and operational effectiveness through innovation and ICT.

An impressive number of stakeholders joined the conversation demonstrating our collective commitment to transforming vision into action, strategies into results and potential into reality.

TARDA JOINS FORCES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL GROWTH AT KAKULUI EARTH DAM



A TARDA team from Masinga Irrigation Project and Masinga Tree Nursery joined hands with the National Government team and the community led by Deputy Count Commissioner Masinga on 12th January 2024. Together, we planted 600 seedlings that we generously donated. Our planting site at Kakului Earth Dam, is located just 5km from Masinga Sub County Offices, Masinga Location, Musumaa Sub Location. Constructed in 2023 through a collaborative effort between the National Government and the community, this Dam is a testament to the power of partnerships.

TARDA OVERSEES COLLABORATIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE TANA DELTA IRRIGATION



TARDA alongside esteemed partners such as Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation, the National Youth Service, Kenya National Highways Authority and Kenya Rural Roads Authority embarked on a successful mission of exploration and enhancement of the Tana Delta Irrigation Project on 12th-13th January 2024. TARDA Managing Director Mr. Liban Roba led the Authority during the visit aimed at assessing the existing infrastructure, urgently identifying areas requiring repairs and making recommendations for improvement. The visit followed a RoundTable meeting chaired by the Principal Secretary, State Department for ASALs and Regional Development where representatives from various organizations were directed to conduct a comprehensive site assessment for the Project.

WORLD WETLANDS DAY: TARDA JOINS PREPARATIONS FOR FETE



Through our Athi-Basin Regional Office TARDA has been meeting with other stakeholders in Machakos County for planning sessions for this year's World Wetlands Day, slated for 2nd February 2024, that have been convened at the Machakos County's CEC Environment's Office. This year's theme is "Wetlands Restoration - Wetland and Human Well-being". TARDA is set to conduct community training on agro-forestry, value addition (grafting & budding) and tree nursery establishment and management at Kalama Sub-County, Kola Location as part of wider national efforts aimed at marking the day.

ZERO FAULT AUDIT REGIME: TARDA SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDES MONTH-LONG AUDIT



TARDA concluded a month-long audit undertaken by the Auditor-General's office with a close-out meeting on 19th January 2024, marking a pivotal step in the Authority's commitment to the Zero Fault Audit Regime for the FY 2023/2024. TARDA Managing Director Mr. Liban Roba led the Authority's team at the meeting. Such exercises are crucial in fortifying good governance, integrity, accountability, transparency and global best practices within Kenya's government institutions.

GROWING TREES FOR A GREENER FUTURE: TARDA CHAMPIONS TREE PLANTING EXERCISES IN EMBU AND MERU COUNTIES



TARDA officiated the "Back to School Tree Growing Launching Program" held at Kaaga Girls exemplifying a commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable practices. The Form One students planted an impressive 2020 tree seedlings as part of their initiative to adopt a tree each. The school has set a target of growing a total of 5000 seedlings by the end of 2024, showcasing a dedication to fostering a green and sustainable environment. In collaboration with the Meru County Government County Director of Education and the County Commissioner's Office, TARDA also spearheaded the School Green Program at Kathurine Primary. The green revolution also took root at Nchaure Primary School still in Meru, 1000 tree seedlings were planted.