



TARDA NEWS

TANA AND ATHI RIVERS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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MINISTRY OF EAC, THE ASALS AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

TARDA PARTICIPATES IN OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE FIRST LADY'S COMMITMENT TO THE NATIONAL TREE GROWING & LAND RESTORATION CAMPAIGN



TARDA was privileged to participate in the official launch of the First Lady Mama Rachel Ruto's commitment to the National Tree Growing Campaign. This campaign aims to promote land restoration and environmental conservation initiatives nationwide. TARDA's involvement in this laudable initiative underscores our dedication to environmental stewardship and our proactive role in fostering a greener, more sustainable future for generations to come.

MINISTRY OF EAC, THE ASALS AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S BRIEF ON THE FY 2024/25 BUDGET POLICY STATEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT.



The Ministry of East African Community, the ASALs and Regional Development, spearheaded by Cabinet Secretary Hon. Peninah Malonza and PS Kello Harsama, presented the FY 2024/25 Budget Policy Statement to the Departmental Committee on Regional Development on February 22nd. TARDA, represented by Managing Director Mr. Liban Roba, actively contributed to shaping regional development policies and priorities, underscoring our commitment to advancing inclusive growth and prosperity across the region.

TARDA PART OF STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR 15 BILLION FRUIT TREE SEEDLINGS



TARDA actively participated in the Strategic Planning Workshop for the 15 billion Fruit Tree Seedlings Production Proposal from February 19th-24th in Kisumu. Led by Cabinet Secretary Peninah Malonza and Principal Secretary Kello Harsama for the State Department for ASALS and Regional Development, the workshop aimed to refine strategies and frameworks for sustainable tree planting initiatives. TARDA's involvement reaffirmed our dedication to environmental conservation and ecosystem restoration efforts.

TARDA PARTICIPATES IN BETA MODEL MEETING FOR FEEDLOTS



On February 15th, TARDA was honored to contribute to the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development's Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) presentation. This session, attended by County Executive Committee (CEC) members from 30 counties nationwide, focused on advancing initiatives related to feedlots, Animal Health, and Genetics delivery models. TARDA's participation underscored our commitment to collaborative efforts aimed at enhancing agricultural productivity and rural livelihoods.

TARDA CELEBRATES WORLD WETLANDS DAY AT KYANGUNYA WETLAND, MACHAKOS



TARDA actively commemorated #WorldWetlandsDay2024 on February 2nd, advocating for the preservation of wetlands under the theme 'Wetlands and Human Well-being.' Our dedicated team from the Machakos Regional Office proudly represented the Authority at the Kyangunya Wetland in Machakos County, emphasizing our unwavering commitment to environmental conservation and its vital link to human prosperity.

FORTIFYING PARTNERSHIPS: TARDA AND MACHAKOS COUNTY JOIN FORCES FOR SUSTAINABILITY



On February 6th, TARDA had the esteemed privilege of engaging with Machakos County Government Governor, Hon. Wavinya Ndeti, EGH, in an insightful dialogue focused on forging collaborative partnerships for sustainable development. Led by our visionary Managing Director, Mr. Liban Roba, the discussions revolved around critical topics such as Environmental Conservation, Water Harvesting, Small Holder Irrigation Schemes, Capacity Building/Tech Transfer, and Climate Conservation. These deliberations underscored TARDA's proactive role in driving holistic development initiatives in partnership with local

EMPOWERING FARMERS FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE: TARDA'S FIELD DAY SUCCESS



TARDA actively participated in a Farmers' Field Day on February 12th, facilitated by the Masinga sub-county Agricultural office. The event aimed to empower farmers with knowledge and resources to mitigate the impacts of climate change. TARDA, represented by project managers and the Sub-County Director on Veterinary services from Masinga, played an instrumental role in educating farmers on innovative cultivation techniques and the utilization of resilient planting materials, fostering agricultural resilience and sustainability.

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH TRAINING: TARDA'S ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION DRIVE ENTERS TOP GEAR



TARDA demonstrated its unwavering commitment to capacity building and grassroots engagement by conducting comprehensive training sessions in the Athi Basin Region on February 18th. The training covered various critical aspects, including Agro-forestry, value addition, and tree nursery establishment and management. By equipping local communities with essential skills and knowledge, TARDA aims to foster sustainable agricultural practices and empower rural populations for long-term resilience.

TARDA JOINS FORCES WITH KISAKA FOUNDATION FOR GREENING ATHI RIVER INITIATIVE



TARDA actively supported the Greening Athi River initiative in collaboration with Kisaka Foundation on February 19th. The initiative saw the planting of 1000 tree seedlings at Athi River primary and junior High School in Mavoko, reflecting TARDA's dedication to environmental stewardship and community engagement. Through such collaborative efforts, TARDA seeks to promote ecosystem restoration and mitigate the adverse effects of climate change.

ENABLING GREEN INITIATIVES: COLLABORATING FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



On February 20th, TARDA's Regional Office in Embu hosted a fruitful meeting with key stakeholders, including representatives from Embu County Environment, Kenya Forest Service, and Embu West County Forester. The discussions centered on fostering collaborative initiatives in tree growing, nursery establishment, and environmental conservation efforts. TARDA remains committed to forging partnerships that drive sustainable development and environmental resilience in local communities. Embu Office further engaged in substantive discussions with [#AfriGlo](#) Climate Action Initiatives where the focus of discussions centered on exploring collaborative efforts to tackle climate change through effective adaptation and mitigation measures.

TARDA PART OF COLLABORATIVE CONSERVATION EFFORTS AT MUMONI HILLS



In a display of unity for environmental preservation, Muungano Environmental Resource Management Alliance (MERMA) invited the Tana and Athi Rivers Development Authority, Kenya Forest Service, Kenya Water Towers Agency Tourism, Game Reserve and the KITUI County Government for a strategic planning session with a focus of restoring the Mumoni Hills Forest Reserve.

TARDA PARTICIPATES IN THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY



TARDA, under the leadership of Managing Director Mr. Liban Roba, made significant contributions to The United Nations Environment Assembly 6 (UNEA6), held to address pressing global sustainability challenges. By actively engaging in international forums, TARDA seeks to contribute to the global discourse on environmental conservation and sustainable development, fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing on a global scale.