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NEMA participates in Mazingira golf

NEMA is committed to fulfilling its mandate of ensuring a clean and healthy environment. Towards this end, NEMA participated in the Mazingira golf tournament held on 7th October 2017 at Karen Country club.

The NEMA team was led by the chairman, Mr. John Konchellah. During the tournament, the Authority also mounted an exhibition where they created awareness on plastic bags ban among other mandate of the Authority.



NEMA booth during the Mazingira golf tournament at Karen golf club in Nairobi [PHOTO: G. CHELANGAT /NEMA]

While making his remarks during the event, the chairman, encouraged the golfers to carryout activities, initiatives and programs that contribute towards sustainable use of the environment. He also urged participants to support and

partner with NEMA in enhancing the quality of environment.

“Let us all join hands and stay committed in ensuring that we impart knowledge to each and every citizen on all matters that relate to the environment as well as on the importance of protecting our resources for the current and our future generations”, the Chairman stated.



NEMA Board Chairman, Mr. John Konchellah playing golf during the tournament [PHOTO: G. CHELANGAT /NEMA]

Why you need to take care of your eyes

The White cane day, is a day set to commemorate possibility of independence for blind and visually impaired persons. It is held every 15th day of October each year. The day focuses global attention on blindness and visual impairment.

Worldwide, 285 million people who are visually impaired, 90% of them live in Africa and South East Asia.

World Health Organization (WHO) says that cataract is the primary cause of avoidable blindness in Sub-Saharan Africa today; i.e. 50% of all avoidable blindness cases in this region are caused by cataract. Therefore 80% of blindness can be avoided by simple eye surgery, eye care and regular checkups.

So, how do we make vision count on this World Sight Day 2017? Well, there are two pragmatic solutions to this! Firstly, the governments should establish national programs and regulations to prevent and control visual impairment; eye care services should be made increasingly available and progressively integrated into primary and secondary health care systems; health care services should be of high quality, readily available, and affordable to all.

Secondly, campaigns to educate the public and raise awareness about visual function should be conducted regularly and carried out everywhere. In line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) it is important to promote, protect, and ensure the full enjoyment of human rights by persons with disabilities and ensure that they enjoy equality under the law.

NEMA shines at Nairobi ASK show

Nairobi International Trade Fair show opened its doors on 2nd to 8th October 2017. The theme of the show was “promoting innovation and technology in Agriculture and trade”.

This year, the show attracted agencies/organizations locally and internationally specializing in all sectors of the economy.

The National Environment Management Authority just like previous years was a

major participant in this year's show. The Authority's booth was located at the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources stand.



Ms Anne Theuri (R) engages visitors at the NEMA booth during the Nairobi ASK show [PHOTO: A. MWANGI/NEMA]

In the wake of implementing the ban on plastic bags, the Authority played a critical role in creating awareness about the ban during the show.

As a result, NEMA partnered with the ASK show executive organizers to appoint environmental inspectors who played a critical role during the 6-day show on waste management, plastic carrier bags as well as noise pollution. The exhibitions also focused on displaying and dispatching materials related to plastic bags ban.

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“The only way forward, if we are going to improve the quality of the environment, is to get everybody involved”

Richard Rogers

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