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## Church launches a tree-planting drive

**T**he Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops (KCCP) launched a tree planting campaign on 25th October 2018 at Shanzu Teachers Training College, in Mombasa County.



NEMA DG Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu with other dignitaries launching the tree planting exercise at Shanzu TTC in Mombasa [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]

The initiative was in response to POP's Encyclical letter to all people in 2015 to take care of our Common Home-Environment. The drive will run for next one year whose slogan is "Plant Trees, Plant Hope".



NEMA DG Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu watering a tree seedling during the tree planting exercise at Shanzu TTC, Mombasa [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]

The guest of honour was NEMA Director General, Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu. Prof. Wahungu urged people not only to plant trees during this short rains season but also ensure they grow.



NEMA DG Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu, staff interacts with Bishop Martin Kivuva (R) of Mombasa diocese at Plaza Beach Hotel [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]

Senior Bishop Martin Kivuva of Mombasa Diocese urged Christians to be on the front line in taking care of the environment. During the exercise, approximately 1000 trees were planted.



NEMA DG Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu (5<sup>th</sup> R) with staff during the exercise in Mombasa [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]



Prior to the tree planting exercise, Prof. Wahungu addressed a congregation of Catholic Bishops comprising the Caritas Kenya at Plaza Beach Hotel in Mombasa. He highlighted some of the areas that the Authority has partnered with Caritas Kenya including being a sub entity in the National Implementing Entity (NIE) being implemented by NEMA under Adaptation Fund.



**DG NEMA, Staff and Catholic Bishops from Caritas Kenya during the workshop at Plaza Beach hotel [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]**

“Through the church and institutions like Caritas, NEMA as a national institution is able to interact with people and reach the masses,” Prof. Wahungu stated.

### **NEMA awarded during World Food Day**

**N**EMA has been awarded as the best stand on natural resource category during the World Food Day 2018 celebrations held on 16th October 2018 at Kenya Agricultural and Research Organization (KALRO) Nakuru County riding on the theme “Zero Hunger by the year 2030”.

NEMA had an exhibition in line with the theme of the day that focused on four key areas; planning which touched on Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment (SEA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA); waste management; sustainable utilization of natural resources for food production and climate change adaptation where the focus

was on issues of water harvesting for domestic and agricultural use.



**The trophy that NEMA won [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]**

The Authority was recognized for showcasing the best environmental practices that will contribute to achieving zero hunger by the year 2030. The trophy was awarded by the Nakuru County Governor, H.E Lee Kinyanjui.

The team presented the trophy to the NEMA Director General Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu who congratulated them for their passion in pushing the environmental agenda to the public.



**NEMA Director General, Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu Wahungu (C) receives a trophy from (R-L) DD EEIPP, Mamo Boru, Joseph Masinde, Shieni Koiyiet and Ruth Nderitu. [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU]**

### **NEMA shines at Nairobi trade fair**

**N**airobi International Trade Fair is the largest Trade Fair in the East Africa Region. The show offers opportunities for regional, continental and

global exhibitions to display and demonstrate their services and products.

The show also offers visitors to meet people from different countries and backgrounds, hence creating a platform for interaction and exchanging of ideas and experiences.

This year, the show took place from 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Nairobi Jamhuri Park. The theme for this year's show was "promoting innovation and technology in agriculture and trade."

The weeklong fun fare and exhibitions galore attracted exhibitors from far and wide who took positions at the Trade Fair to showcase their products, technologies and best practices across all sectors.



**NEMA staff receives guests at NEMA booth during the Nairobi Trade Fair [PHOTO: A. MWANGI/NEMA]**

NEMA was among the renowned exhibitors including giant corporates. The Authority took its rightful position on the areas of Environmental Management.

The Authority was prominent, visible and had firm grip on the minds of all that came in contact with either of her two facilities namely, the NEMA Gate and NEMA Stand within the show ground.

The NEMA Stand was a favourite must-visit and hence was steadily streaming with diverse clients including, schools and colleges, entrepreneurs, government officials, private sectors and the general public all seeking to get that clarification

on environmental issues. The show was officially opened by H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018.



**NEMA Chairman, Mr. John Konchellah (C) at the NEMA booth during the Nairobi ASK show. He was received by NEMA's Antony Waswa (L) [PHOTO: COURTESY]**

### **Why environmental education matters**

**T**he World Environment Education Day (WEED) is celebrated on 14 October. The annual event was launched in 2017 during the World Environment Education Congress in Vancouver, Canada.

The day marks of the first day of the United Nations intergovernmental conference on environmental education, which was held in Tbilisi from October 14th to 26th, 1977.



On World Environmental Education Day different schools, parks, environmental education centres, public institutions and museums aim to organize special events that incorporate the objectives of



environmental education in highlighting the importance of developing educational action to build transversal skills.

NEMA also held a special event about environment conservation at Kongoni Primary School, in Nairobi. On this auspicious occasion, NEMA invited Schools, parks, environmental education centres, public institutions and museums to organize special events to mark the day.

### **NEMA starts mapping of riparian Zones**

**N**EMA in collaboration with the National Land Commission (NLC) and the Regional Centre for Mapping for Resources Development (RCMRD) is spearheading a three year project on mapping riparian zones/lands in the designated Special Economic Zones (SEZs) at Lamu, Mombasa and Kisumu with support from the National Research Fund (NRF).

The project was conceptualized on the basis that the Designated Special Economic Zones in the coming years are expected to receive heavy and rapid development trajectory.

The development trajectory is though bound to inflict major environmental changes with implications on conservation of various environmental resources and the riparian zones are among the most vulnerable resources.

The project which received the initial funding in early 2018, commenced implementation with mapping riparian zones in Lamu special Economic Zone.

Using satellite imageries and referencing from legal frameworks providing for riparian zones, GIS experts drawn from NEMA, NLC and RCMRD have spent several months modelling the riparian zones in Lamu special economic zone resulting in draft maps.

In this regard, the consortium of experts implementing the project led by Dr, Charles Lange mounted a stakeholder validation workshop at Lamu Museums on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 to mainly sensitize stakeholder at Lamu about the project, share the project progress and receive feedback or inputs on the project from stakeholders.



**Participants during the workshop in Lamu [PHOTO: COURTESY]**

Over 20 key stakeholders attended the workshop with officials coming from the regional offices including; Kenya Wildlife Services (KWS), Kenya Forest Service (KFS), World Wide Fund (WWF), County Government of Lamu, Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) and National Museums of Kenya (NMK) among others. The meeting was officially opened by the Chief Officer Environment and County Government of Lamu.

The project will then move to map the riparian zones in Mombasa and Kisumu special economic zones.

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