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## Environment CAS visits NEMA

**T**he Ministry of Environment and Forestry Chief Administrative Secretary (CAS), Mr. Mohammed Elmi visited NEMA on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

Mr. Elmi held a meeting with Director General, Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu and the management team. Mr. Elmi also visited several offices including GIS, Air quality, Library, police unit, EIA Section among others.



Ministry of Environment and Forestry Chief Administrative Secretary, Mohammed Elmi with DG NEMA, Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu during the visit [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]



CAS, Mr. Mohammed Elmi, Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu and NEMA staff when he visited the GIS Section [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]



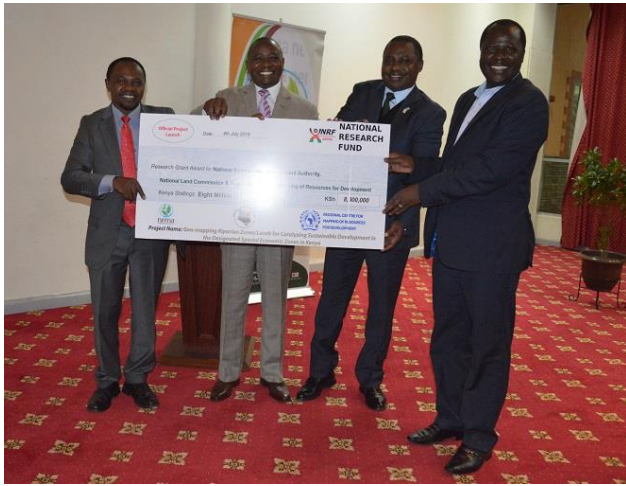
CAS, Mr. Mohammed Elmi, Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu and NEMA staff when he visited the Air quality Section [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]



CAS at the NEMA boardroom holding a meeting with the management team [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]

## NEMA pulls funds to protect riparian zones

**N**EMA in collaboration with National Land Commission (NLC) and Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD) launched a project titled; *'Geo-mapping Riparian Zones/Lands for Catalyzing Sustainable Development in the Designated Special Economic Zones in Kenya'* at Panari Hotel on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018.



**L-R-Mr. Ngatia, NRF, NEMA DG, Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu, Dr. Emmanuel Nkurunziza, DG RCMRD, Mr. Bernard Opa, NCL holding the dummy cheque award to the Authority at Panari Hotel [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]**

The project was awarded Ksh 8 Million by the National Research Fund (NRF) through a competitive process. The project, under the leadership of Dr. Charles Lange, the Deputy Director for Environmental Planning and Research Coordination will be implemented for three years.

The objectives of the project are to Map riparian zones, Geo- code developments within riparian areas and Develop online and interactive public portal for riparian zones verification and environmental crimes reporting. The geographical coverage of the project is Lamu, Mombasa and Kisumu counties.

The event was attended by Prof. Wahungu, DG NEMA and Dr. Emmanuel Nkurunziza, DG RCMRD others include Benard Opa representing CEO NLC, Mr. Ngatia representing CEO NRF, Joy Kivata representing Director Wetland International, Mr. Maritim representing CEO WWF.

Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu in his remarks thanked RCMRD DG for accepting to partner with NEMA in this project and assured him of his support in other

initiatives in future. He also noted that NLC is an important partner in the project as the agency in charge of land matters in the country. He applauded the effort of the team in putting together the project ideas and assured them of his full support to ensure that the project is successful.

Prof. Wahungu added that riparian areas are under threat from development and the government is keen to protect these zones. "Therefore, this project is timely and will contribute towards informing the status of riparian zones and enforcement actions by NEMA," Wahungu noted.



**NEMA's Deputy Director EPRC, Dr. Charles Lange making a presentation during the launch at Panari Hotel [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]**

The Director General, RCMRD, Dr. Emmanuel Nkurunziza, remarked that he was pleased to work with NEMA on this project and his institution will support this initiative and even look forward to other engagements in future.

Mr Ben Opa noted that NLC is a key player in defining and zoning of the riparian areas as outlined in the Public Land Act. The NLC will provide all relevant information, maps and support needed in the to ensure success of the project.

On his part, Mr. Ngatia from NRF commended NEMA, NLC and RCMRD for submitting a good proposal and hence the

award. He noted that the 8M award is not a very large amount as some of proposals get up to 20M.

### **NEMA's regional managers inducted**

**T**he Authority's regional managers were inducted from 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at Utalii Hotel, Nairobi.

The eight regional managers recently promoted to Chief Environmental Officers will be in charge of the eight regions countrywide. The regions include; Central, Coast, Eastern, Nairobi, North Eastern, Nyanza, Rift Valley and Western.

The training focused on strategic planning, performance management, accountability framework, work planning, performance appraisal, ethics and integrity, field operations work plans, progress reports, monitoring among others.



**The regional managers and their trainers during the training at Utalii Hotel [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]**

### **AF-GCF Committee members inducted**

**N**EMA is the National Implementing Entity (NIE) for Kenya. The Authority has been implementing the Adaptation Fund programme since 2016. As the NIE for Kenya, the Authority has also been accredited to have direct access to Green Climate Funding (GCF).

Towards this, the NIE Section has organized for a workshop for the newly appointed AF/GCF Committee at Marina English Point in Mombasa from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

The workshop aimed at inducting the secretariat on the progress of the ongoing Adaptation Fund projects in the 13 Counties in Kenya and the status of Green Climate Funding.



**AF/GCF committee members during the induction at English Point Hotel, Mombasa [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]**

During the workshop, the members engaged in an elaborate discussion on how to address some of the challenges being faced with the current AF Entities and Sub-Entities and opportunities and areas of further engagement in future.

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