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KEWI-PACWA Meet to Lay Foundation for a Formalized MoU

Cabinet Secretary Hon. Alice Wahome (centre),KEWI CEO Dr. Leiro Letangule(right) and Tarek Elsayed PACWA Director (left) in Cairo, Egypt.

BY DORINE EVA

Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) is set to enhance its water training curriculum development and research activities among other loads of benefits once a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Institute and Pan African Centre for Water and Climate Change Adaptation (PACWA) is formalized.

The new development was arrived at following a meeting between Hon. Alice Wahome Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Kenya and Prof. Hani Sewilam Minister for Water Egypt and officials from PACWA at PACWA headquarters in Cairo, Egypt.

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KEWI-PACWA Meet to Lay Foundation for a Formalized MoU

Dr. Letangule at the AMCOW Conference in Cairo Egypt.

The proposed MOU comes at a time when KEWI is reengineering her position in the water sector by bringing on board more strategic partners both from Kenya and outside Kenya in a bid to build on its strategic and core mandate of training, research and consultancy.

During the meeting KEWI Chief Executive Officer Dr. Leiro Letangule and PACWA Director Mr. Tarek ElSayed were in attendance and provided invaluable insights in regards to the program. The two noted that the MOU will provide an ideal setting for constructive dialogue, setting the stage for a promising partnership between KEWI and PACWA. They also largely observed that the intended partnership once formalized will become more robust and attract a wider pool of trainees.

The framework for the partnership envisages collaboration in curriculum development, student exchange programs, research initiatives, and the establishment of a constituent college for technical courses at KEWI as key areas of collaboration.

The meeting was held at the sidelines of The 13th Ordinary Session of the General Assembly (GA) of the Governing Council of the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) which was hosted by the Arab Republic of Egypt in Cairo from 13-15 June 2023.

During conference, The General Assembly, deliberated, considered and guided the formulation and pursuits of AMCOW aspirations and ongoing interventions.

The interventions include mobilizing the vigorous involvement of the Member States and partners in the formulation of the post-2025 Africa Water Vision and advocating cooperation in the management of water resources through multi-sectoral approaches and water-energy-food-ecosystem perspectives.

Partnership between KEWI and PACWA comes at a time when the government has attracted major investment bids from Egyptian construction firms for the construction of 100 mega multi-purpose dams in the country.

The firms have submitted bids through the on-going Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects initiative, demonstrating their appetite for large investment in Kenya with least 10 projects getting interest of the investor's immediate participation.

KEWI is readjusting itself strategically to tap the benefits of these mega developments by working on possibilities of providing research and consultancy services.

SPORTS

KEWI Gore White Buffalos at a Friendly Match.

BY KORIR KIPKIRUI

KEWI Chiakariga Campus for the umpteenth time displayed its soccer prowess following a derby held between her and neighbouring teams.

In a scintillating derby held at Maweni Primary Grounds, KEWI displayed an outstanding performance by devouring Nkarini White Buffalos 2-0 to kick off the semester with the much needed boost. Jimmy Iha, the team captain, demonstrated his prowess over the White Buffalo squad, which had seemed to sustain its losing streak after they suffered three straight losses.

The visitors got off to a wonderful start in the 18th minute when Carson Chizhodi scored his first goal for the Campus students in front of an outstanding crowd at Maweni Grounds. KEWI team suffered a setback when Frankline Kibet hobbled off to be replaced by Ali Daniel.

However, for the duration of a game they should have won in the final 10 minutes, thanks to a spectacular goal by Jimmy, the visitors made light of the White Buffalo's attackers' absence and the game ended 2-0.

KEWI Chiakariga Campus football team plays against Nkarini White Buffalos at Maweni Primary Grounds. KEWI won 2-0.

"I have done what I have to do," Feisal, the team's head

coach, who is also in charge of Student Affairs in the Campus said. "Despite the outstanding performance, I gave them good training over the course of the week and am used to winning. I'm calmly waiting for the final buzzer because of this," he added.

He also applauded the management for supporting the students on co-curriculum activities.

The team has a long unbeaten record and it is known for dominating the Sub County and the neighbouring Sub-Counties.

The friendly meets are a build up that is coming ahead of the official start of Kenya Technical Institutions Sports Association (KETISA) games slated to take place later in the term.

Water Fact:

"A person can live about a month without food, but only about a week

Why Effective Communication is Key in a Workplace

Two members of staff in a conversation. Effective communication is key in effective discharge of duties in a workplace.

BY PIUS KIMANI

At a time when dispensing services to the public is taking a more active and central role in modern day organization, the need to relook on how best such services can be offered to achieve maximum benefits to all sets of customers is paramount.

The maxim that a successful organizational communication plays a very critical role in he ultimate direction of the organization holds so much truth. Indeed effective communication is a critical building

block of any successful organization. Its the lifeblood of every organization. This realization directs a group towards a set of common goals.

However several factors hinder this critical managerial function that represents a basic human characteristic needed by all workers in an organization in performing their jobs.

Among these factors is the effectiveness of the communication ie the problem of how meaning affects the desired results.

The more direct the communication, the more effective it will be. In an organization, the number of levels through which a form of communication travels affects the kind of action that is finally taken.

Since communication problem increases as the size of the firm increases, a need for a sound and well structured flow of communication should be adopted.

Presence of a structured flow of communication ensures

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transmission of messages and understanding of their intended meaning. These consequences boost the efficiency of this managerial functions because the levels of acceptance are high.

Depending on how past experiences and needs of the receiver of communication product have been handled after they were communicated in am organization, the tendency to selectively understand the information being is very high.

We all tend to hear what we want to hear and reject what we don't want to hear because the reception to information is more of a psychological phenomenon.

Depending on whatever formula of flow of communication i.e. vertical, horizontal or informal takes, the impact of communication cannot be ignored in an organization. Directing activities of subordinates within an organization will require the managers to issue directions downwards. This has largely been the norm across many organizations. Equally, subordinates will communicate their issues through the levels established in an organization upwards.

This form of communication which is the most applied in organizations may impact the discharge of services in an organization depending on the number of levels a certain information will pass through before it gets to the level at which action begins. Though this form of communication enjoys a number of benefits which include but not limited to bringing people working at various levels of an organization within the scope of communication, communicating and implementing orders, instructions and advices of superior, conveying of subordinate complaints and compliments using the

upward direction, maintaining the chain of command, creating better personal and working relationship, it encounters a series of drawbacks.

Ineffective communication may arise if the sender and receiver differ in their respective positions or designations. This may be due to differences in the status or position of the communication.

This communication bottleneck hinders smooth flow of communication making it ineffective.

Chances of delayed flow of communication due to many series of steps from one level to another may cause far reaching delays that ultimately affect how the running of organization takes place.

Mistrust, fear or even threat and especially on the upward flow of communication creates a communication gap between superior and subordinates thus curtailing the flow of information.

Entitlement in terms of job status and personal dignity may make the downward flow of information be a challenge. Superiors may neglect information passed to them by subordinates and this causes a serious flaw on how information flows or is passed and acted upon. Others like authoritarian attitude of superior and distortion of information all affects how flow of information affect daily managerial functions in an organization.

Vertical unlike horizontal and informal flow of communication is treated as the heart of a control system within an organization.

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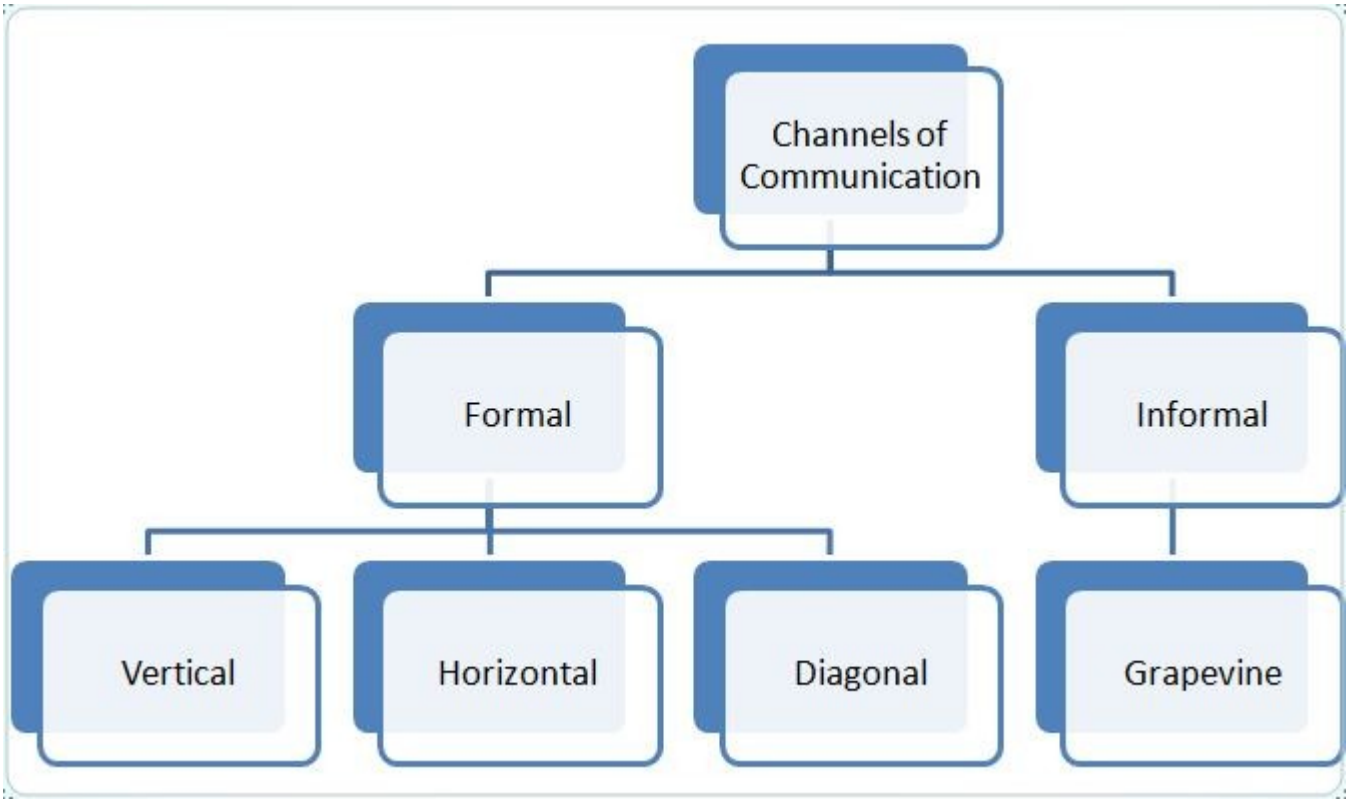

Types of internal communication categorized by direct of flow.

Horizontal communication bring together managers and staff or the same level in an organization to coordinate their activities without referring all matters to their superior. This speeds up the action of an issue while giving superiors an upper hand of managing other aspects critical to daily running of organization.

Informal communication within an organization also plays a major role in defining how organizational affairs are run. Despite not planned to meet specific needs of an organization, informal flow of information helps in attaining organization goals and serve the social needs of an individual within an organization.

Largely referred to as grapevine, this mode of communication which also faces the problem of rumors, gossips and other negative outlets of expressions by people within the organization may be superior for organizational purposes. A word can be dropped at the proper time and may remedy a disciplinary problem without resorting to a formal summon. This is because of the speed at which this information flows via grapevine.

In all forms of communication within an organization, distortion of information and the timeline taken for the information to be passed on and be acted upon should be considered as a critical aspect of enhancing the managerial aspects it plays in an organization.

EXPERTS VIEW

The need to have extra effort to increase revenue in our institute

BY ABEL MUTUNGA

Plumbing has been a passion for my whole life, and I enjoy it as a pastime and a vocation. I spend majority of my time considering how to make things happen, and I impart this knowledge to everyone who wants to learn about new innovations, especially our students at our institute. Yes, everything is feasible, and everything is achievable if we decide to devote ourselves to our work and remain committed to it.

The idea for the shower head was inspired by the economic impacts that have hit our motherland, a very innocent place that is home to millions of people from many backgrounds and organizations.

The fact that the average individual cannot afford modified heads and can only purchase locally produced ones in Kenya worries me as well.

The product is available to the so-called families, institutions, and organizations.

Depending on the preference of the customer, shower heads may endure both warm and cold water. They are constructed of Chlorinated Polyvinyl Chloride (CPVC) materials and chemicals. Many shower heads can be found in some chilly locations, and locals can utilize them without difficulty.

The amount of time it will last depends on how you use it. When installed by a qualified individual, it can last for many years after receiving the necessary maintenance.

As it relates to our theme for today, "Buy Kenya, Build Kenya," we can designate our institution as the production unit center once it has been approved by the relevant authorities, and our institution

OUR TECHNICAL SERVICES

Kenya Water Institute offers drilling services to various clientele.

The services offered include Ground Water Assessment, Borehole Drilling, Pump Troubleshooting and Repair in the various water related fields including pumps, boreholes and distribution systems.

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will be able to receive income from it that will be distributed to the federal government as tax money.

Housing initiatives are being started by our president for all government employees and regular citizens. As an institution, we can provide the project with the finished product that are readily available in the area.

Round , rectangular & volumetric shower

Quote of the Week

"We cannot do today's job with yesterday's methods and be in business tomorrow"

-Nelson Jackson

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Round Up of the Week's Events

African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) Conference in Cairo Egypt.

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Second Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) investor Pre-Bid Conference held at KEWI Nairobi Campus.

Long - Term Programmes

Diploma in Water Engineering Technology (DWET) Diploma in Wastewater
Diploma in Water, Sanitation Engineering Technology (DWSET)
Diploma in Water Resources Management Technology (DWRTM)
Diploma in Irrigation and Drainage Engineering Technology (DIDET)
Diploma in Information Communication Technology (DICT)-KNEC
Diploma in Water Laboratory Technology (DWLT)
Certificate in Wastewater and Sanitation Engineering Technology (CWSET)
Certificate in Water Resources Management Technology (CWRMT)
Certificate in Information Communication Technology (CICT)- KNEC
Certificate in Water Laboratory Technology (CWLT)
Certificate in Water Engineering Technology (CWET)
Drilling Operations and Management (DOM)
Plumbing and Pipe Fitting (PPF)
Water Operators Course (WOC) in:

- Water Supply
- Meter Reading
- Sewerage Operations

Short - Term Programmes

Use of Earth Observation Tools and GIS for Water Resources Management
Entrepreneurship and Financial Management for Water Managers
Operation and Maintenance of Water Supply Networks
Metering and Installation of Water Supply Networks
Leak Detection & Repair techniques
Drilling Operations and Management (DOM)
Operation & Maintenance of Pumping Stations
Pump Selection, Installation and Maintenance
Plumbing, Pipe Fitting and Solar Water Heating
Instrumentation for Water and Wastewater Systems
Water Governance, Management and Technology
Application of GIS for Water Utilities Mapping
Drilling Operations and Management
Water Quality Sampling and Testing
Microbiological Water Quality Assessment
Integrated Water Resources Management
Non-Revenue water
Water Management
Customer Care

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A Technical Centre of Excellence in Training, Research, Innovation and Consultancy in the water, Sanitation and Irrigation Sector.

Mission

T o offer Competency-Based Training, Research, Innovation, Consultancy and Outreach Services in the Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Sector for sustainable development.

Core Values

Good Corporate Governance
Professionalism
Customer Focus
Innovativeness
Inclusivity
Patriotism
Integrity

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Ground water Assessment Services
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