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Our Future is Bright and Nothing will Stop us: KEWI Governing Council Chair Assures Staff



KEWI Governing Council Chairperson Hon. Patrick Musili Mbangula, addressing Members of the KEWI Governing Council, Management and Members of Staff across all the Campuses.

BY PIUS KIMANI

Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) Governing Council Chairperson Hon. Patrick Musili Mbangula, has given the strongest reassurance to the KEWI management and staff that the institute's future is bright in regards to its development trajectory.

While addressing members of staff across all the 4 Campuses and the presence of Members of the Governing

Council and Management, Hon. Mbangula has stated that the Council in close collaboration with the institute's Chief Executive Officer Dr. Leiro Letangule EBS, identified key areas of delivery that have helped the institute make deliberate interventions.

Hon. Mbangula has termed the review of current policies and formulation of new ones as one of the areas that the council has worked on among others as the speed to enhance service

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delivery gathers pace.

"We have also worked on the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Review which we have approved as a board, and the KEWATRI Bill which is in the Parliament. This will enhance the mandate of the institute and also improve the welfare of the staff," he said.

With an optimistic tone, Hon. Mbangula termed the institute's internal and external working relations as one that have improved tremendously, a situation he termed to have happened as a result of teamwork. This, he said, was a result of having intervened by recruiting qualified and critical members of management and staff who have gone a long way in enhancing the productivity of the institute.

"What makes institutions fail is having wrong people at leadership positions. At KEWI, we are privileged to have a qualified and visionary CEO who is keen to see the institute grow to higher levels," Hon. Mbangula said.

The Governing Council Chair reassured the staff, of the council's commitment to make the working environment conducive for all by offering an

avenue for resolution of any complaint and grievance. He termed that the success of the institution was a collaborative affair and that such success can only be achieved in an environment that tolerates all those participating in bringing such success.

Hon. Mbangula stated that



A section of members of the Governing Council.

the institute was aggressively exploring new revenue streams and avenues that would improve and grow the revenue base. This, he added, was to not only to enhance the infrastructural developments and service delivery of the institute, but to also help it maintain its positive tempo at a time the government has called for a cut on recurrent expenditure by 30% across ministries, departments and agencies.

"All of us, it's our responsibility to think of other revenue streams that we can bring on board to make us remain operational, ensure our financial base remains

stable and help us carry on our operations effectively," he said.

He noted that the institute through the leadership of the council and the CEO was working round the clock to bring on board more financial partners as they seek more opportunities for the institute.

Hon. Mbangula ultimately informed the staff that the institute had already embarked on renovation of offices and building an ultra modern tuition block at the main campus,

to enhance the infrastructural strength of the institute. He noted that the management was keen to see the same developments replicated across campuses and said that once resources allow, the institute will even expand its coverage and open more campuses.

He hailed Dr. Letangule for his relentless efforts to see the institute get the International Organization of Standardization (ISO) Certification. He said that the acquisition of this accreditation will enhance the profile of the institute and of the programs offered.

KEWI CEO Celebrates Successes and Outlines Future Plans



KEWI CEO Dr. Leiro Letangule EBS.

BY FAIZAH JEPKORIR

Kenya Water Institute CEO, Dr. Leiro Letangule EBS, has highlighted the approval of essential policies, enhanced staff capacity, institutionalized culture of performance management, and progress towards legislative approval of the KEWATRI Bill as some of the highest moments and significant progresses the institution has registered on its quest to improve on its service delivery.

Addressing members of staff across all campuses during the Governing Council meeting, Dr. Letangule has termed the high notes as momentous, stating that they were as a result of steadfast support from the progressive Governing Council and unwavering

support and teamwork from the members of staff.

“As we navigate through this phase and look ahead to the next, I am grateful to all of you who together continue to make KEWI promise real...” he said.

Dr. Letangule further noted that the institute

had to navigate through murky waters of operational inefficiencies, inadequate policies, staff apathy, limiting legal instruments (KEWI Act 2001), and infrastructure deficiencies to register impressive improvements. He added that the institution focus on enhancing staff capacity, modernizing infrastructure, and implementing quality management systems such as the process to regain ISO certification had also helped raise the status of the institute from a disillusioned state it was in when he took office.

“...about a year ago, the institute was not heading in the right direction. The institute was characterized by a conundrum of challenges. With the immense support from the Governing Council,

we have made significant progress in most spheres so far,” he added.

Dr. Letangule noted that the institute had embraced Competency-Based Education and Training, facilitated training manuals for CBET programs to TVETA for approval, and enhanced efforts to improve student discipline, ensure integrity in examinations, and expedite the issuance of academic documents. He noted that as a result of such interventions, the institute had managed to facilitate student participation to the Arava International Centre for Agriculture Training (AICAT) in Israel.

The CEO outlined the significant strides made by the institute’s research department. He praised the departments for its unwavering contribution in development of policies and mainstreaming strategies that seek to enhance the research trajectory and the overall position of the institute.

At a time when the government has instructed that ministries, departments and agencies scale down by 30% their recurrent expenditure, Dr. Letangule noted that the research division was working round the clock to address this

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Members of Staff during the meeting with the Governing Council.

aspect which interpret to dwindling financial resources.

He singled out the submission of multidisciplinary grant proposals to organizations such as African Development Bank, The Republic of Korea, Action Against Hunger, Strathmore University and World Waternet and Polish Aid as one of the commitment the department and the institute at large is making to enhance resource mobilization and partnerships

Dr. Letangule noted that the institute was taking capacity building of its staff seriously as they are the engine the institute depends on as it moves into the

future. He informed that the institute had instituted training programs, staff rationalization, and disciplinary measures for her staff members to ensure professionalism and accountability. He informed that this was also informed by responsible resource utilization, budget prioritization, and revenue diversification.

With institution having received a qualified audit opinion, an indication of improved governance and financial stewardship, Dr. Letangule outlined plans to further modernize its infrastructure, complete policy frameworks, increase

student enrollment, expand partnerships, and enhance its international visibility.

This, he said, will help the institution remain committed to delivering high-quality services, advance research, and contribute to the national development goals.

While expressing gratitude to the Governing Council, stakeholders, and staff for their dedication and support, Dr.

Letangule emphasized on the importance of collective effort in overcoming challenges and achieving the institute's vision.

“With optimism and resilience, KEWI looks forward to a future of continued growth and excellence,” he concluded.

As KEWI celebrates its successes and charts a course for the future, the institution's commitment to academic excellence, research innovation, and national development remains unwavering.

Water Utility Managers Trained on Development Of a Water Master Plan



Top Level Managers from Ololaiser Water and Sewerage Company in a group photo with KEWI trainers.

BY ENG. MERCY KHAMONYA

Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) held 4 day training on Development of Water Master Plan for top level managers from Ololaiser Water and Sewerage Company in response to the growing need for efficient water management strategies. This was further compounded by the need to equip the professionals with the necessary skills and knowledge to tackle contemporary challenges in the water sector.

The training program held in Nairobi and spearheaded by experienced facilitators with expertise in water management, engineering and environmental science provided valuable insights and practical guidance to the participants. The participants were equipped with valuable skills and insights to address

complex water management challenges, paving the way for enhanced resilience, sustainability, and equitable access to water resources.

With the course module coverings topics such as Introduction to Water Master Planning, Water Resource Assessment and Inventory, Demand Forecasting and Population Projections and Infrastructure Development and Investment Planning, the participants were trained on the principles and methodologies involved in water master planning, skills in data analysis, modeling, and decision-making related to water resources management and capacity to develop holistic and sustainable water management strategies tailored to local contexts.

The training sessions were designed to be interactive and

engaging and which incorporated a blend of lectures, case studies, group discussions, and hands-on exercises also saw the trainees acquire increased awareness of emerging trends, best practices, and innovative technologies in the water sector, establishment of professional networks and collaborations among participants and facilitators

and empowerment of participants to contribute effectively to the development and implementation of water master plans in their respective organizations and communities.

Participants were encouraged to share their experiences and perspectives, fostering a collaborative learning environment conducive to knowledge exchange and networking which underscored the commitment of Kenya Water Institute to capacity building and knowledge dissemination in the water sector.

The training program indeed equipped participants with valuable skills and insights to address complex water management challenges, paving the way for enhanced resilience, sustainability, and equitable access to water resources.

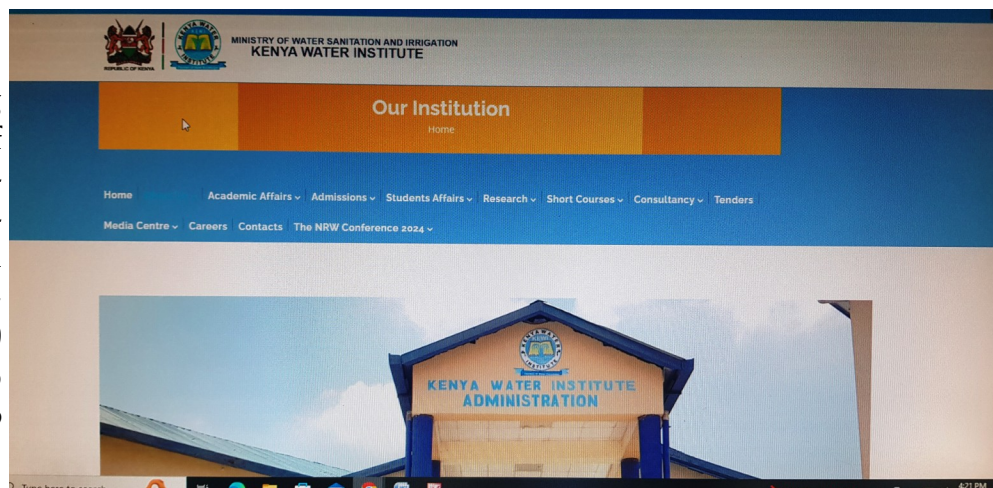
KEWI Garner Top Global Ranking in Academic Influence

BY FAIZAH JEPKORIR

In a resounding acknowledgment of its academic eminence, the Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) has secured a distinguished global ranking among the top 30,000 universities, according to the esteemed Ranking Web of Universities.

Unlike conventional rankings solely focused on websites, the Ranking Web of Universities employs a comprehensive evaluation, integrating webometric and bibliometric indicators to assess the quantity and quality of academic web content. KEWI's remarkable ranking, positioned at number 25,103 globally, reflects its steadfast commitment to Open Access initiatives and the dissemination of technical and educational knowledge.

"Securing this remarkable global ranking affirms our steadfast commitment to academic excellence and the advancement of Open Access principles. It showcases our relentless dedication to enhancing global knowledge exchange and collective progress. As the ICT department, we are determined to further optimize our website's search engine visibility and keyword



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impactful contributions." Reiterated Mr. Kelvin Korir, Principal Information Communication Technology Officer.

The ranking meticulously evaluates various factors, including web presence, impact, openness, and excellence. KEWI has showcased exceptional performance in each area, with an Impact rank at 24,850, openness rank at 8,370, and an excellence rank at 7,223. These metrics underscore KEWI's commitment to scholarly communication, community engagement, and talent attraction.

"These metrics underscore KEWI's website visibility and user experience that enables seamless access to academic resources and enhances knowledge dissemination. We

are proud of our exceptional performance in areas such as impact, openness, and excellence, which reflect our dedication to academic excellence and innovation." Said Pius Kimani, ICT Assistant.

The recognition received by KEWI underscores the pivotal role of web presence in accurately reflecting institutional activities. It serves as a call to action for institutions and scholars to bolster their online presence to align with their academic excellence. Institutions falling below expected web performance should reassess their web policies to promote substantial increases in the volume and quality of their electronic publications.

Moreover, the recognition bestowed upon KEWI extends

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beyond a select group of institutions, encompassing universities worldwide. This reflects KEWI's commitment to inclusivity and its recognition of the global impact of academic pursuits.

As KEWI continues its mission to deliver quality education and contribute to societal development, its global

ranking stands as a testament to its dedication to excellence and innovation in water resources management and related disciplines.

Looking ahead, KEWI remains resolute in its dedication to academic excellence, Open Access principles, and societal impact, striving to further

enhance its position on the global stage and drive meaningful contributions to knowledge dissemination.

For More Information on the ranking, here is the link.

[https://
www.webometrics.info/en/
Africa/Kenya%20](https://www.webometrics.info/en/Africa/Kenya%20)

Quote of the Week

“A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be.”

-Rosalynn Carter.

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