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*KEWI Chief Executive Officer Dr. Leiro Letangule is welcomed by KEWI Chiakariga Campus by the Principal Mr. Jacob Gitonga when he visited the campus*

## Dr. Letangule Promises Changes As He Visits Chiakariga Campus

BY KORIR KIPKIRUI

**K**enya Water Institute (KEWI) Chief Executive Officer Dr. Leiro Letangule has promised to promptly provide 10 computers to KEWI Chiakariga Campus Library as he moves with speed to ensure that the problem of

poor infrastructure and lack of necessary resources for effective day to day running of the Campus is addressed.

Speaking to the staff during his inaugural visit to the Campus in Tharaka Nithi County, Dr. Letangule noted that there is need for a comprehensive review of the working environment in **(pg 2)**

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the campus to make it more conducive for quality service delivery.

The CEO, who was welcomed by Mr. Jacob Gitonga, the Campus Principal also urged the staff to double their efforts and attract an improved student's enrolment within the next one year of student's admission, as this would help generate more revenue for the campus and create a wider base for more students to be enrolled.

"As we look forward to ensure that the working environment is conducive, I urge you to work even much harder and help increase the student's admission from the current 300 to 1000 within the next one year of our enrollment as this will help generate more revenue" he said. While emphasizing that he will be focused more on delivering



*Above and below: KEWI Chiakariga Campus staff keenly listen as the CEO addresses them during his visit to the Campus .*

quality services through improved performances, the CEO urged the staff to work professionally as a team in order to deliver quality services and consequently help improve the status of KEWI within the region. The CEO whose open door policy is regarded as a game changer has rallied the staff that they adopt good interpersonal relations to avoid negative eventualities like mistrust, suspicion and dishonesty among other workplace vices that deem to derail any meaningful progress.

"Be responsible, committed and disciplined. Let us all be professional on how we discharge our duties," he said.

Dr. Letangule, who was accompanied by the Ag. Deputy Director Corporate Services Mr. Eric Wamiti also handed over a newly acquired 45 seater bus to the Campus administration. The bus is set to help ease transport challenges within the institution.

On his side, the Campus Principal Mr. Gitonga promised to work hard and support the CEO in running the campus using the available resources.



# KEWI Enriches Her Complaints Handling Mechanisms

BY DORINE EVA

**K**enya Water Institute (KEWI) efforts to enrich her complaints handling mechanisms and access to information have received a major boost following a one day staff training conducted by Mr. Jacob Malelu, a legal officer from the Commission on Administrative Justice (Ombudsman).

Mr. Malelu took members of the Senior Management, Heads of Departments and the Complaints Handling Committee through an engaging session that saw them acquire critical skills on how to handle complaints and how to enhance access to information that is of importance to the targeted clients and how to respond to complaints as they arise. Mr. Malelu also sensitized the attendants on the role of the commission under both the Commission on Administrative Justice and Access to Information Act, 2016.

He further elaborated to the team on the procedures of handling complaints, both internal and external as a mean to enhance services delivery for both complaints on



*Complaints Handling Committee keenly listens as they are taken through a complaints handling session*

administrative justice and the appeals for review under the access to information law.

With the two key areas being part of the Annual Performance Contracting targets set for public agencies, Mr. Malelu outlined that observing the right procedures largely helps the Institute address all forms of maladministration, promote good governance and efficient public service delivery by enforcing the right to fair administrative action.

“Access to information provides necessary framework and mechanisms for operationalisation of the right to information guaranteed under Article 35 of the

Constitution,” he said.

Mr. Kihara Kibuchi, the Chairperson of the Complaints Handling Committee echoed Mr. Malelus’ sentiments and emphasized on the importance of the Institute to build a robust internal complaint infrastructure to ensure efficient and effective complaint management.

“As a government agency mandated to offer services to the public, we shall make it our sole effort to have mechanisms put in place to address issues that may infringe on the easy access to our services. We shall strive to be as open and accessible as possible as a way of ensuring that we offer fair services to our customers,” he said.

# Institute Set To Host Water Quality Symposium



BY PIUS KIMANI

**K**enya Water Institute (KEWI) in collaboration with Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI) is poised to hold a Water Quality Management Symposium on 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at Nairobi Main Campus with an aim to mobilize stakeholders around the issue of quality water.

Themed “Accelerating change towards access to good water quality for sustainable development”, the symposium stakeholders will benefit from knowledge sharing and dissemination platform, exhibitions and innovations.

The symposium that is being spearheaded by the Research, Consultancy and Technical Services Division intends to offer the participants a robust opportunity to stakeholders to showcase their practical commitments and innovations that seek to address the key thematic concerns and thus

giving them an edge on marketing their products, services and innovations.

The symposium will also be providing an opportunity for high school and college students and youth to interact with industry and sector players and leaders towards choosing their careers, their entrepreneurship opportunities and in defining their roles and contributions towards protection and care of environment.

Key sub thematic areas that will be addressed during the event include technologies and innovations for water quality management, public-private partnership for water quality management, efficiency in the industrial, domestic and

irrigation water use among others. The symposium will also seek to enhance on Sustainable Development Goal 6 on drinking water, sanitation and hygiene and also help address issues of quality and sustainability of water resources which are critical to the survival of people and planet.

The symposium has also lined up a water quality competition where pupils and students have been given an opportunity to showcase any innovation they may have that addresses the key concerns of the symposium and to exhibit art and essays on water quality thematic areas. The winners will then be announced and awarded during a colorful award ceremony on day 1 of the symposium.



## KEWI Eyes Medal Haul As She Readies For KETISA Outing



*Opposing rugby players tussle for a ball during their rugby tournament held at KEWI Nairobi Campus*

**BY PIUS KIMANI**

A contingent of 26 participants will be leading Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) trophy haunting spree in the forthcoming 26<sup>th</sup> Edition of Kenya Technical Training Sports Association (KETISA) first term games slated to kick off at Kenya Industrial Training Institute, (KITI) in Nakuru from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

The journey to stardom which has seen the lucky participants selected to represent KEWI in select field and track events started in earnest on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

March 2023 at KEWI Nairobi Main Campus grounds where the overall team selection exercise was conducted.

The KEWI Inter-Campus term 1 trials weekend gala saw all the 4 KEWI Campuses outdo each other in attempts for top finish positions. Ball games categories available for competition included men seven-a-side rugby tournament, women football and both women and men floorball games. The participants also competed in track events which included races ranging between 100metres and 10,000metres

and a walking race competition. Field events that were held during the sporting meet included but not limited to Shot Put, Javelin, Long and Triple Jump. Heavy rains that had pounded the area to the eve of the event had however threatened to disrupt an otherwise busy weekend. The trials which had been scheduled to take place at the Railway Training Institute (RTI) Nairobi grounds had to be held at the smaller KEWI Main Campus grounds since the scheduled grounds were flooded with puddles of water.

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While noting that such challenges were abound to raise, Mr Henry Kobia, the Senior Principal Registrar and one responsible in organizing the trials hinted that the trials had to take place irrespective of the uncooperative weather since rescheduling such preliminaries would mean that the Institute would not be prepared enough to participate in the prestigious KETISA games that bring together technical institutions and meets termly for different sports.

“Erratic weather is one of the challenges that we encounter but as seasoned participators, we have to find a way of holding these events since they also help us build our stamina and resilience during the actual competitions,” Kobia noted. The Mens rugby 7s meets saw



*Spectators cheer on as a participant clears a flight during Long Jump trials at Nairobi Main Campus grounds*

the Nairobi Main Campus under the captainship of Brill Odhiambo maintain her dominance to capture the bragging rights in a thrilling final against Kisumu Campus to scoop the opportunity of proceeding to the next level.

KEWI Chiakariga Campus which had been poised to carry the day failed to live to their billing as they faded off in the preliminary stages of group matches only managing to produce 2 substitutes going forward. KEWI Kitui Campus managed to have Geoffrey Ager join the team as a substitute too with KEWI Kisumu Campus registering a disappointing rugby outing with no one from the team managing to make it to the final list.

After a grueling football encounters in group stages in women category, a team comprising of 18 participants was produced. The team inclusive of the substitutes saw each campus produce 5 players except KEWI Chiakariga Campus that produced 3 players



*An injured player is attended to by a first aid assistant during the sports trials in Nairobi*

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to help create a team that would kick off the title chase from the 3<sup>rd</sup> position it scooped during a similar outing last year. Nairobi Campus produced 4 individual participants who will represent KEWI in 3 different sports events from the 10 field events availed for heats with the rest of the campuses sharing the remaining 6 positions equally. Martin Kiptoo from Nairobi Campus clinched the lead

position in men Triple Jump category after clearing 13.1 metres while Veronicah Achieng from Kisumu Campus commanded a huge lead in ladies Shot Put event by clearing 7.8 metres. Mr. Byron Omondi, KEWI Sports Officer in charge of the games expressed his optimism in the forthcoming meet, stating that he was sure of a great medals haul despite the

challenging trials.

He expressed his faith in the selected teams and individuals' performance and also the overall position.

"Our men and women are raring to go past the challenges they have encountered during the training and these particular trials and register wins at the main event and am optimistic that they will because their morale is high," Omondi said.



*Floorball team poses for a group photo with their trainer and Senior Principal Registrar, Mr. Henry Kobia*

### Quote of the Week

“Only three things happen naturally in an organization: Friction, Confusion and Underperformance. Everything else requires leadership.”

**- Peter Drucker**

## Female Students Exhibit Prowess In Practical Studies

BY JOHN WAWERU

**K**EWI Kisumu Campus female students pursuing Plumbing and Pipefitting and Wastewater Technology in the New Competency Based Education and Training (CBET) Curriculum are giving their male counterparts a run for their money if the practical aspect of their training is anything to go by.

In one of the move that gives them a competitive edge over their male colleagues; the ladies have been at the

forefront in constructing manholes as part of their practical assessment in workshop technology. It was amazing to also see ladies set out, construct and participate in activities that have for long been perceived as male dominated. The new CBET Curriculum is perceived as a game changer since it is imparting practical skills both in Plumbing and Wastewater Management, construction and life skills.



*Plumbing and Pipefitting students during a practical lesson in Kisumu Campus*

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