

SPEECH BY HON REUBEN NDOLO, ATHI WATER SERVICES BOARD CHAIRMAN, DURING THE NAIROBI WATER SUPPLY MASTER-PLAN STAKEHOLDER FORUM WORKSHOP, HELD ON TUESDAY AUGUST 30, 2011

- Eng. David Stower, PS in the Ministry of Water and Irrigation
- The World Bank and French Development Agency representatives
- Other development partners present
- Chairmen of other water service Boards
- Chief Executive Officer-Athi Water Services Board
- Chief Executive Officers of other water services Boards
- District Commissioners and other government representatives present
- Chairmen of Water services Providers
- Managing Directors Water Services providers,
- Local leaders,
- Friends and the Media,
- Ladies and Gentlemen:

Good morning!

It gives me much pleasure to address you today on this important event. My first task is to welcome you all, and express my sincere appreciation to all of you for availing your valuable time to participate in this workshop, despite your other equally important commitments.

Your presence here is a sign of your commitment and dedication towards ensuring that Nairobi Metropolitan Region develops adequate water sources.

Ladies and gentlemen, the Water Master Plan Project, like all the undertakings worthy of our nation, derives its importance from the benefits it brings to our citizens.

Its value will be measured by the changes it helps make in the lives of millions of water consumers in Nairobi city and its environs. Its impact will be felt in the informal settlement of Nairobi metropolitan region, and rural areas within Nairobi Metropolitan region.

It will go on feeding the local economy through the skills and labour by those who will be involved in the construction works. The project will also open up areas which hitherto are not served with basic infrastructure such as roads, water and electricity.

Ladies and gentlemen;

It is also a great joy to know that Nairobi uses water from Muranga and Nyandarua counties, it is important therefore to underscore importance of interdependence among different counties given that none can prosper in isolation, or enjoy natural resources such as water on its own.

Aspirations of Vision 2030 such as economic growth, accessibility to basic human needs such as education, health, water and sanitation are all conditions of the success of our joint endeavors to bring development and prosperity through co-operation. Failure in any one of these conditions affects the others, and affects us all.

Ladies and gentlemen

It encourages me to see a wide range of Sectors, Local Government Authorities, Development Partners, Non-Governmental Organizations,

Public and Private Sectors, Media and individuals represented at this workshop. This wide range representation will enable this workshop to come out with realistic, viable and best option for implementing this Master plan. Let me add that your experience and institutional background are extremely important for this dialogue.

On behalf of Athi Water Services Board, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Government of Kenya, the World Bank and the French Development Agency for supporting this important study.

Distinguished participants, ladies and gentlemen, with these remarks I wish you fruitful deliberations during the workshop.

I thank you all for your kind attention.

Hon REUBEN NDOLO.
CHAIRMAN ATHI WATER SERVICES BOARD