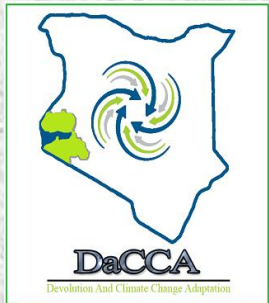


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KISUMU COUNTY ENVIRONMENT STAKEHOLDERS CELEBRATE WORLD WETLANDS DAY

THE PARTNERS



Photo 1: Kisumu county world wetlands day at Kisat wetland In Kisumu East sub -county



Photo 2: Site visit to the Kisat River where the river joins with Lake Victoria

The county government of Kisumu in collaboration with other stakeholders in the environment and climate change sector in the county, organized the world wetlands day in Kisumu at the Kisat wetland in Kisumu east Sub County under the global theme of “Wetlands for a Sustainable Urban Future”.

The day kicked off with a procession at the Nyanza golf club through the Obunga -Nyawita- Migosi junction which is an area that borders the Kisat wetland.

A site visit to some of the wetlands around kizat was then conducted by the wetland’s day planning committee. The first visit being to Angira wetland next to the Kisumu agricultural show ground. It is maintained by the rain water and streams flowing from the Riat hills and the upper parts of Kanyakwar.

However, this wetland is threatened by the increasing intrusion by private developers who are encroaching on it as it borders Lolwe estate which is a fast growing estate in Kisumu County, This therefore poses the risk of mushrooming of buildings in the wetland that not only destroy the environment but also endanger the lives of the tenants.

The second visit was to Kudho wetland that borders Kanyakwar and the lower part of Obunga slum. A number of stakeholders have put in place projects in this wetland to help conserve it; such as fish ponds, rice farms and adoption of streams.

The last site visit was to the Kisat river mouth, at the Nyanza Golf Club where the river joins with Lake Victoria.

During the celebrations, the Kisumu County Director of Environment Mr. Ken Koyoo stated that many people perceive wetlands as wastelands and therefore its impact towards economic growth is neglected. Thus, there is a need to fill the awareness gap.

Interesting to note from the remarks made was the lack of gazetted wetlands in Kisumu County, despite having been endowed with one of the largest lakes in Africa- Lake Victoria- yet these wetlands play a crucial role to economic growth with regards to fish farming.

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