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Press announcement

Rehabilitation and Extension of drinking water supply and purification infrastructures in the city of Kisumu

- New Dunga Water Treatment Plant – commissioning ceremony Long Term Action Plan – groundbreaking ceremony

The Government of the Republic of Kenya, the French Republic, Agence Française de Développement, Lake Victoria South Water Services Board (LVSWSB) and the City Council of Kisumu will be commissioning on Friday 9th December, 2011, at 2pm, in Kisumu, the new Dunga Water Treatment Plant of Kisumu, part of the “Rehabilitation and Extension of drinking water supply and purification infrastructures in the city of Kisumu” project. The same Ceremony will officially launch phase II of the Long Term Action Plan of the same project.

France will be represented by **H.E. Henri de Raincourt, the French Minister for Cooperation**, H.E. Etienne de Poncins, the French Ambassador to Kenya, and Mr Yves Terracol, the Director of the Nairobi Regional office of AFD (French Development Agency). AFD is the arm of the French Government in charge of implementation of French aid programs. **H.E. Raila Odinga, Prime Minister**, and **H.E. Charity Ngilu, the Minister of Water and Irrigation**, will represent the Government of Kenya.

The main objectives of the “Rehabilitation and Extension of drinking water supply and purification infrastructures in the city of Kisumu” project are to improve the living conditions of the inhabitants of the city of Kisumu through large investments in water and sanitation infrastructures, and simultaneously to complement the implementation of the reform in the water sector at the local level. Once achieved, **the project will address the demand in water and sanitation for the next 15 years in Kisumu.**

By the end of the project, an additional 240,000 people should have access to drinking water in Kisumu and approximately 360,000 additional people will be connected to a modern sanitation system.

The **total cost of the project is EUR 44 million before tax**, of which **AFD is financing up to EUR 39 million** (around KSH 4.7 billion) thanks to a soft loan granted in 2005 by AFD to the GOK, partially un-lent to LVSWSB.

Water and sanitation is one of the priorities of Kenya-France Cooperation. Since 1998, AFD has been funding around EUR 148 million in this sector in Kenya.

Under these objectives, the main following components have been included in the Project:

- The first component of the Project, which was commissioned three years ago, secured the existing Dunga water intake from the Lake and the corresponding Dunga Water Treatment Plant.
- The second major component, which will be commissioned during the ceremony, allows doubling the available drinking water to the water distribution network of Kisumu, thanks to the construction of a second water treatment plant at Dunga.
- A third component, which works have just started, consists of developing a totally new water system to provide water to Kisumu, from Kajulu river, through a weir, a new treatment plant, an intake and a water main gravity pipeline to Kisumu town. At the same time, water distribution networks will be rehabilitated and extended all over the city, including the extension of the main water pipeline to the new airport.
- The fourth component, which works have also just started, focuses on the sewerage system: rehabilitation of the Kisat Wastewater Treatment Plant, rehabilitation and extension of the sewage ponds at Nyalenda, rehabilitation and extension of the sewers distribution network, construction of ablution blocks...

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