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**Drinking water supply**

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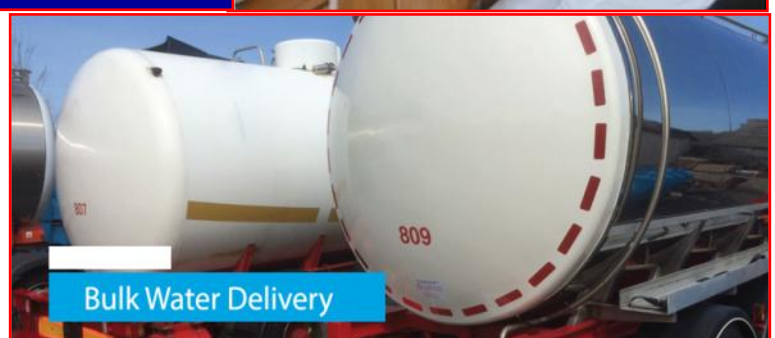
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**Water Quality Analysis & Treatment**



**Waste Water Treatment**



**Bulk Water Delivery**

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## CORPORATE NEWS

### PHWC Management meets with New Commissioner for Water Resources



The newly appointed Commissioner for Water Resources, Prof. Kaniye Ebeku invited all state agencies affiliated with the Ministry for an inaugural meeting on Friday 22nd September, 2017. Agencies represented included: Port Harcourt Water Corporation, Rivers state Water Services Regulatory Commission, Rural Water Supply Agency and Rivers state small towns water agency.

The heads of the agencies and the acting permanent secretary of the ministry made presentations to the Hon. Commissioner, explaining their responsibilities, strengths, challenges and ongoing projects.



Prof Kaniye encouraged all present to work with him and abide by the principles guiding the Ministry stating that he will run an inclusive leadership but that he will not compromise and will not tolerate any form of misdemeanor.

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### PHWC Staff visit Singapore for second ISO-IWA Workshop on Community-Scale Resource Oriented Sanitation Treatment



Three PHWC staff,; Tokuala Chuku (HSE), Emmanuel Amadi (Wastewater), and Edidiong Obot (Planning & Sanitation Engineer) participated in the Second International Workshop Agreement (IWA) for Community Based Resource Oriented Sanitation Treatment Systems Report which held in Singapore from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

The staff were invited to the second workshop based on their contributions to the first workshop which had held in Durban, South Africa July 2017.

The trip was on scholarship granted by the AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE (ANSI) and sponsored by the BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION.



The workshop focused on addressing the need for community scale resource oriented sanitation treatment systems and the importance of developing standards to address these needs. Participants went further to Review and Confirm the Consensus as well as identify next steps in the Development, approval and publication of the International Workshop Agreement (IWA)

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### MD PHWC participates in World Bank Country Performance Portfolio Review Meeting (CPPR)



The Managing Director, Port Harcourt Water Corporation, Mr. Kenneth Anga participated in the annual World Bank country performance portfolio review meeting for the financial year 2017.

The meeting which held in Uyo from 14th—15th September 2017 was organised in collaboration with the Department for International Economic Relations Department – Federal Ministry of Finance, to review 8 federal projects and 22 state projects and leaders across Nigerian South – South to South- East water sector together.

The focus of the CPPR was to assess results, resolve implementation bottlenecks and accelerate the pace of implementation and, disbursement. States were expected to provide a consolidated portfolio status Report of the performance of all World Bank Assisted projects in their respective State; highlighting ways to improve portfolio performance at the State level. In order to align development partner support projects to State Development agenda and showcase results while appealing to political interests



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## CORPORATE NEWS

### National Retreat on Revitalizing the Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Sector



The Hon. Commissioner of Water Resources, Prof. Kaniye Ebeku and the Managing Director of Port Harcourt Water Corporation, Mr. Kenneth Anga attended the National retreat on Revitalizing the Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Sector which held at the Ladi Kwali Hall, Sheraton Hotel and Towers, Abuja from 28th—29th September 2017. The retreat was declared open by the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, SAN, GCON who also launched the Nigerian Water Supply, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) Diagnostic Report.

The Vice President in his opening remarks noted the demand—supply gap in urban water supply resulting from rapid population growth and increasing urbanization. Considering the current economic realities, he urged stakeholders to think out of the box and come up with practical solutions that will rapidly improve access to pipe borne water and adequate sanitation in urban areas.

The retreat was chaired by Hon. Minister of Water Resources, Engr. Suleiman H. Adamu, FNSE and was attended by over 350 participants including the Chairman Senate Committee on Water Resources, the Chairman House Committee on Water Resources, Hon. Commissioners, Hon. Members of state houses of Assembly, General Managers / Managing Directors from state water corporations / water board, Development partners—World Bank, AfDB, USAID, WaterAid.

The aim of the retreat was to fashion out appropriate solutions that could revitalize urban water supply and sanitation in Nigeria and to also launch the Nigerian WASH Diagnostic report.



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## FEATURES

### PROFILE OF THE NEWLY APPOINTED HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR WATER RESOURCES



Professor Kaniye Ebeku is the newly appointed Honorable Commissioner for Water Resources and Rural Development.

He was the Rivers State Commissioner for Education from 2015 - 2017

He was the pioneer Dean, Faculty of Law at the University of Port Harcourt. He was formerly Dean, Faculty of Law at the University of Calabar, Nigeria; Head of the Department of Law at the University of Nicosia, Cyprus and Head of the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law at the Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Nigeria.

**"If we succeed in bringing water to some towns, if we succeed in getting things right, if we succeed in bringing back water issues into public discuss and bringing portable water to homes we have succeeded in bringing water issues to state discourse"**

**- Prof. Kaniye Ebeku**

Prof. Ebeku has served as consultant to the Nigerian federal and state governments as well as to transnational oil companies

companies, such as transnational operating in Nigeria.

He is a practicing barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria. In addition, he is the author of several books and scholarly articles published in international journals.

Some of his books include:

1. K S A EBKU, Oil and the Niger Delta People in International Law (Köln: Germany, 2006).
2. K S A EBKU, The Succession of Faure Gnassingbe to the Togolese Presidency: An International Law Perspective (Sweden: Nordic African Institute, 2005).



**WATER AND SANITATION NEWS**

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**DO YOU KNOW?**



**2ND**  
LEADING CAUSE  
OF DEATH  
AMONG CHILDREN  
IS DIARRHEA



**4,100**  
KIDS UNDER 5  
DIE EVERY DAY  
FROM UNCLEAN  
DRINKING WATER



**1 BILLION**  
PEOPLE  
HAVE NO ACCESS  
TO CLEAN  
DRINKING  
WATER



**1/3**  
OF WHAT THE WORLD SPENDS  
ON BOTTLED WATER PER YEAR  
WOULD PAY TO PROVIDE WATER  
TO EVERYONE IN NEED.



**one in five child deaths** worldwide is due to diarrhea. It kills more young children than AIDS, malaria and measles combined. (2)



A faucet that drips just once per second wastes

**27,000**

gallons of water annually.



**EDITORIAL**

On behalf of the management and staff of Port Harcourt Water Corporation, We Congratulate Prof. Kaniye Ebeku on his appointment as the Hon. Commissioner Rivers state Ministry of Water Resources and Rural Development.

Interactive sessions with Prof. Kaniye have shown his profound insight in the water and environmental sectors and we are positive that there will be progress in the Rivers state water sector .

We sincerely hope you enjoyed this PHWC newsletter edition.

— EDITOR

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