

National Tree Growing Day: IRA joins the nation in planting trees

The Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA) joined the Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury and Economic Planning, Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u in planting trees at Muumandu Forest in Machakos County on 10th May 2024, the National Tree Growing Day. The IRA team was led by Director - Corporate Services Ms. Esther Musyoki. Other government agencies also participated in the initiatives.

Also in attendance was the Machakos County Governor H.E. Wavinya Ndeti, a delegation from the Sierra Leone government and the Sierra Leone Ambassador to Kenya - H.E. Isatu Bundu. In his remarks, Prof. Ndung'u emphasized the need for proactive environmental conservation, as a mitigating measure against environmental degradation. He noted that the recent flooding crisis led to unprecedented loss of lives, property and infrastructure contributing to billions of shillings in losses to Kenya's economy.

The CS encouraged the community members to continuously plant trees species suitable to the forest area to ensure their survival. This, he said, would support the Government's vision of planting 15 billion trees by 2032. He also pledged his support to the county government leadership and residents in the form of continuous reforestation programs across different parts of the county.

As a responsible organization, the Authority continues to support reforestation initiatives. Chief among them is the mangrove restoration project in Mikindani, Mombasa County. The Authority also participated in the Annual Kaptagat Tree planting initiative in partnership with NETFUND.

The national tree growing day was inaugurated on November 13, 2023. It marked Kenya's commitment to plant 15 billion trees by the year 2032 with a key aim to restore 10.6 million hectares of forest.