

# The Coca-Cola Africa Foundation Welcomes New Trustees

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The Coca-Cola Africa Foundation's (TCCAF) Board of Trustees recently held its 15th biannual meeting at the East and Central Africa Business Unit (ECABU) offices in Nairobi, Kenya. The Board is composed of senior Coca-Cola system executives with the experience and expertise required to ensure the Foundation fulfils its mandate.



Four new Trustees joined the Board during the meeting, which marked the Foundation's ninth year of managing the Company's pan-African sustainable community efforts through more than 160 projects in 34 countries.

## A special guest for a special evening

A welcome reception and dinner for the Trustees was held on the eve of the meeting and a special guest, Ambassador Michael Ranneberger, U.S. Ambassador to Kenya, graced the occasion as a keynote speaker. During his remarks, Ambassador Ranneberger noted that through a partnership with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), TCCAF has contributed immensely to the transformation of communities throughout Africa. He applauded the positive impact of the Foundation's work to change people's lives and committed to foster the relationship between the U.S. Government and TCCC in the development of Africa.

## A meeting of minds

At the Board meeting, the following new trustees received a warm welcome to the Board:

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- Sunil Ghatnekar – Finance Director, Eurasia & Africa Group
- Michael Chabeli – General Counsel, Eurasia & Africa Group
- Lee Winfield – Director, Public Affairs & Communications, Eurasia & Africa Group
- Elwyn Whitley – Corporate Affairs Director, SABMiller, Africa & Asia

The Trustees endorsed the Foundation's three-year strategy and noted the progress made over the last three years. They reviewed the launch of the Replenish Africa Initiative (RAIN), which aims to make safe water accessible to 2 million people in Africa by 2015, and assessed the Foundation's support for other programs in preventative health, education, entrepreneurship and humanitarian relief. Besides the Trustees, invited guests including Yogesh Chandra, CEO of The Coca-Cola India Foundation; Helen Price, Executive Director The Coca-Cola Foundation; Greg Koch, Director of Global Water Stewardship, TCCC; and Kadri Ozen, Public Affairs Director, Eurasia and Africa Group, provided insights during the meeting.

The Foundation will now work with all business units in Africa to integrate system community sustainability efforts under the *Live for a Difference and Live Positively* umbrella and enable each business unit to leverage the reputational benefits of the more than \$60 million invested, to date.



**TCCAF Chairman William Egbe and Nathan Kalumbu, East and Central Africa Business Unit President, officially unveil the water kiosk at Olympic primary school in Kibera.**

## Providing water for a school and the community

The Trustees also visited Olympic Primary School in the Kibera neighbourhood of Nairobi. Kibera is the largest of Nairobi's slums and the second largest urban slum in Africa. The Trustees visit marked the opening of the Kibera Water Project Extension, which is funded and supported jointly by TCCAF and ECABU. The school has maintained an excellent academic record despite its location and constant water shortage and lack of hygienic ablution facilities – a common problem in many African schools.

Close to 3,000 students now have access to clean water thanks to the TCCAF/ECABU-funded water project. With the support of ECABU, the school is extending the impact of the Kibera Water Project by establishing a water kiosk, which will serve the surrounding community and raise funds to help finance project maintenance and sustainability. With the water kiosk in place, the children will have access to clean water even after they leave school.

The water kiosk was officially opened by Foundation Chairman William Egbe, with the assistance of ECABU President Nathan Kalumbu. A tree was planted in the school's fruit and vegetable garden to celebrate the occasion. The garden is another joint initiative between the school and ECABU that extends the benefits of the Kibera Water Project to protect the local watershed.



**An excited community member thanks William Egbe, President, South Africa Business Unit; and Ruth, headmistress of Olympic primary schools, after buying the first bucket of water from the Kibera water project kiosk.**



**U.S. Ambassador to Kenya Michael Ranneberger receives a gift from The Coca-Cola Company for attending the TCCAF Trustees welcome dinner. The coffee table book, which showcases good work by African corporations, was presented by William Asiko, President of The Coca-Cola Africa Foundation.**

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