From the Chair’s Desk

New Year Greetings from all of us in the Executive Committee (ExCo)! We thank the Almighty for allowing us to usher in a new decade.

Once again, we thank you for the trust and immense responsibility bestowed on us by electing us as your officials. We do not take the work ahead of us lightly and together, WIWAS shall reach new heights. It is my pleasure to report on some of the activities that the ExCo team has been handling since October 2019 and what members can look forward to in 2020.

WIWAS Strategic Plan
The 2017 – 2019 Strategic Plan has expired and the team has embarked on a review of the strategic plan. The Strategic Plan shall have a lifespan of five years that is 2020 – 2025 with a mid-term review after two and a half years. The first draft will be presented to you in a consultative forum, Venue and Date details will be communicated in due course. We know you will turn up in large numbers as this is as exciting to you as it is to us in the ExCO. Look out for reminders in coming days.

WIWAS Constitution
During the AGM, It was clear that the constitution needed to be reviewed in order to reflect the current situation of the Association. Membership criteria and fees, Election criteria, terms of office for the officials, establishment and roles of the secretariat are among the areas that are being reviewed. Just like the Strategic Plan, the constitution shall also be presented to you in a consultative forum in days to come. We look forward to engaging with members and adoption of the same in order to be able to comply with the regulations set out in the Law.

Members Engagement & Participation
As we aim to grow WIWAS, we ask you to be our ambassadors out there by ensuring that a friend or two join the association. During the strategic plan retreat, the ExCO team paid a courtesy call to the Managing Director Eng. Karugendo of Embu Water & Sanitation Company. The deliberations were fruitful and EWASCO are excited to join us members. This shall be replicated in all organizations represented in our membership. Kindly send us your CEOs contacts and where possible, begin the conversation with top management, as we reach out and secure appointments for the courtesy calls. ExCO is putting together a work plan of activities where members can be engaged and participate in the year 2020.

A membership renewal is per calendar year, we therefore urge you to renew your annual subscription by 1st March, 2020.

Our Patron
Ms. Winnie Guchu, the former Chief Administrative Secretary, Ministry of Water and Sanitation, has graciously accepted to be the WIWAS Patron. As you are aware, she is passionate about WASH and will lend her name, support and credibility to WIWAS and to the WASH cause.

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