

The Commission Diary

Highlights from February to June 2026



***Ghana Marks World
Water Day 2026.***

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The Deputy Minister for Works, Housing, and Water Resources, Hon. Gizella Tetteh-Agbotui, recently conducted a high-priority working visit to the Water Resources Commission (WRC). This visit served as a critical touchpoint in the Ministry's ongoing efforts to bridge the gap between policy formulation and grassroots execution, ensuring that the Ministry and its sub-agencies operate as a cohesive unit.



The engagement underscored a renewed ministerial commitment to rigorous oversight and inter-agency synergy. By moving beyond administrative reports and engaging directly with the Commission's leadership, the Deputy Minister signaled the government's intent to streamline operations and ensure that sectoral policy objectives are not just stated, but successfully realized.

The visit transitioned into a robust dialogue regarding the operational hurdles currently facing the WRC. Discussions touched upon the need for enhanced legislative backing to enforce water regulations, the necessity for increased budgetary allocations for field monitoring, and the importance of cross-sectoral cooperation with the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources.

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This committee brings together technical experts from 11 key institutions including the VRA, NADMO, and the Ghana Institution of Engineering to reinforce the regulatory framework governing our national water infrastructure.



Key Highlights:

Legal Mandate: Operations are anchored in the Dam Safety Regulations, 2016 (L.I. 2236) and Act 522.

Unified Oversight: The committee will streamline risk classification, compliance monitoring, and emergency preparedness.

National Interest: As WRC Board Chairman Daasabre Kwebu Ewusi VII noted, dams are vital national assets that require rigorous maintenance to protect lives, property, and the environment.

New Committee Chairman, Ing. Daniel Atta Yao Avafia, emphasized that dam safety is a shared responsibility requiring "technical diligence and sustained collaboration."

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Ghana has launched a \$600,000 Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness Programme under the Continental Africa Water Investment Programme to strengthen its ability to mobilise climate finance and develop bankable, climate-resilient water projects.



The initiative is part of a multi-country programme funded by the Green Climate Fund and implemented by the African Union Commission in collaboration with Global Water Partnership Southern Africa and the Global Water Partnership Africa Coordination Unit. Ghana is among 15 first-phase African countries participating in the programme. At the launch and validation workshop in Accra, stakeholders from government, development partners, civil society, academia and the private sector reviewed findings from a Readiness Needs Assessment on climate-resilient water investments.

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Ghana reaffirmed its commitment to improving water access and advancing gender equality during the national commemoration of World Water Day (WWD) 2026 on 24th March, 2026 at the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences in Accra.



The event was held on the theme “Water and Gender” highlighting the critical role of women in water management and the barriers they face in accessing safe water. The celebration was led by the Water Resources Commission (WRC) and its partners who advocated for gender equality in water access. The event also highlighted the government’s commitment to expanding safe water services while promoting the active participation of women in water governance. The event brought together government officials, development partners, civil society organizations, and private sector actors, reinforcing Ghana’s commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) particularly Goal 6 which relates to Clean Water and Sanitation and Goal 5 which relates to Gender Equality, respectively.

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WRC and University of Johannesburg Sign 3-Year MoU to Advance Water Research and Capacity Development

We are pleased to share that the Water Resources Commission (WRC) has formalized a strategic institutional partnership with the University of Johannesburg(UJ). This collaboration, established during an official visit to South Africa on April 30, 2026, marks a pivotal moment for water governance in Ghana.



The three-year MoU establishes a robust framework for technical cooperation and knowledge exchange. Our primary objectives include:

- **Formalizing Institutional Ties:** Establishing a shared platform for innovation between the Commission and UJ.
- **Advancing Research:** Identifying priority areas for joint projects that address water scarcity and environmental sustainability.
- **Human Capital Development:** Creating opportunities for staff training, postgraduate programs, and professional exchanges.
- **Regional Cooperation:** Strengthening the bilateral relationship between Ghana and South Africa in the water sector.

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The Water Resources Commission has intensified efforts to promote water safety and environmental stewardship in the Atewa landscape, with a community-focused campaign held at Potroase. The campaign, led by the Water Resources Commission as part of Water Safety Campaign activities, took the form of a large community durbar near the source of the Densu River. The river, which flows from the Atewa Forest through key towns including Koforidua, Nsawam, and Accra, remains a vital source of drinking water for millions, supplying a significant portion of the capital.



At the heart of the campaign was a strong call for community action to safeguard water bodies. Stakeholders emphasized that harmful upstream activities especially illegal mining, poor sanitation, and improper waste disposal have serious downstream consequences, including water pollution and supply disruptions. Officials warned the public of increasing contamination in water sources, with reports of harmful substances such as bacteria, nitrates, and heavy metals posing risks to public health.

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Restoring Our Basins: Ghana Scales Up Nature-Based Solutions for Water Security



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The Water Resources Commission (WRC), in partnership with The Nature Conservancy and the Nature for Water Facility, is launching a nationwide effort to protect our rivers and secure Ghana's water future. Through Watershed Investment Programmes (WIPs), we are tackling the heavy threats of illegal mining, deforestation, and sand winning.



Following successful models in the White Volta and Black Volta Basins, the goal is now to scale these nature-based solutions across the country.

The Urgent Reality:

White Volta Basin: Supplies water to over 375,000 people in Tamale and surrounding areas. Severe degradation and massive daily sand mining have forced the Dalun Water Treatment Plant to lose 20% to 30% of treated water due to excessive sedimentation (global average is just 2–3%).

Black Volta Basin: Supports 1.6 million people and 25% of Ghana's hydro-power via the Bui Dam, but faces severe erosion and infrastructure threats.

The Solution & The Return:

Science shows that investing in forest restoration, river buffer zones, and sustainable farming can reduce sediment pollution in parts of the Black Volta by up to 89%. Even better? Analysts estimate that every \$1 invested in these nature-based solutions can generate up to \$5 in economic benefits through improved water quality, energy security, and job creation!

True sustainability means empowering people. This initiative includes local livelihood support like solar-powered irrigation, beekeeping, and aquaculture. As our project coordinators say: "This should be a programme from communities for communities."

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In a major step toward protecting our underground water resources, the Water Resources Commission (WRC), in collaboration with WaterAid Ghana and Coniwas Ghana, has made significant progress on Groundwater Monitoring Framework approach for the White Volta Basin following a productive two-day technical session in Bolgatanga!



The White Volta Basin faces rising threats from climate change, pollution, mining, and unregulated water abstraction. To safeguard this vital resource, experts from government, academia, civil society, and the private sector have agreed on a unified, data-driven path forward. This framework ensures that our groundwater management isn't just reactive, but sustainably financed and scientifically monitored for generations to come. The draft framework will be shared in the coming months for broader stakeholder review and validation.

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