UPPER-TANA / NAIROBI WATER FUND
An example of Collaboration for Green Growth
The Water Fund Mechanism

Our Goal
Harness nature’s ability to capture, filter, store and deliver clean and reliable water

Improved water quality and quantity

Monitors Project Impacts

Water Fund Governance Board
Selects Projects & Distributes Funds

Land Owners
Upstream communities & NGOs “at the top” protect the watershed

Contributors
Downstream users “at the tap” fund watershed protection

Endowment Fund

Impact
A cost-effective solution where the water supply is naturally replenished and filtered and rural livelihoods are improved
Launched in Latin America
- 7 established, 25 in devpt
- 1.6 m hectares, 11 m people

Endowment Funds
- Quito has $10.5 million
- Monterrey, $6m in, 28m target

Nairobi, 1st in Africa
- $15 m target endowment
- Launched March 2015
- Target: 1 m hectares, 5 m agro-based households
The Vision

A well conserved and managed watershed that provides water, power and economic growth for Kenya
Upper-Tana Values

- Potable water: 95% of Nairobi water supply
- Hydro-power: 50% of Kenya hydro production
- Agricultural “basket”: Upstream farming
- Important for biodiversity: iconic wildlife, 2 national parks (tourism)
The Business Case

- **Invest in agro-based, land-conservation practices up-stream:**
  - Reduce soil loss and sedimentation in streams and increase agricultural productivity
  - Reduce potable water treatment costs for Nairobi
  - Increase dry season base flow; increase hydro-dams productivity

$1 of investment in maintaining the watershed brings in $2.5 worth of clean water benefits
Importance of Partnerships

Utilities:

Corporate / Private:

Public:

Technical / Facilitator:
Governance of the Water Fund

Daniel Komen, 3000m world champion
Thank you!!
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Steering Partners:
All organisations with logos displayed below

Implementing Partners:
The Green Belt Movement, Kenya National Farmers Federation, Sustainable Agriculture Community & Environment Program (SACDEP NGO), Frigoken K Ltd (Horticultural Exporters)

Supporting Partners: