

NAIROBI WATER SUPPLY MASTER PLAN STAKEHOLDERS FORUM
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*Mister Chairmen,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Mesdames et Messieurs,*

Good Morning, Bonjour, Jambo!

It is a great pleasure for me to share with you some remarks of introduction to this Forum, in the capacity of co-donor of this Study as well as a long term partner of AWSB. AFD has indeed been in partnership with AWSB for the last eight years and wants to pursue this partnership in the future.

I would like to congratulate AWSB's team and the Consultant for the quality of their work in the drafting of this Master Plan. The delay in the completion of the duty was probably necessary to deepen the analysis.

This 25 year planning work is very important for two key reasons:

- It will commit you on the long term in terms of development of new infrastructures (with the expected delivery of over 750,000 m³ additional capacity of water supply);
- It will also commit you financially speaking on the long term (through USD1 billion!).

This Forum is therefore critical since we will jointly decide what is the best technical and financial scenario for developing water supply to Nairobi in the next 25 years.

At this stage, I can confirm that AFD will study the feasibility of financing part of the future system, probably part of downstream infrastructure of Phase 2 of the Northern Collector.

Thank you! Merci.