Integrating Water Stewardship (Reporting & Disclosure) Efforts

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Thanks!

Just some of the organizations that have supported the work of the AWS to date
Pilots

*Exploring the value of Water Stewardship Standards in Africa*

Alliance for Water Stewardship Kenya Case Study

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Water Stewardship: AWS, disclosure, etc.

1) Awareness of / commitment to water issues (develop scope)
2) Measure corporate water use
3) Identify basin status / water supply
4) Knowledge of impacts (& risks)
5) Response Strategies (internal & external)
6) Monitor, report / disclose (+ verify claims)
What we have heard...

• Build off of existing work on leading practices and align with best practices to the degree possible

• Identify key target audiences and tailor the medium of reporting/communication to suit their needs. Diverse stakeholders require different communications (simple to nuanced)

• Provide guidance (that supplements the Standard) on measurement

• Ensure maximum consistency of metrics (that are meaningful and broadly endorsed)
What we have heard...

• Require public disclosure of meaningful stewardship effort and results (ideally via integrated reporting) to provide discussion of material water risks

• Reported (credible/scientifically robust) data is validated via third-party verification (certification)

• Ensure usable Regional (locally-relevant)/sector-specific data/indicators

• Make it cost-effective

• AWS’s program will not be all things to all people
Group Discussion

• **Objective:**
  Generate a **set of recommendations** of what the AWS Water Stewardship Standard should consider / include when it comes to reporting and disclosure

  – Have we heard things correctly?
  – Are your key considerations covered or did we miss something?
  – What are key aspects of stewardship to report?
  – What degree of alignment with other efforts (and which ones)?
  – What are strong/weak elements to include/not?
Conclusion

• The Alliance for Water Stewardship links water tools, initiatives (including disclosure) to reduce risk, while improving social and environmental impacts (site & watershed)

• The Standard will aim to ensure alignment with other efforts and thereby create efficiencies and coherence

• The thinking & writing is just beginning... so get involved and inform its development!