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The Earthworks Foundation – Educating Communities and making the Earth work.

The abstract:

The Earthworks Foundation was established in 2004 in Kampala, Uganda. Its mission is to conserve the environment and educate the people for conservation. The Earthworks Foundation is in its beginning stages. Its actions are monitored by a reputable international Board of Directors. It currently relies on private donations for funding.

The Earthworks Foundation will accomplish these tasks by building two schools using the Ugandan national curriculum as a base curriculum, incorporating environmental issues that are relevant to the areas where they are located. It will also create conservation zones in degraded forests by replanting trees with the community that they have given to The Earthworks Foundation in trust. It will compensate the community with technology transfer of alternative solutions, such as the prototype of a solar oven to reduce the use of charcoal. The Earthworks Foundation also intends on providing micro-business projects to those in the community by using these conservations zones for generating supplemental income

The Earthworks Foundation realizes these are not new concepts to sustainable development but intends on implementing them in a way that benefits all involved. It hopes to set an example for others and will make its projects and progress available on the internet for donors and those interested in the projects to monitor them. The Earthworks Foundation is also linked to Inns of Uganda, owners and operators of two lodges in Uganda's national parks and will carry out its work around these facilities to interest and benefit the tourists who come to visit the lodges.

This presentation will give an overview of the Foundation's goals, how it intends to implement them and provide much needed services to communities that will benefit future generations, as well as the present generations.