



# Global Parliamentarians on **HABITAT**

April 2013

**Peter Götz**

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## **Minutes**

**of the**

**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**of the**

**Global Parliamentarians on Habitat**

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**16 April 2013  
3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.  
Conference Room 6  
Headquarters of UN-Habitat  
Nairobi, Kenya**

## **1. Opening of the meeting by the President of the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat, Mr. Peter Götz (Germany)**

The meeting was opened by Peter Götz. The agenda was accepted.

Götz recalled the successful Global Forum of the GPH in Zadar, Croatia, as well as the decisions taken there and at the occasion of the Board Meeting at the World Urban Forum in Naples, Italy, in September 2012.

The list of participants is attached.

## **2. Message by Dr. Joan Clos, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN-Habitat**

Executive Director Joan Clos had to excuse himself at short notice. Dr. Markandey Rai read his report on his behalf. The report is attached.

## **3. Report by the Vice-President of the GPH and President of the GPH-Africa, Ms. Margaret Zziwa (Uganda)**

The Secretary-General for Africa Mariam Nalubega reported on behalf of submitted the President for Africa Margaret Zziwa who was prevented from attending. See Appendix.

The Vice-President of the GPH-Africa, Dr. Mohamed Saeed, complemented the report from the perspective of Sudan. He emphasized the special situation in Sudan.

## **4. Report by the Vice-President of the GPH and President of the GPH-America, Mr. Ricardo Fidel Pacheco (Mexico) and**

## **5. Report by the Vice-President of the GPH and President of the GPH-Asia, Mr. Ronald Kiandee (Malaysia)**

Götz conveyed the apologies of the colleagues from Mexico and the Asian President Ronald Kiandee (elections in Malaysia).

## **6. Report by the Vice-President of the GPH and President of the GPH-Europe, Mr. Jerko Rosin (Croatia)**

Jerko Rosin, President, GPH Europe, reported on the European activities. In particular, he pointed out the planned conference of the GPH Europe in Split in October 2013. In addition to three forums on Urban Economy, Port Cities and Historical Cities, a 25-year anniversary event of the GPH and preparatory meetings for Habitat III are planned.

Götz undertook to invite Executive Director Joan Clos to this conference.

It was agreed that a meeting of the Board of Directors would also be held during this conference.

## **7. Discussion of future activities of the GPH**

### **7.1. 8<sup>th</sup> Global Forum**

Namibia had previously undertaken to host the 8th Global Forum of the GPH. Because of scheduling overlaps in the Parliament of Namibia, it was not feasible to hold this conference by mid-2013. Since MPs from Namibia did not attend the meeting, it was agreed to find out whether Namibia still has an interest in holding the Forum. If not, another host country must be found. It was agreed to hold talks with Morocco and Malaysia in this case.

### **7.2. 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

The anniversary celebrations for the 25th anniversary of the GPH will be conducted as follows:

Africa:	August / September 2013 in Arusha, Tanzania (EALA)
Europe:	12 - 15 October 2013 in Split, Croatia
Asia:	Will be decided after the elections in Malaysia
America:	Still open

### **7.3. World Habitat Day**

World Habitat Day will take place on 7 October 2013. The place for the global celebration has not yet been determined. The suggestion was made to combine this event with the conference in Split.

### **7.4. World Urban Forum**

The next World Urban Forum of UN-Habitat will be held in Colombia in April 2014. It was agreed that the GPH will once again participate appropriately.

### **7.5. Habitat III**

Habitat III will take place in 2016; Istanbul has applied to host the conference. A decision has not yet been taken by the UN. Three preparatory meetings are planned. It was agreed that the GPH participate in the preparatory process. Götz suggested commissioning a comparative study on the legislative development of the signatory states of the Habitat Agenda. He will address this topic during his appointment with ED Clos.

## **8. By-Laws of the GPH and proposed Charter**

There was a long and intense discussion on the current By-Laws of the GPH and the Charter drafted by UN-Habitat and adopted by the Board of the GPH-Africa. Amongst other things, the Charter makes provision for the creation of a fund, from which projects and events of the GPH can be financed. The financing of this fund as proposed by Dr. Markandey Rai is to be guaranteed through financial contributions by the parliaments. The discussion on this proposal was controversial.

It was finally agreed that the General Secretariat in Berlin send out the existing By-Laws and the draft Charter which has already been accepted by the GPH-Africa and request input and suggestions until the end of August, so that a renewed discussion can take place at the next meeting of the Board of Directors. By the end of August, the members of the board are expected to have contributed their ideas or suggestions.

### **9. AOB (Any Other Business)**

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will take place in Split, Croatia, on 14 or 15 October 2013.

The Moroccan colleagues informed the Board on developments in Morocco.

### **10. Summary and closure by Peter Götz, President**

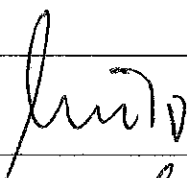
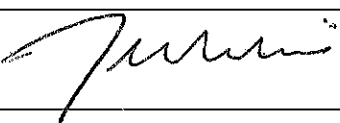
Götz ended the session by thanking the members of the GPH for their active participation and commitment.

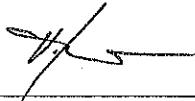
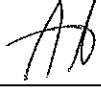
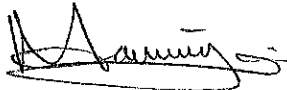
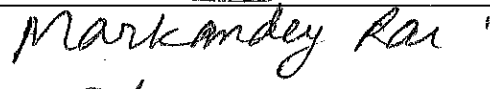

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President of the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat


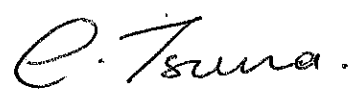


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Rai, Markandey Kenya Chief, UN-Habitat	
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# UN HABITAT

Address by  
Dr. Joan Clos  
Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations  
and Executive Director of UN-HABITAT  
on the occasion of the  
Global Parliamentarians on Habitat (GPH) Board of Directors Meeting  
At UN-Habitat Headquarters  
Nairobi, Kenya  
Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Honorable Peter Goetz, President of Global Parliamentarians on Habitat,

Vice- Presidents of GPH

Honourable Parliamentarians,

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me a great pleasure and honour to welcome you all to the UN-Habitat's Headquarters at Gigiri, Nairobi, Kenya. I wish to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules on our invitation to join us to attend the 24<sup>th</sup> Governing Council meeting and also to hold the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat Board of Director's meeting.

Parliamentarians are crucial partners of UN-Habitat. You are the leaders and representatives of the people. You are the law makers and set the priorities for government in terms of national agenda and budget. Good laws for better governance are mainly in your hands. You can table, support, debate and pass laws on various urban issues such as urban planning, governance, basic rights and services. The good laws will encourage the investors and private sector to invest and promote better, healthy and greener cities which can protect their citizen's through employment creation, affordable housing and open space facilities, and cleaner neighborhoods.



We need your guidance, your leadership and your wisdom more than ever in these difficult times of global economic and climate disruption. I call upon policy makers and leaders to build and reform the national and local policies with clear jurisdiction at various levels of local, regional and national authorities and in accordance with the demand of the hour with future looking policies for a better urban life.

The topic of this Governing council meeting is very appropriate for your discussion and to guide us. I am sure that you will be able to participate in the Dialogue session on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April on the overall theme of the GC 24. The President of GC will be chairing and listen to your view to bring to GC for its consideration.. Many cities are generating a very high percentage of national GDP. However some are yet to realize their full potential to promote growth, better livelihoods and sustainable development.

We have less than thousand days to the 2015 deadline for implementation of the Millennium Development Goals. We must ensure that hard-won gains by countries are not reversed. We must also ensure that those lagging behind should catch up fast. We call on you, as elected leaders, to help us safeguard the norms and human values that define the multilateral system.

Honourable Parliamentarians,

I wish to remind you that the unique role of the United Nations to peace and development through addressing global issues such as poverty, unemployment, education, gender equality and environment must be addressed appropriately through good policies and legislation. Every effort has to be made to strengthen partnership to ensure that the momentum generated to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

The UN General Assembly has approved the Habitat III summit conference in 2016 on Sustainable Urban Development. This meeting, held every 20 years, will bring together cities, governments, parliamentarians, civil society, local authorities, academia and other development agenda partners to review urban policies and to generate a new urban agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The Global Parliamentarians played very active role in the past during the Habitat II in 1996 and at the Habitat II +5 review meeting. Today, the time has come for you to guide and play a very pro-active role in the preparatory process for the delivery of Habitat III.

This Board meeting should address the Habitat III preparation. It should answer some key questions also: How to make Habitat III cost effective, innovative, inclusive and participatory? How do we address knowledge management and how will we carry the legacy of Habitat III? What will be the role of our partners, including the parliamentarians?

Honourable Parliamentarians,

In concluding these remarks, I look forward to your 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and address these issues for your active support.

*The anniversary should elaborate and formalize the charter of GPH. Africa charter has already adopted*  
Your continued help and active support is needed now more than ever before.

Let me quote Mahatma Gandhi: "You must be the change you want to see in the world."

Thank you.

*Charter of the GPH*

**Betreff:** REPORT OF GPH AFRICA CHAPTER BY RT.HON MARGARET NANTONGO ZZIWA  
GPH PRESIDENT AFRICA TO GPH BOARD 16 th APRIL 2013 GIGIRI NAIROBI,

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REPORT OF GPH AFRICA CHAPTER BY RT.HON MARGARET NANTONGO ZZIWA GPH  
PRESIDENT AFRICA TO GPH BOARD 16 th APRIL 2013 GIGIRI NAIROBI,

I wish to welcome you most heartily to Africa, and Kenya, particularly at this time when Kenya has just triumphed democratically through a successful, free, fair and peaceful elections. We in East Africa salute Kenyans and congratulate HE Uhuru Kenyatta on a deserving win. Also congratulate all the members of Parliament both National and Senate, indeed you are welcome to the GPH family.

GPH Africa, has not registered vibrant activities in the past 2 years due to the series of elections which GPH Board members inevitably participate in in order to secure their constituencies.

Allow me to mention a few and extend my heartfelt congratulations.

1. Hon Nalubega Mariam, the secretary of GPH Board, was elected as the MP for Butambala - Uganda in 2011.
2. Rt. Hon Margaret Zziwa was re-elected to the East African Legislative Assembly and subsequently elected the Speaker of EALA in June 2012.
3. Justice Njoki Ndungu was appointed a judge of the High of the High Court of Kenya.

And several other members including Hon Dr Wo----, the Vice President of East Africa Region, who also served on the Committee on Housing and Urban development in the Kenya National Assembly. And other members and supporters like Dr Nasib of Kenya.

I take this opportunity to congratulate them all and assure them of GPH's support and collaboration in order to promote the Habitat Agenda.

In the same breath, allow me to thank the GPH President Dr. Peter Goetz, and also congratulate him upon his re-election as our GPH President. This was during the GPH Council in Croatia.

Since GPH last met in Nairobi, in April 2011, the GPH President Africa and the members of the Board undertook the following activities:

1. Proposed a Plan of Action For GPH 2011 2013.  
This was developed by the President GPH Africa and the secretary, with a view of presenting it to the GPH Board for approval. This action plan also included a proposal for Support to GPH. This was discussed briefly with the Dr. Goetz.
2. Hon Zziwa, the GPH Vice President-Africa and the Secretary met Dr. Peter Goetz in

Kampala in side event of InterParliamentary Union ( IPU) meeting in Kampala, and discussed on matters pertaining strengthening of GPH Africa and the GPH celebrations of 25 years.

3. Hon Zziwa - the GPH President Africa, sought an appointment with the Executive Director Dr. Clous, with a view of presenting the proposal for support. However, was unable to meet with the ED but met with the D/ ED Dr. Kirabo, who pledged UN Habitat's collaboration with Parliamentarians in pursuit of GPH and Habitat agenda . However a letter regretting ability to support GPH activities was later received from ED of UN Habitat.

4. Rt. Hon Zziwa presented GPH forum to EALA and EALA agreed to launch a GPH Chapter of EALA. An Subcommittee of 3 members was established , Hon PatriciaHajabakiga, Hon Abisai Nancy and Hon Fredrick Ngezebuhoro. To operational ice the formation of GPH chapter and EALA. this was done at the induction of the 3 rd Assembly.

5. Rt. hon Zziwa and Hon Abisai Nancy were facilitated by EALA and attended the Rio +20. To discuss the issues of sustainable development in September 2012.Hon Nancy was able to visit the GPH desk in Rio

6.hon Nalubega , Hon Patricia and Hon Abisai attended the GPH meeting in Naples Italy ,where they fully participated in the GPH Board . they indicated EALA's willingness to host the GPH 25 years celebrations.

7. The two reports of Rio and Naples were presented to the Assembly and the Assembly adopted them, and committed them to the EALA commission to understudy the required activities from the report including the hosting of the celebrations.

8 The EALA Commission has formerly agreed to host the Celebrations of GPH 25 years, at its Headquarters during the month of August or September z2013, in Arusha, or in any case around the first session of the 2nd meeting of the 3 rd EALA. GPH and The GPH coordinator Dr. Rai Markanday are requested to furnish EALA with the expected programs to enable it prepare adequately.

#### CHALLENGES:

1. The legal framework of GPH needs to be streamlined so that its mandate can stand out to enable it to evolve activities and programs that can attract funding.
2. GPH has no financial sources where it's activities that are crucial are funded. For example activities like travel, meeting expenses, consultancies and general administration has no budget.
3. Lack of a technical Secretariat to support activities of GPH-African chapter
4. The periodic elections sometimes threaten GPH members that sometimes some have lost their seats consequently cannot be facilitated to attend GPH. The treasurer of GPH Africa was affected by the elections.

5. Lack of a defined linkage between UN Habitat activities and GPH activities. Also funding country activities, and for travels in some cases in very limited.

Proposal for the next Period:

1. The legal framework of the GPH should be quickly finalized with the amendments proposed in the by-Laws and the new proposed Charter to give powers to the Board to undertake programs with Agencies like AWEPA which insist on a clear legal framework so as to carry out any undertaking with GPH.
2. GPH need to submit to get involved in proposals of MDGS post 2015, particularly on the on the HABITAT agenda.

Wish to thank all the GPH members and Parliaments who have remained focused on this HABITAT Agenda in their Parliaments and those who have passed legislations to support Sustainable development programmes.

I cannot join you in this GPH Board meeting since EALA is also holding its session in Kigali Rwanda, However we wish you fruitful deliberations.

Rt Hon Dr. Margaret Nantongo Zziwa

Speaker - East African Legislative Assembly.

Sent from my iPad

**Betreff:** Action plan by GPH Africa Board 2011-2013.

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Action plan by GPH Africa Board 2011-2013.

March - June 2011. Study and Assess Legislation on Housing : Action: Carry out Policy Reviews and Dialogue with Housing Ministers.

Make proposals on Actionable areas and best practices to be drawn .

2. July 2011- August 2011 : Follow up with Board member State to bench mark model legislations

3. October to December 2011: Celebrations of Housing Day ; Visit Parliaments and Parliamentary Committee on Housing and Infrastructure on good Housing Programs in Africa

4. Jan 2012 - March 2012. Hold the 2nd Conference of GPH in Lagos Nigeria( at the Invitation of MP) to sensitize Parliamentarians and galvanize support of GPH among Parliamentarians.

Adopting and implementation of resolutions emerging from GPH and other UN meetings. Drawing New strategies on engaging Parliamentarians.

5. June 2012 - August 2012 : Popularization of GPH Habitat Agenda in African Countries. ; Production of Quarterly Publications and Releases and Flyers.

6. September 2012- December 2012. UN World Housing day ,; Resource Mobilization to enhance GPH activities.

Lobby for funds and other resources . establish linkages with other partners , ministries of Housing , department s and Donors.

7. January 2013 - April 2013

Preparations for Celebrations of GPH 25 years for Africa,

participate in the GC 24

Plan for GPH African Board.

8. August 2013 - October 2013

Celebrations of GPH Africa 25 years - Arusha Tanzania

Celebrations of World Habitat day.

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