



Report on the Activities of the GPH-Africa

The following activities were undertaken by GPH President Africa region.

1. Met with Mr. Peter Götz in Kampala during the IPU and they had a discussion on how to strengthen GPH Africa chapter. Notably it was the wish of GPH Africa that the Activities of GPH be streamlined within the programmes of UN Habitat considering that GPH constitutes high profile leaders who can be the best advocates for The Habitat Agenda at the Parliament and at the Government level. It was agreed that a formal appointment be sought to meet the ED of UN Habitat Dr. Clos, to interface on this issue and formalize the request.

2. Hon Zziwa travelled to Nairobi and met with Mrs Kirabo Aisha, the Deputy Executive Director, UN Habitat.

The meeting was cordial, and was attended by the Coordinator GPH, Dr. Markandey Rai. In principle the need to streamline the GPH in the UN Habitat activities was appreciated and the opportunity of having Parliamentarians as frontline advocates for the habitat Agenda could not be overlooked but the biggest challenge expressed was the limited funding/Budget which UN Habitat runs. The D/ED promised to have a detailed discussion with the ED and give GPH a feedback.

3. Action Plan for GPH Africa.

It was noted that although the opportunity of GPH meeting as a side event was good but it is not very effective since very little time is devoted to GPH. Need was expressed to hold the Meeting of the GPH African bureau but the funding for items like air tickets, conference facilitation and venues proved a challenge.

GPH Africa aspires to strengthen and organize scheduled meeting and also recruit more members by sensitizing them about the Habitat agenda considering that every 5 years new members of Parliament are elected.

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