Haiti Earthquake 2-Year Public Commemoration Events

The Haiti Advocacy Working Group would like to make you aware of the work that we, Haitian social movements and Haitian Diaspora groups are doing, as well as the work that our U.S. Congressional allies are doing, to raise attention to the current status of Haiti’s reconstruction process at the 2 year commemoration marker. From January 23-25, 2012, Haitians, Haitian-Americans and other Haitian development experts will bring their voices to Capitol Hill. HAWG allies will advocate for a just reconstruction and development process in Haiti, one that prioritizes the needs of women, internally displaced persons, smallholder farmers, the urban poor, immigrants and other vulnerable Haitians, includes the full participation of Haitian grassroots groups and the Diaspora and holds the US government accountable for delivery of its commitments.

**Monday, January 23**

*4-6pm, House Rayburn Building - B-369*

Briefing: Gender-Based Violence.
Sponsors: Rep.’s Frederica Wilson, Barbara Lee, Maxine Waters.
Panelists: Marie Ange Noel, Fann Deside
       Emmania Duchard, KOFAVIV
       Marguerite Salomon, GCFV
       Margaret L. Satterthwaite, NYU
       Ambassador Melanie Verveer, State Dept (invited)

*6-8pm, Capitol House Visitor Center - 215: Haiti Reception, sponsored by HAWG.*

**Tuesday, January 24**

*9am-10:30am, House Rayburn Gold Room*

Briefing: Cholera
Sponsors: Rep.’s Barbara Lee, Yvette Clarke, Donald Payne, Frederica Wilson, Maxine Waters.
Panelists: Dr. Louise Ivers, Senior Health and Policy Advisor, Partners In Health
       Ralph Ternier, Director, Community Health, Zanmi Lasante/Partners In Health
       Jordon Tappero, Director, Health Systems, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
       Dr. Mirta Roses, Director, Pan American Health Organization

*Noon-2pm, House Rayburn – 2103*

Briefing/Documentary: “Where did the money go?”
Sponsors: Rep.’s Yvette Clarke, Barbara Lee Donald Payne.
Panelists: Mark Schuller, CUNY
       Manolia Charlotin, Boston Haitian Reporter
       Ben Smilowitz, Disaster Accountability Project
       Michele Mitchell, News at 11
       Mark Weisbrot, Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR)
       Nicole Lee, TransAfrica Forum

*2-4pm, House Rayburn – 2103*

Briefing: Land and Housing Rights
Sponsors: Rep.’s Barbara Lee, Frederica Wilson, Yvette Clarke, Donald Payne, Maxine Waters.
Panelists: Pierre DouDou, RENHASSA,
Colette Lespinasse, GARR
Antonal Mortime, POHDH
Brian Concannon, IJDH
Dominique Toussaint, Mobilize for Haiti
Michelle Karshan, Li, Li, Li, Read

6:30-8:30pm: Transafrika Forum and CEPR hosting book event for “Tectonics Shift: Haiti Since the Earthquake, at Busboys and Poets, 14th and V St NW

Wednesday, January 25
9:00am-10:30am, House Rayburn – 2103
Media room for interviews with members present.
Sponsors: Rep.’s Barbara Lee, Frederica Wilson, Yvette Clarke, Donald Payne, Maxine Waters.

10:30am to 12:30pm, House Rayburn – 2456
Briefing: Who Runs Haiti? Governance, Political Power, and Democracy in Haiti
Panelists: Thomas C. Adams, Haiti Special Coordinator, U.S. Department of State
Rene Magloire, USIPS, Previous Haitian Justice Minister
Brian Concannon, Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti (IJDH)
Mark Weisbrot, Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR)
Marguerite Salomon, GCFV
Peter Sollis, Inter-American Development Bank

For more info or to RSVP for the reception, email hawgtwovear@yahoo.com.