

Haiti Earthquake 2-Year Public Commemoration Events

The Haiti Advocacy Working Group, Haitian social movements and Haitian Diaspora groups are working with the U.S. Congressional allies, including members of the Congressional Black Caucus, 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, HAWG.

Panelists: Marie Ange Noel, Fanm Deside

Emmania Duchard, KOFIVIV

Marguerite Salomon, GCFV

Margaret L. Satterthwaite, NYU

Ambassador Melanie Vermeer, 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: Health and Cholera

Sponsors: Rep.'s Barbara Lee, Yvette Clarke, Donald Payne, HAWG.

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

Mark Weisbrot, Director, Center for Economic Policy Research

Noon-2pm, House Rayburn – 2103

Briefing/Documentary: 'Where did the money go?'

Sponsors: Rep. Yvette Clarke, TransAfrica & CEPR.

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, HAWG.

Panelists: Pierre DouDou, RENHASSA,

Colette Lespinasse, GARR

Antonal Mortime, POHDH
Brian Concannon, IJDH
Dominique Toussaint, Mobilize for Haiti
Michelle Karshan, Alternative Chance

6:30-8:30pm: Transafrica 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.

10:30am to 12:30pm, House Rayburn – 2456

Briefing: Who Runs Haiti? Governance, Political Power, and Democracy in Haiti

Sponsors: Rep. Maxine Waters, HAWG.

Panelists: Thomas C. Adams, Haiti Special Coordinator, U.S. Department of State

Rene Magloire, USIPS, Previous Haitian Justice Minister

Danny Glover, Actor and Chair of the Board of TransAfrica

Brian Concannon, Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti (IJDH)

Mark Weisbrot, Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR)

Marguerite Salomon, GCFV

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

