

GADR BOARD MEETING

at the

International Disaster Reduction Conference IDRC Davos 2006

Wednesday, August 31, 2006
7:00 – 8:00 PM, Room 1 – Aspen 1

AGENDA

1. Welcome and statement of the purpose of the meeting by GADR President, **Prof. Hilary I. Inyang**
2. Self-introductions by GADR Board Members and Observers
3. Recognition of specifically-invited guests and statement of evolving opportunities by GADR President, **Prof. Hilary I. Inyang**
4. Discussion of Membership status and activities at the Global Secretariat in Charlotte, NC, USA.
5. Discussion and ratification of the draft constitution of the GADR – Discussion led by GADR Board of Vice Presidents Chair, **Dr. Don Nanjira**
6. Formation of a Committee for **IDRC 2006 Davos Declaration on Disasters-Processes** led by GADR Vice President for Europe, **Dr. Walter Ammann**
7. Regional Vice-Presidential reports on accomplishments, opportunities, alliances and plans, led by GADR Vice President Board Chair, **Dr. Don Nanjira**
8. Plans for the GADR – China Conference and introduction of primary hosts, by Vice President for Europe, **Dr. Walter Ammann**
9. Formation of an Awards Committee for UNESCO – GADR Awards for 2007 led by Vice President for South America, **Mr. Juan Murria**
10. Formation of GADR-ISDR-UNESCO Proposal Development Committee, discussion led by GADR President, **Prof. Hilary I. Inyang**
11. Vote of Thanks to Dr. Walter Ammann on IDRC DAVOS 2006 and Closure

GADR BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE

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GADR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Dr. Don Nanjira started with an opening welcome to all attending at 7:00 PM. GADR President, Prof. Hilary I. Inyang followed up with a welcome and statement of the purpose of the meeting. Those not attending before were encouraged to participate. This was followed by self-introductions by GADR Board Members and observers (28 people present). Prof. Inyang recognized specifically-invited guests.

Prof. Inyang reviewed some of the history of GADR, from 2002 to present, the GADR objectives and statement of evolving opportunities. He mentioned that GADR serves as a catalyst for ongoing national and international projects, building networks and having conferences.

Dr. Nanjira discussed membership opportunities (with 300 current members) and students becoming members free of charge. He encouraged guests to join.

The next topic was discussion and ratification of the draft constitution of the GADR. This was led by GADR Board of Vice Presidents' Chair, Dr. Don Nanjira. A few copies were passed out to key people, noting that everyone should have received this earlier with notice of its availability on the web site. Dr. Badaoui Rouhban with UNESCO spoke up about the GADR/UNESCO awards to be given out. He explained that UNESCO had prizes which required a stated review. He suggested that we hold on to the notion of a UNESCO award until the review committee could approve it, being 2007, and to leave it out of the constitution. Mr. Murria agreed with Dr. Rouhban, began working on it and give his ideas to Dr. Rouhban. Dr. Rouhban went on to say that UNESCO prizes could not be given out without following the procedures of the UNESCO governing body. Therefore, the upcoming awards must have UNESCO removed from the award.

The next item on the agenda was to have a formation of a Committee for IDRC 2006 Davos Declaration on Disasters-Processes led by GADR Vice President for Europe, Dr. Walter Ammann. Dr. Nanjira and Prof. Inyang congratulated Dr. Ammann on the conference and in particular, for bringing in participants from Africa and other continents. Dr. Ammann suggested that Mr. Saraki (also in Switzerland) could assist himself and Dr. Nanjira in forming the committee, considering those with diplomatic experience. He also pointed out that there is too much talking and not enough action, so he would like a declaration to have action measured each year. He asked that all conveners of the conference to have one or two bullet points totaling to 10, not more than one page. The meeting would be set tomorrow with room and time announced. Supply him with your sessions by 12 noon and meet around 4:00 PM. He wants a definite version before the closing ceremony.

The seventh item on the agenda was the regional Vice-Presidential reports on accomplishments, opportunities, alliances and plans, led by GADR Vice President Board Chair, Dr. Don Nanjira. The Vice-Presidents are the focal point of the regions. They can recruit and mobilize, lobby and discuss what is best for their region and tell the board.

Ms. Sophia Kerr-Reid felt the voice of the Caribbean cannot be heard when it is put in the same region as the continent of South America. It is hurricane season in the Caribbean region from May through November, making funding for the cost of this conference exorbitant. Dr. Nanjira pointed out that the Caribbean is well organized in their action against disasters with ministers participating in the action. Mr. Murria, VP for South America said he wanted to work hard to integrate Latin America and the Caribbean.

Mr. Eweru Musa, Minister from Uganda, pointed out that risk and disaster reduction should be the work of everybody. While he appreciates the regional approach, he did not want us to forget the individuality. Africa has neglected disasters and there must be deliberate innovations in Africa. His colleague, Ms. Flara Slutaqawba, President of AMCOW in Congo, fully introduced herself and said in Africa there are ten countries that are water stressed. The African Union has a risk evaluation meeting in June and she cordially invited everyone to attend. The Sahara is claiming more and more of Africa and they are trying to stop it. She is working very hard to get involved in this. AMCOW works with Habitat for Humanity and will meet in October with all GADR representatives invited if they are interested in what they are doing.

Prof. Inyang thanked Ms. Kerr-Reid, Mr. Murria and Ms. Slutaqawba, as well as recognizing Ms. Marie Lou Darricau and Ms. Helena Molin Valdes of the UN/ISDR for their participation in GADR. Their objectives overlap our interests. He suggested that a Memorandum (MO) of implementation aspects be implemented by forming a committee today. This would be a formation of GADR-ISDR-UNESCO Proposal Development Committee. He then gave the floor to the ISDR representatives.

Ms. Valdes spoke. ISDR is a movement of government; a monitoring body. Strategies have been set in place joining efforts of governments, people with knowledge and implementation. There is a plan for a global facility by the World Bank. They also work very closely with UNESCO and embrace Prof. Inyang's idea, thanking all for the invitation.

Mr. Murria suggested the GREET mode promoted by ISDR. Prof. Inyang added that one of the reasons we want to expand this, is our collective thinking could define these programs. Collaboration with ISDR will meet the various interests of high interest groups and the group would decipher how to work within. Dr. Rouhban affirmed to be an active partner with ISDR and also works within the education of sustainable development. The initial focus could be the African nations, based on what Ms. Slutaqawba said.

Prof. Inyang asked who present from GADR will join ISDR/UNESCO? He suggested Dr. Treohan who has tremendous experience in Asia. He suggested Ms. Kerr-Reid, Dr. Nanjira and Mr. Harris of Guyana. He would like to add Southeast Asia and two more from Asia. East Africa could nominate one person for this and from North America, Mr. Christopher Tucker. Ms. Slutaqawba nominated Mr. Musa who is the Minister for Disaster Management in Uganda.

The eighth item on the agenda was plans for the GADR – China Conference and introduction of primary hosts, by Vice President for Europe, Dr. Walter Ammann. Since it was already thirty minutes over the scheduled hour, Dr. Ammann had headed to his next meeting. Prof. Inyang announced that China was designated as the next conference for ISDR in 2007, per the description in the Davos program. GADR members should expect to receive information from those people who have already been nominated for the committee to collaborate with ISDR. GADR has already sent out information to 50,000 people in their database. We will adopt the conference only if they take in the entire world and genders, soliciting remarks from those present. He suggested that Ms. Kerr-Reid be a co-host with Latin America and the Caribbean.

Dr. Nanjira ended the meeting by encouraging follow-up from those present and not to take a month doing so. Comments can be shown on the GADR web site as a follow-up to this conference. He gave a vote of thanks to Dr. Walter Ammann on IDRC DAVOS 2006. The meeting ended at 9:00 PM.