

African Planners Institute

Dear Colleagues,

Today June 30 2021 marks our mid-year review and it is my privilege to connect with you. Allow me to reflect on our accomplishments.

1. Registration:

- a) We have obtained our registration Number from the Uganda Registration Services Bureau. We are currently, engaged in the process of obtaining a Hosting Centre at the Makerere University in Kampala Uganda.
- b) We have completed the participatory consultation on the API constitution.
- c) We continue to mobilise members across the continent. To date, more than 36 African countries are, represented on our social media platforms. We have 685 members/subscribers on our telegram social media platform. Out of this number (685), 365 have fully filled in API Registration forms through goggle platform.

2. Partnerships:

- a) We held a session with the East African Institute of Planners and the Sudan Planners Institute.
- b) We held a successful meeting with government of Japan in February 2021 for possibility of promoting partnerships/collaboration. Government of Japan is waiting for a project proposal from API through Makerere University.
- c) API held meetings with officials of Common Wealth Association of Architects, Common Wealth Association of Planners and India Institute of Human Settlements. The output of this meeting is a project proposal, which is being finalised.
- d) By December 2021, we will have networked with several international organisations including affiliation with the United Nations.
- e) We are holding technical discussions with a Canadian University for purposes of promoting joint research/academic collaborations and partnerships. We remain hopeful that API members will be able to benefit from opportunities for Masters and PhD studies both in Africa and in Canada.

3. Staffing:

- a) We have filled all the Regional Director positions including the Deputy Regional Directors.
- b) By December 2021, we will have filled all country Director Positions.
- c) We are now operation at regional level with all regions to hold their meetings by 15 July 2021.
- d) We have hired a team of volunteer staff to support API work within the Secretariat in Uganda.

4. Media:

- a) We have a fully, operational media centre. In addition to Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter, we have launched our YouTube channel- Africa Planners Institute. We also have a weekend talk show *Bonjour Afrika*.
- b) We have also launched our website www.apiafrica.org. It will become fully, operational by 10 July 2021 after undergoing quality assurance test.

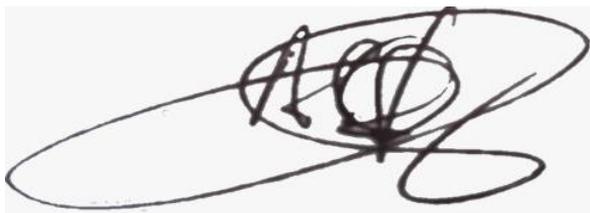
5. Programmes:

- a) The API programmes are fully, operational. These are Programme1: Africa and International Partnerships, Programme 2: Spatial Planning and Built Environment Design, Programme 3: Knowledge Management and Programme 4 Policy Formulation and Evaluation that is linked to the eleven Sustainable Goals of the United Nations.
- b) We are ready to start working with local authorities and governments on solving Africa's old urban problems in new ways leaving no one behind; using Africa's own professionals.

6. Africa Conference week 9 – 13 August 2021

Africa Planners Institute is holding the biggest single conference in Africa. We will start on 9 August with Cameroon in both English and French, 10 August Sudan, 11 August Uganda, 12 August Nigeria, 13 August Botswana and in parallel in Senegal which will be in French. By the end of this conference, API will communicate with various governments in the region, on the API position on space.

Best regards

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Dr. W Kayom

API President.