Haiti Earthquake 2-Year 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.

Thursday, January 12 - 2 Year Earthquake Commemoration
4pm: Haitian Embassy hosting mass in remembrance of earthquake victims at National Shrine.

Monday, January 23
Morning/Afternoon: House sponsoring roundtables w/ HAWG, Haitian & Diaspora partners & USAID, State, Admin. on Land/Housing, GBV, Aid Accountability and Procurement
1:30-3:30pm: HAWG Strategy Meeting on Land and Housing
4-6pm: GBV Panel, hosted by Representatives Frederica Wilson and Barbara Lee
6-8pm: HAWG sponsored reception.

Tuesday, January 24
9am-10:30am: Rep.’s Barbara Lee, Yvette Clarke & Donald Payne sponsoring panel on health & cholera
2-4pm: Rep.’s Lee, Wilson, Payne and Clarke co-sponsoring panel on Land and Housing
6-8pm: Transafrica Forum hosting Haiti event at Busboys and Poets, 14th and V St NW

Wednesday, January 25
9:30am-10:15am: House Rayburn Press Conference with members present.
10:30am to 12:30pm: Rep. Waters sponsoring panel on Democracy and Governance.
Afternoon: House sponsoring round tables w/ HAWG, Haitian & Diaspora partners & USAID, State, Admin., on Land/Housing, GBV, Aid Accountability and Procurement)

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