

The ActionAid Uganda Weekly 3rd -9th Sept, 2018

Dear _____ Reader,
There was an online interaction between staff and the Secretary General on Yammer, find out what questions he was asked and his responses. Also find out _____ which _____ Ugandan _____ staff _____ participated.
Enjoy the Weekly!

AAI Secretary General Adriano Urges Staff to support People Movements!

Ask Adriano



Take part in our first event - a **live Q&A with our Secretary General!** Adriano will be available to answer your questions about ActionAid, in real-time!

When: FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST, 10 - 11 AM GMT

Where: Yammer All Company Page

By Flavia Nalubega

Ever imagined how so strong one's presence can be felt yet far away? Imagine no more because that is what we experienced on Friday 31st August when the S.G Adriano Campolino addressed AAU staff across the globe, Uganda represented by Andrew Yoti and Flavia Nalubega.

He, through Yammer, in a one hour session dubbed 'Ask Adriano' responded to every

concern in detail and gave a personal touch to each of the concerns and requests raised, most of which were on AAU's resilience amidst the increasing political space, space for growth for both men and women employees and also questions about him like his best book, how many books he's read and how he's been able to remain resilient.

When we asked how Uganda can overcome the shrinking space, he said; 'We must create and defend space for citizens to claim their rights, but this we should do after thorough risk analysis, risk mitigation plan and contingency plans to ensure that as we deliver on our mission, our safety and that of partners is protected'.

AAI Publishes Five Demands Ahead of Bangkok UN Climate Negotiations!

By **Flavia** **Nalubega**

ActionAid International is calling on world leaders ahead of the UN climate conference in Bangkok (UNFCCC) this week (4-9 September) to agree five key actions to prevent global warming on a catastrophic scale.

The 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change saw governments pledge to keep global temperatures at 1.5 degrees Celsius. The pressure is now on world leaders to agree a detailed 'rulebook' for implementing the Paris pledge. Adriano Campolina, chief executive of AAI, says:

"In the past two months alone, hundreds of people from California to Kerala have lost their lives to climate disasters and many more have seen their homes destroyed. Bangkok is a critical chance to stop climate devastation spiralling further out of control." Harjeet Singh, global policy lead on climate change at ActionAid, will head up the organisation's effort in negotiations at the conference and put forward AAI's five demands for world leaders gathering that will pave the way for progress on climate justice:

- The Paris 'rulebook' must guarantee sufficient and predictable climate finance for developing countries;
- Protection must be guaranteed for communities experiencing climate-induced loss and damage, and those living with the impacts of climate-induced migration and

displacement;

- The rulebook must safeguard food security, land rights, human rights and advance the pursuit of gender equality;
- Urgent action to cut emissions is needed if the Paris Agreement's goal of limiting warming to 1.5°C is to be achieved.
- All countries must do their fair share of climate action. Developed countries must take the lead, recognising they have contributed the majority of harmful emissions and have greater capacity to respond.

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Trains

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ACDEG!



A trainer taking on Journalists in a training at Garuga Resort!

By **Lucy** **Lucy** **Journalist**
On 31st August 2018 AAU held a media training on African Charter on Democracy Elections and Governance as well as African Governance Architecture. The three days training was attended by over 40 journalism students from media challenge and representatives from the different media houses in Kampala, West Nile, Pallisa, Gulu and Soroti. The journalists were trained by highly experienced media personalities like Dr Kazibwe

Africa and Bhekumusa Moyo, an ActionAider from Tanzania. They were called upon to be ethical when covering governance work and be in-depth and analytical when carrying out investigative journalism.

AAU & Other Activists Ask Government to Ratify the African Charter on Democracy



Activists speak to the media about Uganda's need to ratify ACDEG during a press briefing at Royal Suites Bugolobi.

By **Blenda Namirembe**

Activists last week asked the Uganda Government to ratify and domesticate the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Good Governance which is an important tool as far as the promotion of human rights and sustainable development is concerned. They said, without the ratification and domestication of the charter, Uganda will be paying lip service regarding true democracy as envisaged by AU.

Suites Hotel organised by AAU and The East African Civil Societies Forum to track the implementation of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance that lasted two days. The training was aimed at building the capacity of partners and coming up with strategies to implement the charter. Uganda is one of the countries that signed the charter in 2008 but since then, there has been failure to ratify and domesticate it which explains the challenges that the country still faces in terms of free and fair elections, respect of human rights, and good governance among others. Fredrick Kawooya the Manager Policy, Advocacy and Campaigns called upon participants to find more creative ways of doing activism basing on the current situation of politics in the country.

AAU Celebrates August Babies in Style!



August babies cutting cake!

AAU believes in spreading love, besides work! Today we celebrated the August babies' birthdays at head office, among them Harriet Gimbo, Joyce Nabwire, Nivatiti Nandujja, Yuda Rwakogo, Ivan Mpagi, Andrew Yoti and the youngest of all of them all, Kevin Soyekwo. The little baby was delighted, and could not hide his joy; 'I thought we had been forgotten! Thank you for putting this together. This spirit is only in ActionAid, that besides work, we also take off time to celebrate birthdays. Thank you!'. Mr Soyeko said. Ms Nivatiti promised to keep cake for the birthday babies who were absent, and she too was appreciative of the gesture. Look out for September babies' bd cake!

IN THE NEWS

[Press conference on ACDEG Ratification https://youtu.be/2ogU_ctxoFw](https://youtu.be/2ogU_ctxoFw)

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