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Year 1 Project Reports

On November 7, 8 & 15th SSA staff travelled to Mityana, Entebbe and Kayunga to present year one activities of The Women's Spaces Project to municipal staff. Discussions were held on what activities took place during year one, challenges, successes and lessons learned, as well as plans for year two activities.









Kayunga Municipality leaders



Uganda Land Policy Platform



Oct. 31-Nov. 3, SSA staff attended the National Land Policy Platform at the Hotel Africana in downtown Kampala. The official summary of the event was: "Assessing the contribution of the National Land Policy to the optimal use and management of Uganda's national resources".

As the National Land Policy is set to be rewritten this year, key stakeholders in the land and housing sector gathered to discuss the current policy, its successes and shortcomings, and suggestions for the future edition.



Panel discussion on the National Land
Policy



Minister of Land, Housing and Urban Development Hon Judith Nabakooba

Visit from Rooftops Canada & Global Affairs Canada (GAC)

From November 20-24 SSA hosted a representative from our partner Rooftops Canada. Rooftops project officer Efemena Ozugha travelled all the way from Toronto to visit our Women's Spaces Project sites and meet key project stakeholders. Included in the week's itinerary was a meeting with SSA board members, UN Habitat, & mayors of all 4 project districts (Entebbe, Mityana, Kayunga and Kamuli). The visits also included meeting Municipal Development Forum (MDF) members as well as community paralegals to hear some of their case stories.

On November 24 SSA was also joined by a representative from Global Affairs Canada, (the funder of The Women's Spaces Project) for a trip to Kamuli Municipality to meet municipal leaders, MDF members and the paralegal team.



SSA staff, board members & Rooftops Canada representative Efemena Ozugha (front Left)



Meeting with Mityana paralegals



SSA, Rooftops Canada & UN Habitat

SSA, Rooftops Canada meeting Kayunga paralegals

Ugandan National Urban Forum Executive Committee

November 28-29 SSA participated in the inauguration and induction of the Uganda National Urban Forum Executive Committee. The event took place in Jinja Source of the Nile Hotel and was organized by the Ministry of Lands Housing and Urban Development. SSA was also elected to the National Urban Forum as treasurer.



Honorable Kania Obiga, Minister of State for Urban Development





Technical Advisory Visit

November 29-December 1 SSA hosted a technical advisory visit, where staff had the pleasure of hosting representatives from Inner City Federation/SERI, The Women's Spaces Project South African partner. Representatives Sifisio Zuma and Siyabonga Mahlangu travelled to all 4 project areas, met with municipal leaders and held talks with community paralegals.

Sifiso and Siyabonga were able to offer insight into their work as Advisory Officers with Inner City Federation, and offer invaluable advice on how SSA paralegals can improve their practice.



SSA staff with Mityana paralegals, Sifiso & Siyabonga





Upcoming Events:





Dec. 5 SSA will attend the Annual National Land Coalition Meeting, with the goal of reflecting on the National Land Coalition's performance and ways to improve for 2024

Dec. 11-15 SSA staff will attend more STDM training in Kamuli Municipality

The office will close Dec. 20 for the holidays. We will reopen in January 2024. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!