

**UWABA report on ABN-UNHABITAT CONFERENCE
5TH-7TH OCTOBER 2010
Dakar - Senegal**

ABN-UNHABITAT in Nairobi called conference on promoting non-motorized transport options and compact cities as complements to public transport. This conference was held in Dakar-Senegal from 5th-7th 2010.

Uwaba as founding member of ABN was represented by Mejah Fredrick Mbuya who is the chairman of Uwaba. Uwaba was appointed to make a short presentation on transportation policy in Tanzania and how Uwaba is working to influence policy makers on non-motorised promotion.

First meeting which was on 6th October, was the 1st African Bicycle Network annual meeting after its inception July 2009, in Naivasha Kenya.

An administrator from ABN, Ms.Imelda gave an overview of ABN from July 2009-Sept.2010 as follows;

-OBJECTIVES;

- 1.Information sharing.
- 2.Fund raise on different activities.
- 3.Capacity building.
- 4.Administration and record keeping.
- 5.Office operations.
- 6.Management of the network.

-ACHIEVEMENTS;

- 1.Registration in Uganda.
- 2.Logo visit www.africanbicyclenetwork.org.
- 3.Website.
- 4.Bank account.
- 5.News letter.
- 6.Post cards.
- 7.ABN certificate.
- 8.Exchange visit i.e Boda Boda in Kisumu Kenya and Fabio in Uganda.
- 9.Velocity participations 2010-Copenhagen Denmark.
- 10.Dakar Annual Meeting.
- 11.Help to make bicycle short film on cycling culture in Burkina Faso with title "Cycling with honourables"

On 6th October 2010, above subjects was an openings remarks before we moved on into presentations whereby Victoria Boda Boda from Kisumu where Fabio from Uganda visited. Both 2 organization learned from each other, on micro credit, by how cyclists are using their daily income from ferrying passengers on their bicycle and how this business has helped them to meet their daily need. For more information on this please visit www.africanbicyclenetwork.org.

Apart from above, ABN conference made below agreements;

- 1.Election of the Chairman with 2 assistant, where by Mr. Magnus Quashier from Ghana was elected as ABN chairman and Mr.Andrew Wheeldon from Ben South Africa as well as Mr. Patrick Kayemba from Uganda to be 2 assistant members.
- 2.ABN will have chairman election every 3 years as well as assistant members and chairman will be able to chair an organization for no than 2 terms though can re-chair again after, but not for more than 2 terms in rows.
- 3.All members of ABN will have to pay \$10 per month as membership fee and commitment.
- 4.All ABN member org. websites should be linked to ABN website.
- 5.ABN structure is horizontal rather than vertical which means members information's, news, activities is what makes ABN, but also members org. should raise its need so that ABN can be able to help in kind.
- 6.Next ABN conference will be either in Tanzania or Ghana.

7. Sharing of resources for example donated bikes can be delivered a on point and all members can access from there.

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ON 7TH UHHABITAT CONFERENCE;

Apart from Velo-City 2011-Seville Spain Presentation made by Marcuss, the rest was just repetition of 6th conference, since 90% of participants were ABN members.

In the 2011-Velocity in Seville Spain, will be focused more on Mediterranean, Latin American as well as Africa which means ABN will have wide venue to raise challenges facing it in Africa with respect that needs for bicycle in Africa is quite different from other part of the world.

In Seville representatives from Africa under ABN will be able to do presentation and raise different challenges which Africa is facing when it comes to bicycle promotion.

Apart from Velo-City presentation, ABN ask UNHABITAT to organize similar conference but it should involved both policy makers, decision makers as well as NGO so that both we can share our concerns. Provisions of necessary information to ABN so that ABN can disseminate to the organization members. Possible for UNHABITAT to sponsor more delegates from Africa to VELO-CITY 2011.

Compiled by Mejah.