

GREAT APES FILIM INITIATIVE PEDAL POWER PRESENTATION AT THE PAN AFRICAN SANCTUARY ALLIANCE IN ENTEBBE - UGANDA	
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During the month of August, Pedal Power screenings were extended to Kabale district where some few schools were visited and screened though part of the month was a holiday.

During this reporting period, we had an opportunity to present the Pedal Power GAFI screening to the Pan African Sanctuary Alliance members during the ice break they had at the Uganda wildlife education Centre in Entebbe marking the opening of the meeting they were to have in Hoima district.

The action to take the pedal power cinema to the PASA was initiated and driven by Madelaine Westwood (The GAFI Director) who was always in touch with some members of PASA over the internet. She made arrangements with them and agreed that Pedal power cinema be presented to them and so that they witness how film shows to create awareness and sensitization for the great apes and their habitat are conducted.

The forum comprised of the representatives for the countries with sanctuaries in Africa. Forty five (45) people, who included the members of the PASA and the workers at Ngamba Chimpanzee Sanctuary Islands and the Uganda Wildlife Education Centre, watched the film.

They were two representatives from each country and the forum was witnessed by the director of PASA from USA, the Ag. Executive director of UWEC, the National Programme Officer – Wildlife Clubs of Uganda among many others and was officiated by the Representative for the Commissioner of Education from the Ministry of Education and Sports.

The participants came from the following countries:

1. Cameroon
2. Seira Leone

3. Congo Brazaville
4. Democratic Republic of Congo
5. South Africa
6. Kenya
7. United States of America
8. Uganda Wildlife Education Centre
9. Ngamba Chimpanze Sanctuary Island
10. Budongo Forest
11. Kasisi Project around Kibale National Park
12. Rwanda

Among the many speeches that were presented, there was a demonstration of the Pedal Power system before the chief guest presented her speech. All the viewers commented the system to be very cost effective and wanted to get more information about it and some of them asked how they can access it. The reference was made to Madelaine Westwood, the GAFI director.

Note: We were unable to present the brochure because the document failed to open up and also there were lots of power shedding (electricity cuts) that limited us from not keeping attempts to open the document.

In her speech, the Guest of honor Madam Mary Ndete who represented the Commissioner for education, said that, Ministry of Education and sports developed a partnership with all the NGO,s carrying out Conservation work in many parts of the country and because of such a partnership, the Ministry of Education and Sports recommended that all schools in Uganda should establish Wildlife Clubs in their activities.

She praised GAFI and its partner Organizations (The Gorilla Organization and the Wildlife clubs of Uganda) for the work being done to promote conservation education in schools and else where using the pedal power cinema. However she made a request that the films should be shown in all the areas all over the country such that even those who do not have great apes in their region can be able to learn about them through the film shows.

After all the speeches were over, we were requested to present the film again and had several discussions with many of the PASA members in small groups. They did request us contact addresses if they want more information about the pedal power cinema. We shared our experiences in the field and they greatly cherished the work being done by the GAFI and its partners.