

From the desk of Diane Walsh, NPC Member

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Summary of Speaker/Interest Request

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The Text on the Format form was as follows:

Topic: Angela Peabody is the Executive Director of G.W.P.F, Global Woman P.E.A.C.E Foundation, based in Fairfax Virginia and key projects in Washington DC. The topic is: Positive steps which have been taken by both government and non-profit in eliminating violence and injustices against women and girls - specifically gender-based violence, with emphasis on FGC on U.S. soil. FGC is Female Genital Cutting. FGC is otherwise also known as FGM or Female Genital Mutilation as per the United Nations Resolution 2012. Peabody will give an succinct and hear-able overview of the current state of progress. Not only from an American perspective but also in terms of her organization's pivotal position in terms of 'international consolidations efforts on the eradication front'. This information would be particularly interesting to a NPC and their associate audience.

Why is this speaker newsworthy?: Angela Peabody is the Executive Director and Founder of Global Woman P.E.A.C.E. Foundation, a 501c3 organization founded on the principles of eliminating violence and injustices against women and girls. The mission of the organization is to empower women and girls through education to eradicate gender based violence with emphasis on female genital cutting (FGC).

Peabody is a graduate of the School of Journalism at Columbia University. After a celebrated career as a Television Broadcast Journalist in Liberia, and Special Press Secretary to the country's first woman Minister of Agriculture, she immigrated to the United States, following the bloody and brutal coup d'état in her native Liberia.

Peabody developed the passion as an advocate for women and girls against injustices and violence after her sister was killed by her husband, and a friend of hers died in childbirth as a result of female genital mutilation. The first Liberian woman to ever pen and publish a full-length novel, she is now an accomplished and award-winning author. Her literary work includes the novels, Exiled – within the Bowels of American Society (published 2001) and When the Games Froze (published 2014). She is the former Chair of

the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the National Writers Union and served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Women Business Owners and on the Advisory Board of Tigerlily Foundation.

Angela Peabody continues to spread her message about injustices against women, women's empowerment and human rights violation through Global Woman P.E.A.C.E. Foundation.

She would be an excellent speaker for NPC because she could share information on the work of her organization and some of the important steps which the federal government has taken in 2016 along with the various projects currently underway in the Washington DC area and across the country and beyond. Please note: It may be that Angela is accompanied by a colleague or two, if appropriate and favourable to your committee.

The date chosen above (Oct 14, 2016) is flexible, of course, depending on NPC guidance. Anytime between Oct 13 to Oct 19, 2016. With the exception of October 15, 2016 which is The G.W.P.F. End FGM Walk on the Capital. Please refer to [their website](#) above for more information on this Walk which is in its 3rd year running.

Thank you. - Diane Walsh, NPC member

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Update: Today, September 13, 2017

Please note that no availability was found in 2016. However this does not preclude the opportunity to perhaps organize this speaker in 2017 or 2018 depending on space availability and interest at NPC. Many thanks. Please feel free to contact me (Diane Walsh) at mediageode@yahoo.com at your convenience.