

UPF-Nigeria Mobilizes Youth for Peaceful Elections

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Abuja, Nigeria - A training session for Nigerian young adults on peaceful elections has led to the formation of a Second Generation Peace Initiative.

The 26 young adults are the children of UPF Ambassadors for Peace who were selected to attend a lecture and interactive session on "Peaceful Elections and Promoting Citizens' Leadership." The event, held at the Transcorp Hilton Hotel in Abuja, the capital, was organized by the U.S. Embassy in collaboration with the Eisenhower Fellowship Alumni Association of Nigeria.



The date, Jan. 15, 2015, was chosen to honor the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who dedicated his life to achieving justice and human rights through nonviolence. The U.S. ambassador to Nigeria, the former governors of Kaduna and Ekiti states and a representative of the governor of Lagos State all gave presentations.

The program gave UPF-Nigeria the opportunity to also reach out to children of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification-Nigeria members as well as to representatives of "civil era children" who were born in Nigeria on or after May 29, 1999, when military rule ended and civil leadership began.



UPF-Nigeria was inspired to bring these three groups of young people together in a new movement called the Second Generation for Peace Initiative. This initiative was launched on Jan. 15 at the Universal Peace Education Center in Abuja, as part of the UPF Campaign for Peaceful Elections in Nigeria.

Another part of the campaign is the I Pledge Peace slogan. The pledge is simple: "I pledge peace, Join me to pledge peace." UPF will print several thousand copies of the pledge for distribution across the country in the weeks before the general elections.

UPF-Nigeria believes that the young people of this initiative will be outstanding in their commitment to the realization of a peaceful nation and world. Arrangements already are being made for them to attend a weekly character education program.

See reports of the Jan. 15 program at the Transcorp Hilton Hotel and the follow up at the UPF Peace Education Center:

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