

## International Day of Peace in Cameroon

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*Capacity Building of Parliamentarians on Peace and Conflicts Resolution*

**UPF Cameroon:** UPF Cameroon in partnership with the parliamentarians' network on Peace and Conflicts Resolution held an educational conference for parliamentarians and VIPs around the International Day of Peace at the National Assembly of Cameroon on September 21st, 2015.

Among the participants, were: The Speaker of the House representative, 2 current ministers, 35 parliamentarians of the network and others, some senators, diplomats, members of Christian and Muslim clergy, police and army officers, university professors, journalists and civil society, a total of 187 in attendance.

The 1st part of the program was the official commemoration of the International Day of Peace in which Honourable AWUDU MBAYA CYPRIAN, the President of the Parliamentarians' network on Peace and Conflicts Resolution gave the welcoming address. DR. CHEMUTA DIVINE BANDA, UPF chairman of Cameroon gave UPF message followed by the UN message. Then the Speaker of the House representative thanked the parliamentarians for their initiative to create this network and also for making a good choice of UPF as a partner. Three MP were nominated as Peace Ambassadors respectively; the Speaker of the House, the Vice Speaker and the Leader of the Parliamentary group of the ruling Party. We finished this part with a family picture and cocktail.

The second one was very deep with the education of parliamentarians and VIPs concerning Capacity Building on Peace and Conflicts Resolution.

Two university lecturers spoke on:

- The value of peace and its maintenance
- The mechanism of conflicts resolution

Then came the Central Africa Sub-regional Director Rev. FUTILA MICHEL with True Parents' and UPF vision on the Theme: "Living together, the best process for the consolidation of peace in Cameroon and Africa".

All the participants were deeply inspired by the lecture and wished to continue for more days. To close with, a declaration of UPF and the parliamentarians' network partnership was made. Then, the Speaker of the House represented by his vice gave the closing remarks.

