

Africa Day 2015

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Last night in a packed #UPF HQ, 43 Lancaster Gate, London we celebrated #AfricaDay 2015. It was a bright and colourful evening in which we heard of African cultural traditions, music and many economic developments.

There were speeches from Charlotte Simon from her position as the founder of Mothers of Congo. She shared about the Congolese Inga Dam's potential to supply hydro electricity to much of Africa. She highlighted the music of Mamou and several Congolese artists.

Justina Mutale spoke of the African cultural heritage. She shared about African children who when challenged to win a trophy for running

decided to hold hands and run together so that no one would feel hurt by losing.

Justina also presented a number of African Achievement Awards to outstanding Africans of the diaspora. There were inspiring stories of great accomplishments in business, education and development projects in Africa.



Pauline Long contributed her testimony to the inspiration of the evening. She explained how she had built up her business despite many difficulties to now handle the commercials of major brand names and music videos. She explained how the diaspora needed to breakthrough in the UK first before being able to support the development of their African homeland.

One comment of Washington Kapapiro was very popular. He explained that 5.9 million people of African descent in the UK are contributing £10 billion to the UK economy. He added that if they were able to do this then they could also have an impact on African development.