

The Extraordinary Africa Assembly in Lusaka, Zambia -- Korean Leaders in Africa

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The Extraordinary Africa Assembly took place April 1–3 at Intercontinental Hotel in Lusaka, Zambia under the theme: "African Leaders for the Victory of Vision 2020 and the Realization of Cheon Il Guk." More than a hundred and fifty participants attended. The summit was the first of its kind for all the leaders in Africa, who now used the opportunity to discuss how best to restore each nation. They shared success stories and ideas about how to work effectively toward the realization of vision 2020.



participants. Afterwards, participants sang in unison the Cheon Il Guk Anthem followed by their recitation of the Family Pledge and a tearful invocation given by Mrs. Kathy Rigney.

Rev. Moriba Kone, secretary- general of the East Africa region and his wife Susan Kone offered flowers.



The summit was graced by the special delegation from FFWPU International Headquarters who came to Zambia on behalf of True Mother. On the first day and in the opening ceremony of the summit on April 1 and through the duration of the gathering youth missionaries performed songs, danced, recited poetry and otherwise provided entertainment. The youth missionaries' unique dancing and musical talent surprised the

Rev. Cho Sung-il, director general of the FFWPU International Headquarters shared True Mother's words and reminded the participants of the need to align with True Parents' teachings.

Thomas G. Walsh, president of UPF spoke about the necessity to collaborate with other organizations in order to establish the nation of Cheon Il Guk.

Dr. Yun Young-ho, secretary general of the FFWPU International Headquarters gave an extensive explanation of strategies we need to follow in order to build Cheon Il Guk. He also stressed the need to

implement efficiently these strategies in order to establish a substantial nation of Cheon Il Guk. At the end of the opening ceremony, Rev. Cho Dong-ho, regional president for West Africa offered the closing remarks. Rev. Sasaki Tatsuo, special envoy for Benin, led three cheers of mansei.



In the afternoon, Rev. Cho Dong-ho presented his region's activity reports and the strategies to restore the nations by 2020. This was followed by presentations from nations in West Africa region: Congo Kinshasa, Cote d'Ivoire, Angola, Congo Brazzaville, Cameroon, Benin and Nigeria.

In the first part on the second day of the summit, Rev. Bakary Camara, the regional president for East Africa, introduced the activities and strategies to restore the nations in the East Africa region, by 2020. This was followed by presentations of activities and strategies of the East African nations -- Zambia, Kenya, South Africa, Uganda, Rwanda, and Mozambique.



In the afternoon of the second day, Mrs. Rigney and Dr. Walsh respectively gave presentations of activities of UPF in Africa and vision of UPF International. Afterwards, Dr. Walsh answered some questions posed by the participants.

Mr. Tatsuo Hiroki and Mr. Park Gwan-wook, West Africa and East Africa regional youth directors respectively, gave presentations on how to raise future leaders and reported on their activities and their strategies in their respective regions. This was followed by a moving testimony of a Korean second-generation member living in South Africa.

Finally, West African and East Africa leaders split into groups to discuss the goals for vision 2020 for their regions.

On the third day, Rev. Camara started the day with the Cheon Il Guk anthem that was sung in unison followed by the Family Pledge; Rev. Park Shang-seong, special envoy to Nigeria, prayed. Rev. Abdoulaye Wone, the director of East Africa's Regional Blessing Department and his wife then offered of flowers. Following this, the regional presidents for East Africa and West Africa presented the goals and vision of their respective regions.

Rev. Cho Sung-II and Dr. Yun Young-ho closed the African Leadership Assembly with encouraging and hopeful remarks regarding the firm settlement of Cheon Il Guk in Africa.