

LONDON POLITICAL SUMMIT AND AWARDS CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY



London Political Summit and Awards 2016: Chronological Summary

Event Overview

The 2nd Annual London Political Summit and Awards (LPSA) was held in October 2016 in London, UK. This landmark event brought together political leaders, diplomats, scholars, civil society representatives, and members of the diaspora community to discuss critical global issues related to governance, democracy, and political stability. The summit also served as a platform to recognize individuals and organizations for their remarkable contributions to political leadership and global peace.

Key Highlights of the Summit

1- Pre-Summit Preparations

The 2016 summit was organized amidst significant global political shifts, such as the aftermath of Brexit, the rise of nationalism, and the increasing challenges to global peace and cooperation. Invitations were extended to notable political figures, academics, and community leaders, ensuring a diverse and inclusive representation.

The planning committee paid close attention to crafting a program that addressed pressing issues and set the stage for impactful discussions.

2- Main Summit Discussions

Theme: "Global Governance and Political Leadership in Times of Change."

Focus Areas

- The political and economic implications of Brexit on global relations.
- Rising nationalism and its impact on democratic governance.
- Political leadership's role in fostering international peace, security, and cooperation.

Prominent speakers delivered thought-provoking discussions, shedding light on challenges such as the future of the European Union, the political realities in developing nations, and strategies for global stability.

Awards Gala Dinner Night

The Awards Gala Dinner Night concluded the summit in grand style, celebrating excellence in governance, leadership, and peace advocacy. Key dignitaries were honored for their unwavering contributions to democracy and international collaboration.

Keynote speakers: Rt. Hon. Raila Amoo Odinga, Former Prime Minister of Kenya.

Guest of Honour: Vice Chancellor of London Metropolitan University

Global Participation

The 2016 London Political Summit and Awards attracted participants from across Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas, representing a diverse range of political and civil society voices. This blend of perspectives enriched discussions and helped shape innovative ideas for addressing global challenges.

Participants included:

- High-ranking political leaders and diplomats.
- Scholars, journalists, and community leaders from Kenya, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Cameroon, Uganda, and Congo.
- London Metropolitan University students and alumni.

Special mentions go to the African diaspora communities in the UK and members of the Ben Television crew who supported the summit's documentation and publicity.

Appreciation

The event's success would not have been possible without the tremendous support of the following individuals and organizations:

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 - The Ben Television crew, led by Mr. Uche, Razor, and Mr. Segun, who documented the summit.
 - Media professionals such as Mr. Jon (NigeriaWatch Newspaper), Mr. Innocent (Star Newspaper, Cameroon), and Dr. Julius (East Africa Magazine).
 - Academic mentors including Dr. Pat Gary, Prof. Jeffrey Haynes, and Prof. John Raftery, Vice Chancellor of London Metropolitan University.
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- Community members and alumni of London Metropolitan University who took time out of their busy schedules to attend the summit.

A special acknowledgment goes to Dr. Alistair Soyode, Chairman and CEO of Ben Television, for his unwavering support, even from Nigeria, which contributed significantly to the summit's success.

Significance

The 2016 London Political Summit and Awards arrived at a pivotal moment in global politics, addressing urgent issues of governance and leadership amidst significant upheaval. The discussions, collaborations, and awards highlighted the importance of ethical leadership and reinforced the need for cooperation in safeguarding democracy and global peace in an era of change.

The summit's success underscored the resilience and support of a committed network of leaders, scholars, and communities who stand together to navigate the challenges of today and shape a better tomorrow.



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The 3rd Annual London Political Summit and Awards (LPSA) took place in October 2017 at London Metropolitan University, London, UK. This year's summit featured vibrant discussions on pressing global issues, with key political leaders, diplomats, academics, and civil society representatives in attendance.

The event was particularly significant as it coincided with the launch of Godson Azu's second book, *Nigeria-British Democracy: The 100 Nigerian Political Personalities that Shaped Nigerian Politics*. The summit celebrated exemplary leadership in promoting democracy, peace, and governance while fostering networking and knowledge exchange among diverse participants.

Key Highlights of the Summit

Pre-Summit Preparations

The 2017 summit was meticulously organized to bring together voices from across Africa, Europe, and the Americas. The agenda emphasized topics such as governance, international cooperation, and the role of leadership in addressing global challenges.


The Nigerian High Commission to the Court of St. James and London Metropolitan University provided immense support in the planning and execution of the event.

2- Main Summit Discussions

Theme: "The Future of Global Governance: Challenges and Opportunities for Political Leadership."

Focus Areas

- The role of political leadership in fostering global peace and security amidst rising populism and nationalism.
 - Multilateralism and international cooperation as tools to address issues such as migration, climate change, and economic disparity.
 - Inclusive governance, focusing on the participation of women, youth, and marginalized communities.
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The summit featured powerful keynote speeches, panel discussions, and roundtable debates led by renowned political figures and experts.

Keynote Speaker and Distinguished Guests

Keynote Speaker:

- Her Excellency, Ambassador Dr. Josephine Ojiambo, Deputy Secretary-General (Political), Commonwealth of Nations.

Special Guest of Honour:

- His Excellency, Rt. Justice Ambassador George Oguntade (represented by Ambassador Dr. Steven Baba, Head of Section [Political] at the Nigerian High Commission).

Chief Host:

- Professor John Raftery, Vice Chancellor of London Metropolitan University.

Guest Speakers:

- Hon. Julius Ayuktabe, Interim President of the People's Republic of Southern Cameroon.
- Mr. Mande Badel.
- Mr. Okito Tongomo, DR Congo.
- Chibuzo Ubochi KSC, Co-Convener of the summit.

Awards Gala Dinner Night

The Awards Gala Dinner Night concluded the summit in a celebratory atmosphere, honoring individuals and organizations for their outstanding contributions to governance, leadership, and peacebuilding.

The evening was also marked by the launch of Nigeria-British Democracy: The 100 Nigerian Political Personalities that Shaped Nigerian Politics by Godson Azu. The book reflects on the historical and contemporary political leaders who have influenced Nigeria's democratic journey.

Global Participation

The 2017 summit attracted participation from a wide range of dignitaries, scholars, and community leaders, including representatives from Nigeria, Cameroon, DR Congo, Southern Cameroon, Kenya, and the United States. Notable attendees and supporters included:

- Dr. Segun Johnson, TV Host.
- Doyin Ola, Priscilla Nwikpo, and Tunde Gabriel Alabi.
- Cllr. Dr. Kate Anolue.
- Temitope Eldvate Omotayo (USA).
- Oladapo Lampejo.
- Mazi Uche Kay.
- Pastor Sam Samuel Olusegun.
- Eddie of Afrik Coco Restaurant.
- Juliet Makpilla, Kenya Woman Leader.

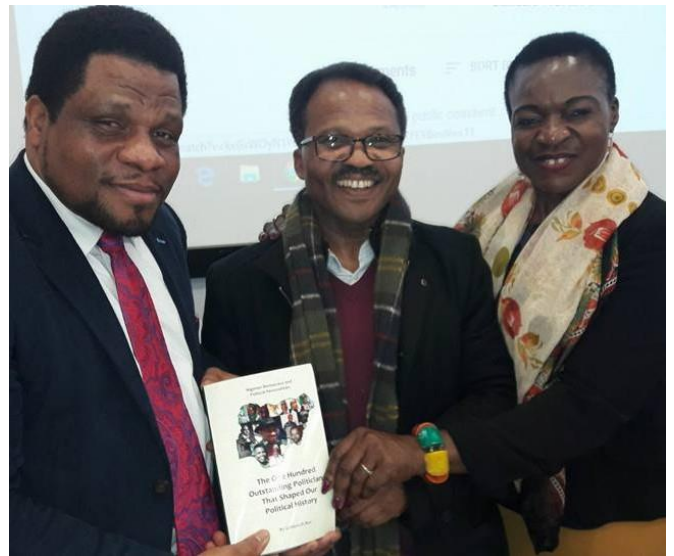
Special thanks were extended to the African diaspora communities in the UK and the students of London Metropolitan University, whose active participation added vibrancy to the event.

Significance

The 2017 London Political Summit and Awards emphasized the importance of leadership, inclusion, and cooperation in addressing the global challenges of governance and sustainability.

The discussions highlighted the evolving role of political leadership in fostering global peace, with a strong call for inclusive policies that address inequality and encourage international cooperation.

The launch of Godson Azu's book further enriched the event, showcasing the historical ties between Nigerian and British democracies and celebrating the political icons who have shaped Nigeria's governance. Through its engaging sessions and high-profile participation, the 2017 summit demonstrated the vital role of such gatherings in promoting dialogue, collaboration, and visionary leadership for a more stable and prosperous world.



London Political Summit and Awards 2018: Chronological Summary

Event Overview

The 4th Annual London Political Summit and Awards (LPSA) was held in October 2018 in London, UK, at two iconic venues: the Grimond Room, Portcullis House at the House of Commons, and the Henry Thomas Hall, London Metropolitan University.

This year's summit brought together a distinguished array of global political leaders, scholars, diplomats, and activists to address the theme: "Democratic Governance in the Age of Global Change." A major milestone of the event was the establishment and launch of the Annual Raila/Uhuru African Peace Accord Award, which celebrates the values of peace, unity, and reconciliation, exemplified by the historic Raila-Uhuru peace handshake in Kenya.

The summit also served as a platform to honor individuals and organizations for their outstanding contributions to democracy, governance, and peacebuilding.

Key Highlights of the Summit

Pre-Summit Preparations

- **Collaborative Planning:** The 2018 summit involved extensive consultations with global stakeholders, including political leaders, civil society organizations, and think tanks, ensuring an inclusive and impactful agenda.
 - **Diverse Invitations:** Dignitaries, activists, and scholars from across Africa, Europe, and beyond were invited to provide diverse perspectives on democratic governance, human rights, and peacebuilding.
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Main Summit Discussions

Theme: "Democratic Governance in the Age of Global Change."

Focus Areas

1. Sustaining democracy amidst technological advancements, migration trends, and shifting political alliances.
2. Strengthening good governance, transparency, and human rights in the face of rising populism and political polarization.
3. Developing peacebuilding and conflict resolution strategies in regions facing political instability and violence.

The First Day Conference, held in the Grimond Room at the House of Commons, featured keynote addresses by:

- Her Excellency Ambassador Masire-Mwamba, Former Secretary General of the Commonwealth (Botswana).
- Her Excellency Ambassador Dr. Josephine Ojiambo, Former Deputy Secretary General of the Commonwealth (Kenya).

Both speakers delivered impactful presentations on generating political willpower and the significance of the Raila-Uhuru handshake in fostering peace and reconciliation in Africa.

Awards Gala Dinner Night

The summit concluded with the Awards Gala Dinner Night at the Henry Thomas Hall, London Metropolitan University.

The event was attended by notable dignitaries and featured the formal establishment of the Annual Raila/Uhuru African Peace Accord Award, spearheaded by Ambassador Dr. Josephine Ojiambo and The Worshipful Mayor of Islington, Cllr Dave Poyser.

Keynote Speaker:

- Rt. Hon. Dr. Rebecca Kadaga, Speaker of the Uganda House of Parliament.

Special Guests:

- The Worshipful Mayor of Islington, Cllr Dave Poyser.
 - Deputy Mayor of Enfield, Cllr Kate Anolue.
 - Barr. Dimabo, representing Hajia Aisha Atiku Bagudu (Wife of the Governor of Kebbi State, Nigeria).
 - Mrs. Grace Cerere, Acting Kenya High Commissioner to the UK.
 - Dr. Alistair Soyode, Presidential Candidate of the YES Party, Nigeria.
 - Chief Uzor Uwonne, Comoros Special Representative to the IMO.
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Other notable attendees included:

- Dr. Jennifer Obaseki PhD.
- Prof. Gold WC Emmanuel.
- Vanessa Aha, Head of Partnerships at London Metropolitan University.
- Cllr Susan Fajana-Thomas, representing Rt. Hon. Diane Abbott MP.

The Gala Dinner Night honored individuals and organizations for their exceptional contributions to advancing democratic ideals, human rights, and peacebuilding.

Global Participation

The summit drew participants from across the African continent, the UK, and other parts of the world. It featured representatives from countries such as Uganda, Kenya, Nigeria, Botswana, and Comoros, with contributions from political leaders, scholars, activists, and the African diaspora.

Attendees praised the event for fostering meaningful dialogue, promoting cultural exchange, and providing networking opportunities for participants across different sectors.

Significance

The 2018 London Political Summit and Awards stood out as a landmark event in promoting dialogue on governance, democracy, and peace. The discussions provided actionable strategies for addressing global challenges, while the launch of the Raila/Uhuru African Peace Accord Award reinforced the importance of reconciliation and unity in peacebuilding.

By celebrating leaders who embody visionary governance, the summit emphasized the critical need for inclusivity, transparency, and innovation in navigating the complexities of 21st-century politics.

With its focus on collaboration, the event continued to solidify the role of the London Political Summit as a global platform for advancing democratic values and building a peaceful, just, and sustainable future.



London Political Summit and Awards 2019: Chronological Summary

Event Overview

The 5th Annual London Political Summit and Awards (LPSA) was held on 16th October 2019 at the Enfield Council Chamber, Civic Centre, EN1 3XA, Enfield, London, under the theme: "Women Empowerment in Politics and Development."

This year's summit emphasized the pivotal role of women in politics and development, highlighting their contributions to governance, peacebuilding, and sustainable development. It also served as a platform for recognizing exceptional individuals and organizations advancing political leadership, gender inclusion, and good governance.

The Community Host of the 2019 summit was Cllr Dr. Kate Anolue, Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield, who warmly welcomed participants and facilitated the event's key discussions and activities.

Key Highlights of the Summit

Pre-Summit Preparations

- **Collaborative Planning:** The summit was organized with a clear focus on amplifying the voices of women in leadership and fostering gender equality in political and socio-economic spheres.
 - **Diverse Representation:** Invitations were extended to political leaders, policymakers, activists, and scholars worldwide, ensuring a robust and diverse dialogue on the theme of women empowerment.
 - **Focus Areas:** Preparations included prioritizing discussions on creating inclusive political systems, empowering women in leadership, and addressing barriers to gender equality.
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Main Summit Discussions

Theme: "Women Empowerment in Politics and Development."

Focus Areas:

1. Strengthening women's participation in political decision-making processes and governance structures.
2. Addressing systemic barriers to gender equality in politics, including discrimination, cultural norms, and inadequate access to resources.
3. Celebrating the achievements of women leaders who have significantly contributed to peace, democracy, and development.

The summit featured renowned speakers and panelists, including prominent women leaders, scholars, and activists, who shared personal experiences and actionable strategies for advancing women's empowerment in politics and development.

Awards Gala Dinner Night

The summit concluded with a prestigious Awards Gala Dinner Night, which celebrated exemplary achievements in governance, women's empowerment, and leadership.

Notable Recognitions:

- **Africa Leaders of the Year 2019:**
 - President Uhuru Kenyatta and Opposition Leader Raila Odinga were honored for their courage and dedication in fostering peace and reconciliation through the historic "Peace Accord Handshake," a symbol of unity and hope across Africa.
- **Women Empowerment Recognition:**
 - Exceptional women leaders and organizations were acknowledged for their efforts in breaking barriers and creating opportunities for women in politics and development.

The awards night also celebrated the broader contributions of global leaders and changemakers toward achieving democratic resilience, peace, and sustainable development.

Global Participation

The summit attracted participants from various continents, including Africa, Europe, and Asia. This diversity fostered cross-cultural dialogue on governance, women's leadership, and peacebuilding, while creating opportunities for collaboration and exchange of best practices.

Significance

The 2019 London Political Summit and Awards marked a significant milestone in the global movement for gender inclusion and women's empowerment. By focusing on women's critical role in politics and development, the summit underscored the importance of inclusive governance and equitable representation in addressing global challenges. By honoring outstanding leaders, fostering dialogue, and inspiring action, the summit reinforced the urgency of achieving gender parity in political leadership and governance. It served as a call to action for leaders worldwide to prioritize women's empowerment and ensure an equitable and sustainable future for all.



London Political Summit and Awards 2020: Chronological Summary

Event Overview

The 6th Annual London Political Summit and Awards (LPSA), initially scheduled for October 2020, transitioned to a virtual format due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the unprecedented challenges, the summit successfully maintained its objective of fostering meaningful dialogue on governance, leadership, and international cooperation.

A defining element of the 2020 summit was its recognition of leaders who demonstrated resilience and commitment to ensuring peace, stability, and governance amidst a time of global turmoil.

Key Highlights of the Summit

Pre-Summit Preparations

- **Planning:** The summit's agenda focused on addressing governance and leadership challenges in a pandemic-stricken world, emphasizing recovery, resilience, and adaptive political strategies.
- **Virtual Engagements:** To adapt to global travel restrictions, the summit replaced in-person sessions with online forums and panel discussions, allowing broader participation and ensuring seamless engagement on pressing issues.

Main Summit Theme

Theme: "Global Governance and Leadership in the Era of COVID-19: Redefining the Future of Politics."

Focus Areas:

1. **Crisis Management:** Effective public health leadership and governance strategies for managing the pandemic.
 2. **Socio-Economic Recovery:** Tackling the pandemic's far-reaching economic and social impacts through transparent and accountable governance.
 3. **International Collaboration:** Strengthening cooperation among nations to address global challenges, with an emphasis on inclusivity, innovation, and democratic values.
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The summit featured thought-provoking discussions led by distinguished political leaders, health experts, and economists, who presented actionable strategies for rebuilding resilient political systems and sustainable economies.

Keynote Addresses and Remarks

- Dr. Josephine Ojiambo, Global Ambassador of the London Political Summit and former Kenyan representative at the United Nations, delivered remarks during the virtual presentation of the Uhuru/Raila Peace Accord Award to His Excellency Dr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, President of Malawi. The award was received by Hon. Ephraim Chivunde, the President's Special Advisor on Political Affairs.
- H.E. Prof. Arthur Peter Mutharika, former President of Malawi and Special Guest Keynote Speaker, addressed the summit and expressed his gratitude for receiving the Uhuru/Raila Peace Accord Award. In his speech, he lauded H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta and Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga for their historic efforts to bring peace to Kenya and thanked the summit for recognizing Malawi's achievements in peaceful transitions.
- Prof. Hon. Steve Azaiki, OON, Member of the Nigerian House of Representatives and Guest Speaker, highlighted the institutional challenges facing Nigeria during the Pre-Summit Zoom Conference. He emphasized the weaknesses of Nigeria's political and policy structures, noting that the constitution's flaws grant excessive power to the presidency.
- Hon. Millie Odhiambo Mabona, MP, Member of the Kenyan Parliament and Guest Speaker, delivered a compelling presentation during the virtual summit. She eloquently stated, "If we fail to treat COVID normally, COVID will treat us abnormally," emphasizing the need for proactive governance during the pandemic.

Awards Presentation

Despite the inability to host the traditional Awards Gala Dinner Night, a virtual awards presentation celebrated the following distinguished leaders:

- Africa President of the Year 2020:
 - H.E. Prof. Arthur Peter Mutharika (former President of Malawi) for ensuring a peaceful transition of power in Malawi.
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- ♦ Africa Political Leader of the Year 2020:
 - H.E. Dr. Lazarus Chakwera (current President of Malawi) for his exceptional leadership during Malawi's political transition and his commitment to fostering peace and stability.

The recognition of these leaders underscored their pivotal roles in safeguarding democratic principles and promoting peaceful governance during challenging times.

Global Participation

The 2020 summit successfully engaged political leaders, diplomats, civil society members, and experts from across Africa, Europe, and beyond. Virtual discussions fostered collaboration and facilitated the exchange of ideas on governance, crisis management, and pandemic recovery efforts.

Significance

The 2020 London Political Summit and Awards reinforced the critical role of adaptive and visionary leadership in navigating crises like the COVID-19 pandemic. By recognizing leaders who exemplified resilience, collaboration, and foresight, the summit highlighted the importance of upholding democratic principles, fostering peace, and ensuring inclusive governance in times of uncertainty.

This historic event served as a reminder of the power of international cooperation in addressing global challenges and emphasized the collective responsibility of political leaders to champion peace, democracy, and sustainable development worldwide.



London Political Summit and Awards 2021: Chronological Summary

Event Overview

The 7th Annual London Political Summit and Awards (LPSA) took place in October 2021 in London, UK. This milestone event brought together global leaders, policymakers, academics, and civil society representatives to deliberate on pressing global challenges and opportunities in rebuilding democracy and governance after the COVID-19 pandemic.

The summit also served as a platform to honor exceptional political leadership and humanitarian contributions that advanced peace, democracy, and sustainable governance worldwide.

Key Highlights of the Summit

Pre-Summit Preparations

- **In-Person Event Resumption:** The 2021 summit marked a pivotal return to in-person engagements, following the disruptions caused by the pandemic. Efforts focused on re-establishing platforms for meaningful dialogue on global political challenges.
- **Global Outreach:** Invitations were extended to a diverse range of participants, including political leaders, scholars, and representatives from civil society and international organizations, ensuring a well-rounded dialogue.

Main Summit Discussions

- **Theme:** "Rebuilding Democracy and Governance in the Post-Pandemic Era."
 - **Focus Areas:**
 - Strengthening democratic institutions amid the global disruptions caused by the pandemic.
 - Tackling systemic inequality and fostering inclusive and resilient political systems.
 - Enhancing peacebuilding and conflict resolution efforts in regions affected by instability and political unrest.
 - The discussions featured case studies, keynote addresses, and interactive sessions led by renowned experts, fostering a collaborative atmosphere for knowledge-sharing and solution-oriented debates.
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Awards Gala Dinner Night

- The summit culminated in the distinguished Awards Gala Dinner Night, celebrating individuals and organizations that demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment to governance, peace, and humanitarian values.
- **Honoree:**
 - **Africa President of the Year 2021:** His Excellency Julius Maada Wonie Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, was recognized for his exceptional contributions to peace, governance, and sustainable development.

Global Participation

- Delegates representing Europe, Africa, and Asia engaged in cross-regional dialogues and collaborations on governance, peace, and democratic resilience.
- The summit fostered cross-cultural understanding, allowing participants to share insights on how political systems could adapt to emerging global challenges.

Significance

The 2021 London Political Summit and Awards highlighted the critical need for robust, inclusive, and transparent governance in the post-pandemic world.

By recognizing the achievements of leaders like President Julius Maada Wonie Bio and hosting forward-thinking discussions, the summit reaffirmed its mission to promote global peace, equality, and democracy. It provided actionable insights into how nations can collaborate to address shared challenges and chart a course for sustainable development and governance.



London Political Summit and Awards 2022: Chronological Summary

Event Overview

The London Political Summit and Awards (LPSA) 2022 was held in London, continuing its tradition of bringing together global leaders, policymakers, scholars, and civil society representatives to discuss pivotal issues affecting governance, democracy, and peace.

Key Highlights of the Summit

Pre-Summit Preparations

- The summit organized a series of pre-event consultations with stakeholders to shape the agenda around pressing global challenges such as democratic resilience, socioeconomic equality, and peacebuilding.
- Invitations were extended to political leaders, humanitarian organizations, and academicians from across the globe.

Main Summit Discussions

- Focus Areas: The 2022 summit centered on themes of sustaining democracy, promoting global unity, and addressing barriers to governance.
- Sessions included keynote speeches, panel discussions, and interactive Q&A segments.
- High-level talks highlighted the importance of good governance, transparent leadership, and the inclusion of underrepresented communities in decision-making.

Global Participation

- Representatives from Africa, Europe, and Asia participated, bringing diverse perspectives on political leadership and governance.
 - Diplomats, parliamentarians, and community leaders were key contributors to the discussions.
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Awards Gala Dinner Night

The event culminated in an Awards Gala Dinner Night, recognizing exemplary leaders and organizations. Awards celebrated individuals who demonstrated outstanding contributions to democracy, peacebuilding, and socioeconomic development.

Notable Recognitions

- ♦ Leaders such as governors, parliamentarians, and grassroots activists were honored for their efforts in advancing democratic ideals and societal well-being.
- ♦ **Honorees at the Gala Dinner included:**
 - His Excellency Governor Udom Gabriel Emmanuel, the Executive Governor of Akwa Ibom State, who received the Political Governor of the Year 2022 Award.
 - Prof. Kishan Devani BEM, who received the Outstanding Services to Public Life Award 2022 in recognition of his contributions to international public, political, and social life.
 - HRH Drani Stephen Izakare, the Paramount Ruler of Modi Community in Uganda, and Mr. David Smith, Chairman of the British African Business Alliance, were also recognized.

Significance

The 2022 edition of the London Political Summit and Awards reinforced its role as a global platform for promoting inclusive governance and celebrating excellence in political leadership. It also served as a venue for fostering international dialogue and partnerships aimed at achieving sustainable peace and development.



London Political Summit and Awards 2023: Chronological Summary

Event Overview

The 8th Annual London Political Summit and Awards (LPSA) took place from October 18 to 20, 2023, in London, UK. The event brought together global leaders, scholars, and civil society representatives to deliberate on the interplay between politics and societal well-being and to honor exceptional contributions to governance and leadership. In the words of Franklin D. Roosevelt, "Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy therefore, is education." This year's summit reflected the vital role of education and informed political participation in strengthening democracy.

Key Highlights of the Summit

Pre-Summit Preparations

- The summit's agenda was shaped around contemporary global issues, focusing on peace, prosperity, and governance.
- Diverse participants, including political leaders, diplomats, academics, and policymakers, were invited to enrich discussions.

Main Summit Discussions

- **Theme:** "People, Politics, and Power: Finding Peace and Prosperity."
 - **Focus Areas:**
 - Understanding the relationship between politics and societal well-being.
 - Exploring pathways to sustainable peace and prosperity.
 - Fostering collaborative governance and addressing socioeconomic disparities.
 - One of the key discussions centered around the 4Ps — People, Place, Politics, and Power — which shaped the framework for understanding how communities function and the impact of political decisions.
 - Sessions included keynote addresses, expert panel discussions, and interactive Q&A sessions at the House of Commons, where participants discussed how to align democratic governance with the realities of contemporary global challenges.
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Awards Gala Dinner Night

The summit concluded with a grand Awards Gala Dinner Night, celebrating individuals and organizations for their outstanding service and leadership. Among those recognized were notable figures from politics, business, and civil society who have significantly contributed to societal growth and political stability.

Notable Recognitions:

- Pastor Umo Bassey Eno: Governor of Akwa Ibom State Award: Recognized at the 2023 London Political Summit and Awards for his contributions to community development and leadership in Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria.
- The City Twinning Agreement between The London Borough of Southwark and The City of Uyo was discussed, with plans for intercity cooperation aimed at fostering socio-economic development.

Global Participation

The summit witnessed participation from leaders across Africa, Europe, and other regions. Attendees included diplomats, parliamentarians, and civil society organizations, contributing to dynamic discussions and meaningful resolutions. Notable participants included His Excellency, Former Governor of Akwa Ibom State, Mr. Udom Emmanuel, the current Governor of Akwa Ibom State, His Excellency, Pastor Umo Eno, Paul Bristow MP, Jonathan Ashworth MP, Clir. Michael Situ, The Worshipful Mayor of Southwark, and many others.

Significance

The 2023 summit underscored the vital connection between effective political leadership and societal prosperity. By focusing on peace and power dynamics, the event reinforced its role as a global platform for fostering dialogue, collaboration, and recognition of exceptional achievements in governance. This year, the summit also emphasized the need for Diaspora integration, civil society order, and political equality, celebrating the achievements of democracy globally. The rising awareness of ethnic-nationalities' inclusion in democratic engagement was a significant theme, especially given the recent political shifts in certain parts of Africa.

The event highlighted the importance of democratic peace and governance stability in bridging the gap between politics and business for the common prosperity of society.



London Political Summit and Awards 2024: Chronological Summary

Event Overview

The 9th Annual London Political Summit and Awards (LPSA) took place from October 9 to 11, 2024, at the British House of Parliament, Westminster Palace, London. The summit focused on fostering sustainable peace, democratic order, and visionary leadership for promoting socioeconomic and gender equality in governance. This edition built upon the previous summits' successes, focusing on strengthening political governance and global cooperation for a better future.

Parliamentary Host: Hon. Afzal Khan. CBE. MP. Manchester Rusholme.
Summit Chair. Prof. Kishan Devani BEM. FRSA

Keynote Speakers:

- Honourable Minister for Interior and Homeland Security, Republic of Zambia, Hon. Jack Mwiimbu.
- Dr. Fatima Maada Bio, First Lady of Sierra Leone: Her keynote addressed the role of women in political leadership and the need for gender- inclusive policies.
- Professor Kishan Devani BEM: Summit Chair, provided the framework for the discussions on sustainable peace and democracy.
- Andrew Gwynne MP, UK Member of Parliament: Addressed the importance of political empowerment for marginalized communities.

Speakers:

- The Lord John Hannett OBE, UK Member of Parliament
- Hon. Jonathan Ashworth MP, UK Member of Parliament
- Prof. Pauline Long, Co-Convener, London Political Summit

Awards Recipients:

- **Dr. Fatima Maada Bio** (First Lady of Sierra Leone): Honored as **First Lady of the Year 2024** for her leadership in gender equality and governance.
- **Andrew Gwynne MP** (UK Member of Parliament): Recognized as **Parliamentarian of the Year 2024** for his exceptional service and advocacy on social issues.

Major Sponsor: Westminster Group PLC UK

Westminster was founded in 1988 as a security systems business, Westminster Security Systems, supplying systems and equipment to the UK domestic and commercial marketplac

Main Summit Discussions

Theme: "Fostering Sustainable Peace and Democratic Order: The Visionary Leadership Imperative for Socioeconomic and Gender Equality in Political Governance."

Focus Areas:

- Promoting Peace and Stability through Inclusive Governance: Exploring ways in which inclusive governance can promote peace and ensure stability in fragile regions.
- Addressing Gender Inequality and Creating Opportunities for Women in Political Leadership: A key topic focused on the need for gender equality in political processes and creating avenues for women to lead at all levels of governance.
- Emphasizing the Importance of Socioeconomic Empowerment and the Rule of Law in Global Governance: Discussions centered around promoting socioeconomic empowerment and reinforcing the importance of the rule of law to create sustainable global governance.

Sessions included keynote speeches, panel discussions, and Q&A sessions, with a diverse range of participants from Africa, Europe, and beyond. Participants included policymakers, diplomats, academic leaders, and civil society representatives. The conversations were designed to inspire actionable change in the pursuit of global peace and prosperity.

City Twinning Initiative

The summit introduced the City Twinning Initiative (also known as "Sister Cities"), aimed at promoting cultural exchange, economic collaboration, and stronger diplomatic ties between cities and nations. This initiative is designed to encourage cross-border cooperation, economic collaboration, and mutual understanding between cities. In 2024, the summit featured an agreement between London Borough of Southwark and Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria, marking the beginning of what is expected to be a fruitful partnership with wide-ranging benefits for both cities.

Awards and Recognitions

The event concluded with a Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony, honoring outstanding achievements in governance, leadership, and humanitarian efforts. Various award categories celebrated leaders, parliamentarians, and community figures who have made remarkable contributions to political stability, economic development, and social justice.

Notable Awardees:

Dr. Fatima Maada Bio: Honored as First Lady of the Year 2024 for her tireless work in advocating for women's rights and gender equality within governance.

Andrew Gwynne MP: Recognized as Parliamentarian of the Year 2024 for

- his exceptional service, particularly his advocacy for public health and social equality.

The Lord John Hannett OBE, Member of UK Parliament.

- His Excellency Gov. Eno. Umo, Executive Governor of Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria

Mr. Peter Fowler, CEO, Westminster Group Plc.,

The Worshipful Mayor of Southwark, Cllr. Naima Ali and many other distinguished individuals

Global Participation

Attendees included policymakers, diplomats, and legislative delegates from countries such as Zambia, Sierra Leone, Ghana, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The summit saw participation from leaders and thinkers committed to tackling global challenges through cooperative leadership. The discussions provided a platform for collective leadership to address critical issues in politics, socioeconomic disparity, and gender equality, reinforcing the importance of building strategic international partnerships to overcome global challenges.

Significance

The 2024 summit underscored the critical role of visionary leadership in addressing global issues such as peace, democracy, and gender equality. By introducing initiatives like City Twinning and recognizing exceptional leadership through awards, the summit reinforced its mission to promote sustainable development, inclusivity in governance, and the advancement of human rights.

The event illustrated the need for leadership that not only upholds democratic values but also ensures equitable representation for all people, regardless of gender or socioeconomic status. Through international cooperation and collaboration, the summit furthered its commitment to creating a more inclusive and prosperous future for all.

