## **UPF UK: Who will Protect Our Planet**

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'Who will Protect Our Planet' event was organised by Universal Peace Federation UK at the office at 43 Lancaster Gate, London, W2 3NA, at 6pm on 27th Feb 2024.

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In an era where perspectives from academia, business, politics, and faith converge, it has become evident that the urgency to protect our planet is reaching critical levels. Despite the diverse views on who should shoulder this responsibility and the strategies to employ, there is a resounding consensus that the current pace of action falls short.

In this event we examined the multifaceted dimensions of the threats posed by pollution and climate change to the future of our planet and the well-being of generations to come. Expert voices below from various fields highlighted the issues and explored viable solutions to protect our planet.

## Speaking:

Mr Otto Canon: Co-Chair GSS Audit Committee, Sustainability Consultant. -World Sustainability Organisation

**Duchess Nivin ElGamal of Lamberton: UPF Patron - Impact of Plastic Pollution** 

Justina Mutale: "The Effects of Climate Change in Africa and How that Impacts the Planet".

**Robin Marsh: Secretary General UPF - UK** 

Danny Lambo: The Self Made Multi – Millionaire, Reality TV Star, Singer, Actor, Hotel Owner, Investor, Fixer, Children's Cancer Charity Patron.



Ambassador for Peace Awards were given to Danny Lambo and Chudhary Aurangzaib with their short speeches regarding their outstanding work in the community to support charities, Women empowerment and strengthen diversity to maintain peace on earth to save our planet and make it a better place to live.

Our first guest Otto Canon, "stated the dangers of plastic which is becoming an issue towards the environment from sometime and how he lost his dog due to plastic pollution a plastic bottle stuck in his throat". He added," 7% waste doesn't come from home but our toilets which can be dangerous". Otto requested all to say "not anymore" to protect our environment from plastic pollution and save us from climate change. Canon added, "plastic must be recycled before going to the ocean". Our other way to save our planet and environment from climate change is to plant more trees. It's important to note we have power to change like a drop of water which becomes an ocean. We can't wait for who, when and where the change will begin to save the planet.



Our second guest, Duchess Nivin stated, "the money spent on wars can be spent on to save the children of this world and the environment from the rubbish thrown in the ocean". War is killing our children but we lie to children all is fine when the earth is getting destroyed by wars, which leads to climate change with the omissions effects.

Our third guest, Justine Mutale stated, "why much is invested to reach Mars when the earth requires attention and care, we treat earth as we like by taking all its resources as plants, trees, birds and rivers". Being the African Ambassador 2014, I was part of a project where one area was related to land by dislocating the residents else where to harvest on the taken land but the project failed due to chemical fertilisation. It also polluted the air and future opportunities to grow crops on that land. It's important to remind others, "vandalising the air is vandalising the climate". It's a moment to think and consider what are we leaving for our children and generations to come in the name of "painted grains" to harvest and only collect more money by letting the environment suffer.



Our forth guest Danny Lambo stated, "children must be protected to save our earth by appreciating the statement earlier by Duchess Niven regarding children, further he added dropping bombs on Gaza is a huge danger to the earth and climate issues so the world must unite to stop and protect our planet earth. Lambo also added he stood as the London Mayor candidate in 2020 with a project "Global Festival" under which people can learn and live together including London based High commissions to promote diversity which could help to protect our earth too. Lambo wasn't able to work on this idea due to Covid but he plans to bring his dream to reality with UPF.

Towards the end of the event Robin March Secretary General UPF stated, the planet has undergone significant changes in recent decades, manifesting in rising temperatures, increased incidents of floods and heavy rains, and alarming shifts in the environment and climate. While some regions are already grappling with the consequences, it is crucial to acknowledge that the entire world is affected. Addressing this global challenge necessitates collaborative efforts, with a particular emphasis on the involvement of the United Nations and developed nations. It is crucial to recognise that developing countries, despite contributing fewer emissions, bear a substantial burden of the consequences.

The heart of the discussions concluded the need for comprehensive policies and laws aimed at safeguarding the planet by Margaret Ali Director and Keith Best Chair of UPF. However, they added we recognise the imperative for a fundamental change of heart. The transformation we seek requires a collective commitment to sustainable practices, awareness, and a shared responsibility for the well-being of our planet by us humans with our collective efforts to continue to prioritise our planet earth.