

End of Impunity and the Pathway to Peace in the Great Lakes Region of Africa

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Last night Jeremy Corbyn MP hosted an excellent event to promote the campaign, 'The end of Impunity and for the Pathway to Peace in the Great Lakes Region of Africa.' This event was organised by the Congolese Women's Group, 'Liberation'. Speaking in the photo is the former Prime Minister of Uganda, Joseph Semwogerere Mulwanyamuli who was decrying the lack democracy in the region. More information from the website: www.liberationorg.co.uk

Many passionate speeches were made including from Marie Lyse Numuhoza, who has spoken at UPF events before about the plight of women in the region. Several women thank the men for being involved in the campaign because there will never be a solution to the tragically massive number of rapes in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) unless all men learn to treat women with dignity. Jeremy Corbyn intervened to say on a visit to eastern DRC he had asked various authorities if there was an emphasis on education of young boys to understand women's human rights. He saw this as one of the long term solutions. One shocking comment was that there is a relationship between the incidence of rape and the proximity to mineral mines in eastern DRC.

Another comment that can be worked on among our networks is to lobby for similar provisions to the US Dodd Frank law banning trade in conflict minerals both in the European Union and supported by the OECD.