

## UPF Democratic Republic of the Congo organized a Parliamentarian Day

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Kinshasa, DR Congo—UPF in the Democratic Republic of the Congo organized a Parliamentarian Day inside the Parliament, the national symbol of democracy.

More than 200 participants attended the event on June 17, 2017, about half of whom were members of parliament. On that occasion, 67 MPs were appointed as Ambassadors for Peace, including Hon. Berocan Keraure Nono, the rapporteur of the National Assembly.

The DR Congo chapter of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) had its inauguration at the Palace of the People, the home of the National Assembly, on Jan. 21, 2017.

Just after that event, the National Assembly office requested UPF to organize a Parliamentarian Day as a way to introduce the IAPP to a larger group of members of parliament.

A few days after this meeting, 33 more MPs were scheduled to receive Ambassador for Peace certificates during a press conference organized by the Hon. Dr. Nkumu Frey Lungula, the chair of the DR Congo chapter of IAPP as well as an Ambassador for Peace.

One big surprise was the presence of H.E. Steve Mbikay, the minister of higher education and a member of the central government, who himself has been appointed as an Ambassador for Peace.

This Parliamentarian Day event was broadcast by the national TV channel plus several local TV channels belonging to some VIPs already appointed as Ambassadors for Peace during the National Network of Journalists for Peace inauguration held on May 6, 2017 in Kinshasa.

