

Lord Mayor hosts reception to recognise Caribbean and African Diaspora

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Belfast, NORTHERN IRELAND: The Lord Mayor of Belfast, Cllr. Máirtín Ó Muilleoir, hosted a reception in the Lord Mayor's Parlour at Belfast City Hall today to recognise the work of the Caribbean and African Diaspora.

Invited guests included representation from the Consulate for St. Vincent and the Grenadines & Consulate for Namibia, Management board and staff of the African Caribbean Support Organisation Northern Ireland (ACSONI) - which is the lead umbrella organisation for individuals and groups of Caribbean and African descent and their dependents, as well as, Chairs of all the National African and Caribbean Associations, Societies, and entrepreneurs and business owners of Caribbean and African heritage.



Front Row (L-R): Dr Christopher Stange – Hon. Consul for St. Vincent and the Grenadines to Northern Ireland; Cllr. Máirtín Ó Muilleoir – Lord Mayor of Belfast; Lord Diljit Rana MBE – Hon. Consul for Namibia to Northern Ireland with Key Leaders of the Caribbean and African Diaspora

Cllr. Ó Muilleoir said: "It's fantastic to welcome representatives of our African and Caribbean communities into the parlour. The work these communities carry out is to be commended and I encourage them to continue their efforts into the future."

Dr Christopher Stange, Hon. Consul for St. Vincent and the Grenadines to Northern Ireland & ACSONI's Chair commented: "The Caribbean and African Community would like to take this opportunity to commend the efforts made by Belfast's First Citizen to formally recognise the contributions through civic and business leadership, as we all work and strive towards a mutually inclusive shared society. We look forward to strengthening the already strong partnerships with Belfast City Council." **ENDS**