

## SVG Consul Receives Award at Stormont Parliament

21 May 2011

**Belfast, NORTHERN IRELAND:** In commemoration of the United Nation's International Year for People of African Descent: *Recognition, Justice and Development* and Africa Week 2011, the African-Caribbean Community Support Organisation for Northern Ireland (ACSONI) launched its African and Caribbean Awards at Stormont.

These awards are an annual commemoration designed to recognise outstanding achievements and contribution to the community. It covers 5 main areas: Education, Music & Arts, Entrepreneurial & Business, Community & Voluntary Work and Woman of the Year, that honour individuals, groups, businesses and companies of African or Caribbean background in Northern Ireland.

Dr Christopher Stange – Hon. Consul for St. Vincent and the Grenadines to Northern Ireland and Public Relations Officer for ACSONI received an award for his Community and Voluntary Work to the African and Caribbean Diaspora in Northern Ireland by Mrs Anna Lo - Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA), in front of a packed audience in the Great Hall.



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Mrs Anna Lo MLA & Dr Christopher Stange – Hon. Consul for St. Vincent and  
the Grenadines to Northern Ireland**

Other speakers included Mrs Anna Lo MLA, the first ethnic minority to be elected to Stormont Parliament, Alfred Abolarin - ACSONI's Programme Manager with regional representative presentations from North, South and West Africa, and the Caribbean. Music and poetry was also featured from various other members of the African and Caribbean Community in Northern Ireland.

Through the generosity of Schrader Electronics Ltd. in Antrim these awards were provided.

The audience was entertained by Adanta Dance group from London with Fairtrade refreshments and a finger buffet.

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