

HIGH COMMISSIONER COMMENDS RECEIPTS OF AFRICAN FILM AWARDS



His Excellency the High Commissioner, centre, next to him on his left is the Deputy High Commissioner with some of the recipients of the African Film Awards and officers of the High Commission.

The High Commissioner, His Excellency, Ambassador George Adesola Oguntade, CFR, CON on 7 Nov., 2107 reiterated the Government's support for Nigeria's film industry when he was paid a courtesy call by the organisers and recipients of the 21st African Film Awards, 2017 held in London on 4 Nov., 2017.

Addressing the organisers and recipients of the Awards which comprised a cross-section of Africa's Film Stars and Black British Film and Television personalities, His Excellency said: "The government is aware of the pivotal role of the film industry in our economy and society and we at the High Commission will continue to strengthen our engagement with your organisation to promote Nigeria's image in the United Kingdom". He commended and urged the organisers and recipients of the Awards not to rest on their laurels but continue to work hard.

The African Film Awards now in its 21st year was founded by Prince Mike Abiola, Publisher of African Voice newspaper, based in the United Kingdom.

Earlier in his introductory remarks, Prince Mike Abiola thanked the High Commissioner for his warm welcome and the Mission's unwavering support since the inception of the Awards. He said he was heartened to note that successive governments in Nigeria "...are beginning to appreciate the contributions of Nollywood to the economy." He called for support and expansion of Nollywood into Europe and America".