

On the occasion of His Majesty King Charles the III and Queen Camilla first state visit to Kenya, Youth Bridge Kenya represented by Board Director Hon. Sheila Sifuma, Executive Director Alex Matere and Director of Communication Advice Mundalo joined notable national leaders and captains of industries at a reception in their honour.

It was an esteemed honor for the YBK representatives to have a brief engagement with King Charles III on leadership and governance from Commonwealth lenses and local realities.

Perhaps the most moving and fundamental part of his speech was an admission of the ills and pain of colonisation and a promise of learnt lessons.

“...The wrongdoings of the past are a cause of the greatest sorrow and the deepest regret. There were abhorrent and unjustifiable acts of violence committed against Kenyans as they waged, as you said at the United Nations, a painful struggle for independence and sovereignty – and for that, there can be no excuse. In coming back to Kenya, it matters greatly to me that I should deepen my own understanding of these wrongs, and that I meet some of those whose lives and communities were so grievously affected. None of this can change the past. But by addressing our history with honesty and openness we can, perhaps, demonstrate the strength of our friendship today. And, in so doing, we can, I hope, continue to build an ever-closer bond for the years ahead...”

We were profoundly honored to be part of this discourse and the opportunity to sow the seed for a Commonwealth Youth Summit.







Youth Bridge Kenya Executive Director Alex Matere was thrilled to be a keynote speaker at the Transforming a Nation: How all Citizens Can Benefit from Democracy and Economic Transformation in Kenya, a conference organized by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Kenya

"Every generation has to stand up for something that matters in their lifetime. For Tom Mboya, Pio Gama Pinto, Masinde Muliro and Co it was about freedom and liberation of our country. For Raila Odinga, Gitobu Imanyara, Mukhisa Kituyi and Co it was for the restoration of multiparty democracy. For my generation, it is the emancipation of our people from the shackles of destitution, hopelessness and desperation.

As the old generation have their handshake my generation needs a hand up."





On the sidelines of King Charles the III and Queen Camilla state visit to Kenya, Youth Bridge Kenya officials led by Board Director Hon. Sheila Sifuma, Executive Director Alex Matere and Director of Communication Advice Mundalo had a productive engagement with the then UK Foreign Secretary now Secretary Home Department James Cleverly.







