



Speaker

Anamaria Almasan
Deputy Consul General,
Minister Plenipotentiary
Consulate General in London
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Anamaria has a +25 years experience in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania.

Anamaria was Charge d'affaires a.i. of the Romanian Embassy in Oslo, occupied various management positions in the MFA Headquarters in Bucharest and recently worked as diplomat with the Romanian Embassy in Madrid, Senior Officer with the UN World Tourism Organization in Madrid and also as Coordinator of the Consulate General of Romania in Madrid.

While in Madrid, she was elected President of the Foreign Diplomats Association (ADE) in Spain and then Dean of the Consular Corps in Madrid, supporting as a volunteer numerous NGOs projects. For her diplomatic activity she was awarded the Diplomatic Merit , 1st class by the President of Romania in 2007, and recently in 2026 the Spanish authorities awarded her with Isabel de Farnesio

National Prize for Diplomacy and International Relations for 'Outstanding Consular Service', while in 2024 Spanish Judicial Police awarded her with Police Cross of Merit, White Class, for the fight against gender-based violence and consular assistance to victims.

Since September 2025 she is working as Deputy consul general, Minister Plenipotentiary with the Consulate General of Romania in London.

She is fluent in English, French, Spanish and Italian.



Speaker

Councillor Thelma Rose Odoi

London Borough of Newham

Founder of UK Ghana Charities

Councillor Thelma Odoi is a visionary leader and founder of UK Ghana Charities, a transformative platform uniting over 70 charities across the UK

and Ghana. Through her work, Thelma exemplifies the power of global collaboration to accelerate sustainable solutions in health, education, community development, employment, and welfare—particularly for Ghanaian and British Ghanaian communities.

At the heart of her initiative is the belief that meaningful impact comes from working together. UK Ghana Charities recognises and amplifies the work of UK-registered charities and CICs serving Ghanaian communities, while also facilitating collaboration between them. Under Thelma's leadership, the platform supports peer learning, shared resourcing and joint action on common causes. It also conducts research to ensure community voices inform policy making.

Thelma has forged significant cross-border partnerships, including with NCVO Ghana, international charity consultants, political leaders in both the UK and Ghana, royal representatives and diasporan leaders such as Kofi Okyere Darko, Director of Diaspora Affairs at the Office of the President in Ghana. These collaborations have produced tangible results, such as:

- Cross-charity collaborations leading to joint events between charities

- Knowledge-sharing between organisations on critical issues such as funding access.
- Partnerships enabling direct service provision, like Food4All Africa supporting healthcare visits via Little Angels Trust.
- Increased visibility and engagement through high-profile summits and showcases.

A notable example of Thelma's convening power was her Parliamentary Honours Event, where 120 representatives from UK and Ghanaian charities were celebrated at the UK Houses of Parliament, concluding with a symbolic reception at the Eye Lounge, London Eye. These events help charities gain much-needed visibility and public support.

Thelma also prioritises digital transformation, helping small charities leverage technology to connect with volunteers, funders, and trustees. Her scalable model offers a template for other cross-border initiatives in the charity sector.

Her work goes beyond platform-building. Thelma is personally committed to humanitarian service. She has volunteered across Namibia, Botswana, Zambia, Ghana, South Africa, Myanmar, Rwanda, Romania, and China, promoting health education, women's empowerment, and sanitation. She holds a Master's in Emerging Economies & Inclusive Development, grounding her work in evidence-

based approaches to reducing poverty and inequality.

In 2023, she partnered with Advocates for the Aged Welfare in Ghana to provide elderly women with essential support, becoming the organisation's Patron. She is also an Honorary Board Member of Children's Haven Orphanage in the Philippines and supports food relief initiatives in the UK through partnerships with The Felix Project.

As a passionate advocate for health equity, Thelma organises an annual high-level Black Health Panel at City Hall, showcasing her leadership in bringing underrepresented voices to the policy table. Her efforts have earned her multiple accolades, including:

- GAB Award (2022) for Services to Education
- Outstanding Humanitarian Award (2023) – NELAS Academy
- Leadership Award for Women (2023) – The Good Samaritan Foundation
- Certificate of Recognition (2024) – Ghanaian Healthcare Community Leeds, for her cross-cultural health collaborations
- Community Champion Award (2024) – Ghanaian Healthcare Community Leeds, for Outstanding Support of African Community Health initiatives and Community Development.

In 2024, the Ghanaian Healthcare Community Leeds presented Thelma Odoi with a Certificate of Recognition for her dedication to community engagement, multicultural collaboration and advancement of healthcare equality. They wrote 'your presence helped mark the beginning of a new chapter in fostering stronger ties between the Ghanaian diaspora and the broader UK Healthcare community'. Thelma has received other such awards for her collaborative impact. In 2025, the Ghanaian Healthcare Community Leeds presented Thelma Odoi with the Community Champion Award for Outstanding Support of African Community Health initiatives and Community Development.

Thelma is also a public voice for her causes, having been interviewed by BenTV, GUBA Foundation, and the Newham Recorder.

Through every initiative, partnership and project, Thelma Odoi demonstrates the spirit of global cooperation and sustainable change. She brings people together across continents, cultures and causes.



Speaker

Cornel Silva

Psychotherapist and Professional Certified Coach

Cornel is a Specialist Psychologist and Professional Certified Coach with 15 years of experience at

international level as a coach & trainer and 5 years within IAPT-NHS.

He has expertise in organisational analysis, conception and implementation of strategy, organisation and cultural change.

Cornel has based his practice in London where he currently assists clients from Europe, North America and Asia. For the corporate sector as well as UK local authorities, he provides advanced training in Coaching and Psychology of Leadership suitable for middle and top management levels.

He has in-depth knowledge and practical experience on improving team cultures and a good reputation in the field for delivering results-oriented training/coaching programmes, leadership and management workshops. Some of his most successful projects have been on change management, resilience & self-leadership, working collaboratively, and the psychology of leadership applied in public organisations.



Speaker
Dr. Adesegun

Dr. Adesegun “Dr. King SMADE” Adeosun Jr. is a cultural entrepreneur, Afrobeats pioneer, and global creative economy leader with over 20 years of experience shaping African music, live entertainment, and cultural infrastructure worldwide.

Best known as a founder of major Afrobeats platforms and festivals, Dr. SMADE has played a pivotal role in taking African music from the diaspora underground to the global mainstream, working with leading artists, governments, brands, and cultural institutions across Africa, Europe, the Caribbean, and North America.

His journey began in London through grassroots community events that connected African diaspora audiences long before Afrobeats became a global industry. What started as promotion evolved into large-scale cultural production, international touring, festival creation, and high-level cultural diplomacy.

Today, his work sits at the intersection of music, policy, tourism, and economic development — using culture as a strategic tool for job creation, investment, exports, and long-term nation branding. Beyond entertainment, Dr. King SMADE is focused on building sustainable creative ecosystems that outlive trends and seasons — developing talent

pipelines, ownership pathways, and global partnerships that ensure culture is not only celebrated, but economically protected and future-proofed.