



# Obiang Awarded 2017 Person of the Year

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*Black History Month USA pushes up it's inaugural award presentation on the sidelines of the 72nd United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York.*

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, September 16, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- His Excellency, Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of Equatorial Guinea, Father and Architect of modern Equatorial Guinea and Founder of Party Democratico Guinea Ecuatorial (PDGE) is the first honoree for Black History Month USA ([BHmonthUSA](#)).

[On February 13, 2017](#), the news of this award was celebrated at the Permanent Mission of Equatorial Guinea to the United Nations in the presence of His Excellency, [Anatolio Ndong Mba](#), Permanent Representative for Equatorial Guinea and Don Victor Mooney, executive director of South African Arts International along with his spouse.

President Obiang's vision for sustainable peace and sustainable development didn't go unnoticed. In a secret ballot cast on June 2, 2017, Equatorial Guinea garnered 185 votes from UN member states, which propelled the country to receive a two-year non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council beginning January 1, 2018.

Black History Month USA is honored to bestow this award to President Obiang. His spirit of Pan Africanism is deeply embedded into the policies of Equatorial Guinea. With this historic seat on the United Nations Security Council, Africa's challenges will have a compassionate and action-orientated response from this country, said Don Victor Mooney.

President Obiang has demonstrated exemplary humanity, vision, leadership and has transformed a once neglected country into the gateway for Central Africa through the Horizonte 2020 Plan. The Horizon 2020 Plan, set in motion by President Obiang in 2007, has five major goals: Invest in strengthening economic growth; Strengthen the development of structured investments; Promote and strengthen the development of social policy actions; Ensure a transparent social climate; Develop the prospects for better monitoring and evaluation of poverty and living conditions of households.

The purpose of Black History Month USA is to expand America's commemoration in February by highlighting one African country every year for 365 days. Founded in 1994, this activity is being coordinated by US based South African Arts International, Ltd. (SAAI) with aim of increasing tourism, foreign direct investments, educational and cultural partnerships in African countries.

The General Assembly is one of the six most principal organs of the United Nations, the only one in which all member states have equal representation. The assembly has powers to oversee the budget of the United Nations, appoint the non-permanent members to the Security Council and make recommendations in the form of General Assembly resolutions. The 72nd session of UNGA theme is Focusing on People: Striving for Peace and a Decent Life for All on a Sustainable Planet.

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