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REACH OUT TO AFRICA NEWSLETTER

THIS JUNE:

Sao Paulo Rotary International Convention

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

DISTRICT FOCUS:

District 9150 comprising 10 countries





EDITOR'S NOTE

Beloved friends and fellow Rotarians,

Bem-vindo ao Brasil! Welcome to São Paulo, the site of the 106th Rotary International Convention.

São Paulo itself as a city is considered by many to be Brazil's cultural center. From its vibrant street art and exceptional museums to its lush parks and lively nightlife, Brazil's largest city offers something for everyone. I am so excited to be here and meeting so many Rotarians from all over the world and from all walks of life. In this issue alongside lots of Rotary stories from Africa, the ROTA Editorial team has also included vibrant images of our convention, as well as the *All Africa Breakfast*. This is just to give those who didn't have the opportunity to join us in the city a taste of the vibrant colour and culture of São Paulo.

Let me just say it now the Convention and the All Africa Breakfast were just brilliant! I especially want to thank all who made the AAB with all its colour and glam, overflowing with lovely Rotarians, possible: R.I. President Gary Huang, R.I. President Nominee, Directors, Past R.I Presidents, Trustees, ROTA Chair Patrick Chisanga, DG Bimal Kantaria, Rtns Jane, Jeff, Amrita and Susan, and Rotarians especially from outside Africa. Asanteni sana!



By PDG Geeta Manek
ROTA Newsletter Editor
2014/15

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that a full year has already gone by since R.I President Gary Huang reconstituted the ROTA Committee of the R.I Board in June 2014. For the first time in the history of ROTA, the leadership of ROTA was placed in African hands.

It has been an exciting year of innovation and creativity at ROTA. At the outset, in June 2014 we launched a whole new look Newsletter, which has increasingly become essential reading for Rotary leaders and Rotarians generally across the globe. Our Newsletter has become the pulse of Rotary activity in Africa. We later launched a creative and interactive Facebook Page, which helps all Rotarians who are on Facebook, to stay current with the happenings in Africa. Our Website too has become bigger and more informative. On the International front, we have initiated dialogue with the Food Agricultural Organisation, FAO of the UN, with a view to joining hands in the fight against hunger and malnutrition in Africa. Each of the 9 Regions of ROTA, now have a three year strategic plan which was approved at our meeting in Marrakech, last year, to guide Rotary activities in each Region through the TROIKA System of each of the Districts on the Continent.

I think we can justifiably feel proud that much has been achieved in ROTA in the last 12 months. I wish to add however, that much more remains to be done. I am therefore appreciative that R.I President Elect Ravi Ravindran has requested me to continue serving as Chairman of ROTA, during



PDG Patrick D. Chisanga
ROTA Chair 2014/15/16

the new Rotary year 2015-16. Naturally I have accepted the position with enthusiasm.

Let me take the opportunity to thank each and everyone of my colleagues who have served with me on the Executive Committee and in other supporting roles in ROTA. It has been a joy working with you all.

I will announce the new ROTA Executive Committee in my July Statement.

Your Partner in Lighting Up Rotary!



PDG Lawrence Okwor

ROTA Secretary 2014/15

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SECRETARY'S DESK

Rotary

Fellowships Month

The primary reason why Rotary was formed was for fellowship. It is said that friendship can break barriers. Friendship enables us to accommodate shades of opinions and the weaknesses in others. Friendship facilitates trust. Trust is everything. When we are trusting, we are willing to entrust our finances on the board of Directors of the Club. When we trust, we are comfortable doing business with our Club members and fellow Rotarians.

The month of June is designated as the Rotary Fellowship month. The essence of this designation is for Rotarians to

recognise the importance of international fellowship and goodwill among Rotarians with similar vocational or recreational interest. The board of directors of Rotary encourages these groups to celebrate Rotary fellowship months through projects, activities and events.

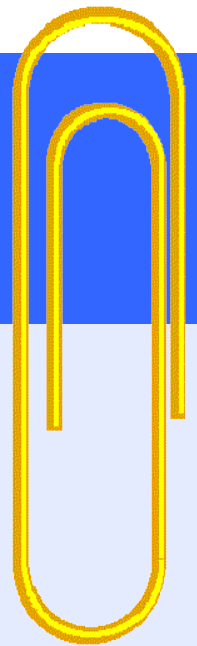
A Rotary fellowship comprises groups of Rotarians who are united in order to pursue a vocational or recreational interest for the advancement of friendship.

The Rotary year ends on the last day of June. May the light that has been rekindled in our lives and hearts this Rotary year never dim. May it continue to glow, as we are almost ready to be a gift to the world.

Future Events. Mark Your 2015 Calendars

✚ RI Zone20A Institute, Mombasa, Kenya – 14-20 September 2015

✚ RI Zone 20B Institute, Antalya, Turkey - November 2015



Rotary Institute comes to Kenya



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– Wangari Maathai

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ROTARY IN AFRICA – HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR DISTRICT?



Arising from an invitation to address the 2014 Zones 30 and 31 Institute in Kansas City about doing projects in Africa, Past District Governor of District 9370, Nick Phillips, decided to compile a booklet showcasing all the Rotary districts on our beautiful continent.

Every month the ROTA editorial team, will serialize this booklet and highlight one Rotary district in Africa. Rotarians in Africa are spread across 15 districts in 9 regions, out of 55 countries.

This Month we focus on District 9150.



KNOW YOUR DISTRICT - SERIES 7:

District 9150 comprises 72 Rotary clubs and 1,411 members. With a large rural population and disparities in living standards, education and skills, Rotary clubs are involved in many projects in their communities in all the areas of focus and in partnership with other districts.

If you would like to learn more about partnering with us please contact 2014-2015 DG Jean Runuya at runuya@yahoo.fr, who will direct your enquiry to the correct club or district committee.

PROJECT SUCCESSES

PLASTIC SURGERY

Rotary clubs of Kigali (Rwanda) in partnership with Rotarian doctors from India (District 3080) and Nigeria, have in the past provided plastic surgery to genocide victims. This year, MEDICARE 3 will take place in August. The program's aim is to provide surgical treatment to these Rwanda genocide victims. The next mission will require the transportation of surgical supplies and medicines along with 5 plastic surgeons and 2 anesthesiologists. The surgery teams are composed of doctors from District 3080 experienced in doing 15 to 20 such projects since 1999. The team is supplemented by a plastic surgeon and anesthesiologist from Nigeria. All the doctors are Rotarians and will be working for 7-8 days in Rwanda.

ROTARY IN AFRICA

District 9150:

Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, DRC, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Rwanda, and Sao Tome & Principe



PROJECT WISH LIST

LIBREVILLE HIGH SCHOOLS WATER AND SANITATION PROJECT

RC Libreville-Okoume, based in Libreville (Gabon) is implementing a pilot project to bring water and sanitation to a high school situated in the northern part of the city. More than 1,000 students go to this school that has no latrines. Many more girls miss school during their periods. Several high schools have neither portable water nor electricity. The project consists of rainwater harvesting for flush toilets.

The pilot has cost US\$20,000 so far, financed with the help of local sponsors. The remaining part of the project will place the emphasis on sustainability.

The club now requires funds and help on sustainability issues to equip 8 to 10 high schools through a Global Grant. The program will stretch over 18 months and cost a total of US\$160,000. The ultimate beneficiaries would be more than 10,000 children, in the suburbs surrounding Libreville.

WISHLIST PROJECT:

ADULT LITERACY

RCs Masuku, Port-Gentil and Libreville in Gabon and Kinshasa in DRC are strongly committed to teaching adults to read and write. They have developed methodologies and organized a part time school for adults using public facilities. RC Masuku (Gabon) has run its own program for 10 years and has certified more than 450 adults. The project seeks to build a dedicated school with 2 or 3 class rooms in order to provide classes for women, men and young adults, who did not complete their school education.



ROTARY IN AFRICA NEWS & UPDATES

DISTRICT 9010



RC Casablanca Medical Caravan

RC Casablanca International (RCCI) in partnership with [Fondation Mohamed V de solidarité](#) and local coordinator [Associationn Semnid](#), recently organized a weekend medical caravan to Ouaoula village in Azilal province from the 22nd to the 24th of May.

The Caravan staff included 20 doctors, 2 radiologists, 4 nurses and 2 pharmacists who actively worked on Saturday 23th to achieve: 1245 medical examinations, including 120 ultrasonographies, 60 Cardiovascular checkups, 660 pediatric, gastro, gynecology and ophthalmology examinations with free distribution of medicines.

A Big Thank You!

RCCI thank all its sponsors for their trust and support, namely: [Oilibya Maroc](#), [Fondation Mohamed V](#), [Chu Ibn Rochd](#), [Merck Serono](#), [Pharma 5](#), [Cooper Pharma](#), [Laboratoire Sothema](#), [Laboratoires LAPROPHAN](#) and [Pharmacie Rais](#).



DISTRICT 9210

ZIMBABWE

Indian Rotarians made Maiden Medical Mission to Manicland, Zimbabwe

By Rosetta Peters

Rotary quickly responded to a request by a missionary and organized a successful Medicare medical mission in Zimbabwe, on 3rd – 13th May 2015.

A team from India, consisting of Dr. Rajiv and Ranjit, two stalwarts experienced in medical missions, arrived in Zimbabwe in mid-January, prepared their assessment and the dates for the mission were set.

The VTT supported by the DG of D3132 of which Dr. Vyankatesh Metan, an orthopaedic surgeon formed part of the visiting team handling the VTT and host D9210 Governor Kenneth Chibesakunda, through Regional Coordinator Rosetta Peters, prepared the grant through their Rotary Clubs. The VTT comprised 19 Specialists in Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics, General Surgery, Gynaecology, Dentistry, Pathology and Anaesthesiology from RI Districts 3080, 3030, 3132 and 3170. Altogether, including self-financed volunteers, 28 Rotarians from India participated in the Mission.

The visiting team planned to perform 800 surgeries on the poorest patients at the Nyanga District Hospital, Mutare Provincial Hospital and Sakubva Eye Hospital. The result was a resounding 1,446 surgical procedures successfully accomplished working with local surgeons and nursing staff, who were also trained in modern technology.

The project implementing Rotary Clubs of Msasa and Mutare members, in Manicland and VTT Rotarians,



were inspired by the cooperation and support given to the project by the Government of Zimbabwe and the local Indian Community. There are many anecdotes and tales to tell, however, we would need a series to reveal it all.

**TATENDA – SIABONGA -
THANK YOU – THE ROTARY
FOUNDATION and ALL WHO
CONTRIBUTED TO THE
SUCCESS OF THIS VTT
PROJECT!**



DISTRICT 9210

ZAMBIA

RIP Gary Huang's Second Visit to Zambia

Rotary International President (RIP) Gary Huang and his wife Corinna, recently visited Zambia for the second time, this May. During the three-day tour, RIP Gary and Corinna visited Livingstone and paid a courtesy call to the Zambia's Vice President Inonge Wina at her offices in Lusaka, where he made her an honorary Rotarian.

At that meeting, the Vice-President said she was pleased with the work RI was doing worldwide in alleviating hardships in communities, adding that government would do everything possible to ensure that Rotarians in Zambia enjoyed their course of duty.

Further, Ms. Wina requested that Rotarians assist in training more girls in mathematics and science to help stir their participation in economic growth. She was happy that the organization had been implementing viable programs citing the eradication of polio and malaria in many African nations in which Zambia had benefited a lot. In the same token, President Gary said Rotary along with the World Health Organization (WHO), will be conducting more programs to eradicate these diseases.

He commended President Edgar Lungu for appointing Ms. Wina as Zambia's first female Vice President, saying the appointment of more women in higher decision-making positions was commendable. He also assured the Zambian government of Rotary International's unwavering support.



RIP Gary presents plaque to Zambian Vice President Inonge Wina at her office, during a courtesy call.

Speaking to Rotarians at a banquet hosted by Rotary clubs in Lusaka and in Livingstone, RIP Gary urged Rotarians to build stronger clubs by inviting more people to join Rotary so that the change takes place in communities that need help and in the lives of people who are vulnerable and unable to sustain their lives.

DISTRICT 9211

UGANDA

New Club President Pledges to Fight Poverty Among Youth

RC Kampala North has installed Rotarian Eric Byenkya as its 28th club president.

Byenkya takes the mantle from Jayne Frances Nakato, who served in the same capacity in the year 2014-2015. The installation took place at a colorful event held at the Pearl Restaurant Nommo Gallery in Nakasero on 25th May 2015 and was presided over by Mrs. Thereza Mbire the guest of honor.

Byenkya will lead the club under the 2015-2016 Rotary theme “Be a Gift to the World”, an inspirational flagship theme aimed at energizing Rotarians worldwide to give unconditionally of their time, expertise and resources to make the world a better place.

In his inaugural speech, Byenkya pledged to start a poor youth project known as Vijana Poor project aimed at helping the young people step out of poverty. Bwenkya further pledged to rally Rotary club members of Kampala North to continue with mentorship and sponsorship as ways of helping members of the community to excel.

After bestowing the instruments of power to Byenkya, Mbire hailed Rotary clubs for their humanitarian activities, which she said are lighting the world with good deeds aimed at helping other excel. She encouraged Ugandans to emulate the work of Rotarians in their day-to-day lives to make the country a better place for all to live in.



The Rotary club of Kampala North was chartered on August 06, 1988. Most recently, the club partnered with TRF to sponsor lifesaving heart surgeries worth \$71,000 for over 20 children at Mulago Hospital. This was in partnership with the Uganda Heart Institute, NSSF, Makerere College of Health Sciences to provide free dental services at the dental camps held in the last 3 years. The club also completed an ‘Adopt a Village Project’ worth over \$114,000 to provide intervention in all the Rotary areas of focus in Nkondo Village in Buyende District.



DISTRICT 9212

KENYA

RIP Gary's Visit To Kenya

RIP Gary Huang and his wife Corinna, recently made a two-day tour of Kenya Rotary clubs. Warmly received by Rotarians led by D9212 DG Bimal Kantaria, RIP Gary's tight program began in the heart of Nairobi's Korogocho slums, where RC Muthaiga led by Rtn Hans Scholl, is seeking to host a VTT project that will economically empower the slum community. The project comprises, a Bakery, a Football academy and upgrade of a school. This early morning visit was followed by another club project visit of the Ethical Fashion Hub project in Baba Dogo (Kariobangi) and thereafter pre-scheduled Rotary leadership meetings, where pertinent District matters were discussed amid great fellowships.

The evening culminated in what was a sight-to-behold dinner for Rotarians with RIP Gary. 300 plus Rotarians braved the Nairobi heavy rains and traffic and the DG appreciated all who graced the occasion despite the harsh conditions that evening. Additionally, new clubs on

the evening had the prestigious privileged of taking photos with the RIP, something that will go a long way in the history of the newly chartered clubs! An amazing visit to State House, followed, where RIP met the Head of State, H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta and the First Lady, Margaret Kenyatta. This was a Rotary moment for the District Governors council and other Rotary Leaders present. His Excellency hailed Rotary for her continued efforts in development projects that transform lives throughout country, while RIP Gary promised that Rotary would continue to support the Government efforts, especially on Polio eradication.



Later, RIP addressed at the State House Girls High School, where an Interact Career Fair was held. 1200 students attended along with their teachers. The meeting was followed by an amazing lunch with Rotarians from the political divide, senators and parliamentarians and later with Rotaractors at the University of Nairobi.



DISTRICT 9212

KENYA

RC Lang'ata win D9212 Club Bulletin Award 2014/15

By Wanjiku W-L
Director PR & Communications

We trust that you are in a spectacular space. This is to say 'Thank You' for your wholehearted engagement & unwavering support. Here is our journey packed into the Celebratory Edition of The Spin... District 9212 Club Bulletin AWARD•

On a Weekly basis Rotary Club of Nairobi- Lang'ata (RCL) in big & small ways Lights Up the lives & communities of those in our spheres of influence & control through various engagement platforms. ALL the great work done through Service Above Self ignited the soul of our club e-magazine dubbed 'The Spin', which was inspired by the Rotary Wheel.

Thus, on a weekly & monthly basis we capture moments of Inspiration, Empowerment & Service packaging them into 'The Spin'. The passionate engagement of our PR & Communication (PR&C) Director, the PR&C Committee & Support Teams, our club members with the unwavering support of the Club President & Board brings every Edition of The Spin to life with the heartwarming moments of our club activities & the inspiringly empowering content of our weekly speakers, brought to us by our speaker engagement team.

Everyone who visits with us joins the extended family of the Rotary Club of Nairobi-Lang'ata & stays connected from every corner of the globe from Kenya to Jamaica to New Zealand to Mauritius to the United States, through the power of service, packaged into The Spin.



“For the honor of the District 9212 Club Bulletin Award two (2) years in a row we are deeply humbled.”

DISTRICT 9220

By Nishtya Jooty



RC Ebene and RC Vacoas organized a one-day health check up on Saturday 28th of March on the premises of the Ex-Winners at St Pierre, Mauritius. The theme was 'Be Healthy with Rotary'. The objectives were to provide free health check-up and sensitization to the local population, create awareness of common diseases, provide and advise treatment and counseling to those already afflicted, build relations with other NGOs involved in the health sector and promote the image and ideals of Rotary.

Mauritius, being an island, which is developing at a very rapid pace, is facing an increasing incidence of Non-communicable diseases and cancer. The three most common causes of death in the republic of Mauritius are Diabetes, Cardiovascular diseases and Cancer. Obesity

MAURITIUS

RC Ebene & RC Vacoas' Mega Health Check Up

increasing at a very rapid pace and is a growing concern.

For this project, Fortis Clinic Darne, one of the leading private hospitals in the country, participated and sponsored the event. The Ministry of Health & Quality of Life, medical nongovernmental organizations like Thalassemia society, Mauritius Diabetic Association, Centre de Solidarite & Breast Cancer Association also participated in the event.

More than 800 people benefited from the free services. Of these, 586 participants underwent blood tests. 454 electrocardiograms were performed, about 400 persons had eye vision test and 350 persons had dental check up. The breast & cervical cancer screening team screened 83 ladies. Four pregnant ladies had 4D ultrasound and 12 patients sought the advice of the dermatologist.

RC Ebene and RC Vacoas, keeping with this year's slogan, lit up the lives of the community through this free one-day health check-up.

DISTRICT 9220

SEYCHELLES

RC Victoria-Coco De Mer donate to Nepal earthquake survivors



RC Victoria recently made a R40000 contribution to survivors of the series of earthquakes that caused major disaster in Nepal. The money will be used to help those most affected. This is being done through the Rotary District of Nepal. While the Club believes that its donation could make a significant difference to the lives of those families stricken by the earthquake, it is mindful that such donations do not always reach the true beneficiaries. After careful deliberation, members found it fitting to proceed with its contribution through a sister Club in Nepal. This will reduce any risk of the funds going astray.

RC Victoria has also made significant contributions to the local Seychelles community, by building the North East Point Hospice, building water storage for the old people's hospital, making contributions in flood disaster in East Mahe some years ago as well as donating to Bel Air fire survivors most recently.

WE ARE THIS CLOSE TO ENDING POLIO: POLIO UPDATE:

May 2015 PolioPlus Update Case Counts (as of 6 May 2015)

Country	2014 (calendar year)	2015 (to date)	Date of last case
Pakistan	306	22	29 Mar 15
Afghanistan	28	1	21 Jan 15
Somalia	5	0	11 Aug 14
Nigeria	6	0	24 July 14
Cameroon	5	0	9 July 14
Equatorial Guinea	5	0	3 May 14
Iraq	2	0	7 April 14
Syria	1	0	21 Jan 14
Ethiopia	1	0	4 Jan 14



FOCUS ON NIGERIA

- The Nigerian National PolioPlus Committee supported recent Supplemental Immunization Activities (SIAs) by providing medical supplies for 40 Health Camps in Kaduna, Sokoto, Katsina and Zanzara. The camps continue to increase uptake of oral and injectable polio vaccines in areas with high refusal rates. The committee has also provided sachets of powdered milk to seven high-risk states.
- In April, the Nigerian National PolioPlus Committee delivered 200 megaphones in Sokoto, adding to the 350 that the committee delivered previously to support community-based social mobilization in urban & rural settlements where vaccine coverage is low.
- During April NIDs, the Nigerian National PolioPlus Committee (NNPC) Field Coordinators were deployed on special field missions to help close immunization gaps in Kano metropolitan areas. Executive members also visited high-risk states and consulted with key government officials to encourage improved quality of SIAs.
- The NNPC held a training seminar on 24 April 2015 in Abuja for State Polio Representatives and club PolioPlus chairs in District 9125.



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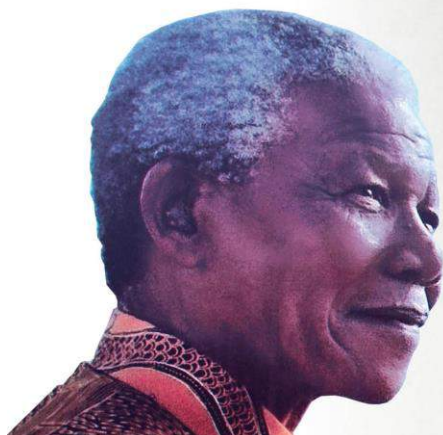
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HAPPY MONTH OF JUNE



DG Tolu Omatsola commissions upgraded Sciences lab at Isolo Opin Community Secondary School – a project of RC Ilorin GRA, D9125,



Infrared Thermometers presented to Public Health Institutions in Osun State and Face Masks to OYES Cadets by RC of Osogbo, Nigeria.



Rtn Mike Omotosho (second right) and DG Tolu Omatsola (centre) together receive the End Polio Now torch in Abuja.



RID Safak Alpay meets with the Mombasa Zone 20A planning committee in Nairobi Kenya



PDG Joshua Hassan commissions water facility constructed by RC Abuja Gwarinpa for over 1500 residents of Karamajiji Disabled Colony, Abuja.



Jubilant celebration with Rtn Peter Mbui (far right), - after he was announced the District Governor 2017/8 during the D9212 Conference,

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SAO PAULO CONVENTION



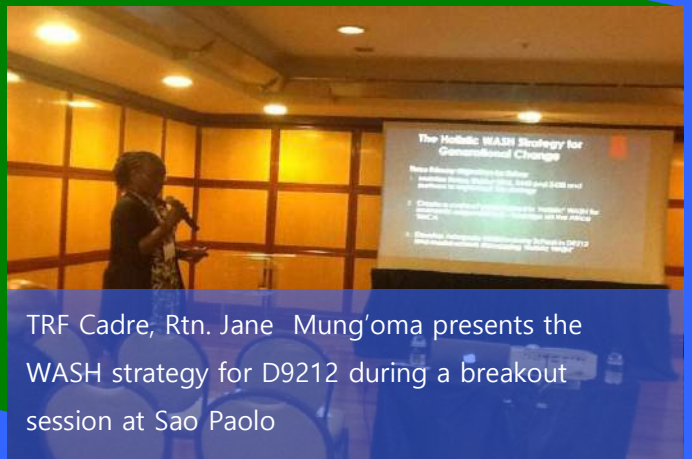
Sao Paolo Convention, opening day, where RIP Gary Huang gave his opening ceremony speech to thousands of Rotarians from across the globe.



DG Bimal Kantaria (D9212) and wife Hiral together with RIP Gary Huang and wife Corrine.



Rotarian WASH Specialists during the World Water Summit at the Convention.



TRF Cadre, Rtn. Jane Mung'oma presents the WASH strategy for D9212 during a breakout session at Sao Paolo



Rotarians enjoying fun and camaraderie during one of the convention evenings.



Excited Rotarians at the House of Friendship.

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SÃO PAULO CONVENTION



Rotarians from Kenya and Bangladesh tour the beautiful sao Paolo scenery.



ROTA Chair PDG Patrick Chisanga speaking at the successful All Africa Breakfast convention.



Rotarian friends from African rotary clubs meet up for lunch at a local café in Sao Paolo.



Colourful African women at the All Africa Breakfast .



ROTA Kids representative Lucia Garcia, giving an incredible presentation during the convention



The All Africa Breakfast team pose for a picture after the successful Breakfast event.

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