



KASOCO CBO Activism at a Global Stage



James in World Economic Forum Session in Davos 2009..posing with Kofi Annan, Tony Blair and Bill Clinton (photos courtesy of British Council's Global ChangeMakers project)

Kasoco activism was present at 2009 World Economic Forum in Davos Switzerland. James Chiyembekezo Chatepa, a Kasoco activist in the community sports programme, was among the 6 young people who took part in the Global ChangeMakers programme promoted by the British Council. James took to the world stage the message of youth empowerment in addressing their day-to-day problems. He was part of a panel that on 29th January 2008 discussed the subject of **Shaping the Post-Crisis World: Views from the Next Generation**. James had a hectic week in which he carried out advocacy activities in favour of the poor and underprivileged young people of the world.

Thanks to the work approach of Kasoco that bred James into a self-confident young man with a very strong advocacy spirit for the betterment of the underprivileged children in our communities.

James passionately told the world leaders that ***“by the end of this session (one hour) in Malawi 50 children shall have become orphans due to HIV-AIDS”***.

Passionately and unwaveringly, James defended his position that the world leaders must listen to the youth who make up at least 50% of the population of the world and yet they are not consulted or listened to when the policies affecting their lives are being discussed and decided.

James furthermore touched on two other issues: ***Focusing on action as opposed to talk and Taking the problems head-on.***

Complete record of James's advocacy work at the 2009 World Economic Forum is found on the following links:

www.youtube.com/user/GlobalChangemakers
www.global-changemakers.net (go to Davos page)
<http://87.230.38.34/Download/WEF090127/WEF/uebersicht.html>
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Kasoco is hereby expressing its sincere thanks and warm congratulations to James for speaking for the orphaned, poor and underprivileged young people of Kam'mwamba, Ntcheu, Malawi, Africa, Third World and the whole world!!

Chigwenembe Chatepa

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