

The Westminster Launch

In speaking alongside Mr Mandela at the Westminster Hall celebration, Bill Clinton, Tony Blair, Nicky Oppenheimer and Lord Waldegrave took the opportunity to publicly endorse the Mandela Rhodes initiative



Prime Minister Blair, Mr Mandela and President Clinton

President Clinton

'The Mandela Rhodes Foundation will bring some of Rhodes' wealth back to its origins to help build the new South Africa. I am honoured to work with President Mandela today ... We're not a patronage, but a partnership. As I have said many times, the question is not what the rest of the world can do for Africa, but what we can do with Africa'

Prime Minister Blair

'It is extraordinary to see the two names united together in The Mandela Rhodes Foundation ... It says something about Africa because both of these extraordinary people were deeply committed to Africa ... When we see the past and the present joined together in order to give the Rhodes Trust new life for the future, we see in that the possibility of overcoming the injustices that our world suffers'



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'I think Rhodes would have been particularly delighted that we are this evening talking about the new Mandela Rhodes Foundation; indeed it is a very virtuous circle that is being made here and one that will, I am sure, in the future make an important contribution to the ongoing development of South Africa'



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'In order to remind ourselves of the origin of our wealth, we have the honour of setting up a new Foundation linked to the name and the personality and the support of the man who, more than anybody else, symbolises the new South Africa – Mr Nelson Mandela. We are incredibly grateful to him for the support he has given us, and it makes us very proud'