



# Dr. Omekongo Dibinga

Passionate International Speaker on Leadership, Diversity & Inclusion. Professor, Author, Rapper, and all-around UPstander, never a BYstander!

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*Why Settle for Outstanding When You Can be UPstanding?*

Dr. Omékongo Dibinga is the UPstander. His life’s mission is to inspire all across the globe to take a stand when they witness an injustice, no matter how small or large. A John Maxwell Team “Top 30 speaker”, he is an international speaker, trilingual poet, TV talk show host, rapper, and professor of Inter-cultural Communication at American University, where he also serves as a faculty affiliate to the Antiracist Research & Policy Center. Omékongo has published and produced 7 books, 8-fusion music and motivational CDs, and one independent DVD. His motivational book G.R.O.W. Towards Your Greatness! 10 Steps to Living Your Best Life has received praise from great motivational speakers such as Les Brown and Willie Jolley. His most recent book “The UPstander’s Guide to an Outstanding Life” is a life balance book for students.

## Testimonials

*“To all my Diversity & Inclusion, HR professionals and meeting planner contacts, do not miss the opportunity to put Dr. Omekongo Dibinga on the stage at your next event! I could not recommend him more highly!!”*

*~ Marnie Herren, Event Power*

*“Your keynote presentation, FINDING COMMON GROUND IN UNCOMMON TIMES received rave reviews. MD SHRM can’t thank you enough for the meaningful and informative contribution that you made in making MD SHRM’s conference one of the BEST ever! Recognizing how we can shine in a polarized society was so refreshing and rewarding. The insight and tools you shared were priceless. For that, we all thank you!”*

*~ Kimberly Wines, COO - SHRM, SEK*

*“One student commented, “This speaker was unbelievable. His message of how to get accurate, unbiased opinion on current events is a huge benefit to any leader that wants to have an informed opinion. It is important for any leader to have an informed opinion if they want to lead knowledgeably.” When students were given the opportunity to share about the component of the conference that was most memorable, a significant number of them wrote about their leadership workshop. Thank you again for facilitating such a memorable experience for our students and for your continued support of our program.”*

*M.D., Project Coordinator, National Young Leaders Conference*



Talks

### Finding Common Ground in Uncommon Times

The purpose of this keynote/breakout is for participants to explore what unites them as opposed to what divides them. We live in a society that is becoming increasingly polarized but even in our darkest moments, there are areas where we can all shine. Participants will learn how to have difficult conversations, how to challenge implicit biases, and how to build a community where differences are not just tolerated but celebrated!

### The Corporate - Customer Confidence GAP

Why are potential customers not buying your product, especially if you know it is a superior product? It could come down to an issue of trust. The goal of this keynote/breakout is to explore the reasons why your company may not be the preferred brand for a targeted customer group and create strategies to counter that challenge. If you believe that you have a superior product to offer and it’s not moving the way you prefer, the issue is possibly not the product. The issue could be the narrative created by customers about your company. Change the narrative, change the results!



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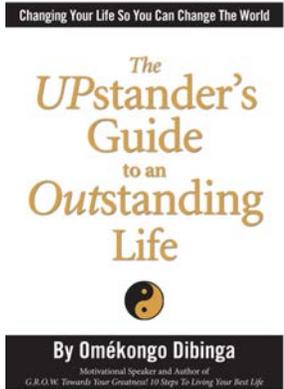
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**Leveraging Diversity: Creating Culturally Competent Work Environments**

This keynote explores the importance of achieving true respect for cultural diversity in a school or corporation. Participants will probe deeply into the meaning of cultural biases and use that understanding as a springboard to developing an ongoing dialogue on the importance of diversity. By acknowledging their truths as it relates to experiences of racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, and more, participants will feel empowered to carry the dialogue back to their colleagues and beyond.

**G.R.O.W. Towards Your Greatness!**

This intense presentation allows participants to tap into their inner potential in order for them to live their dreams. The four points of the G.R.O.W. acronym: Give, Receive, Overcome and Win for the basis of moving from a life of mediocrity to a life of greatness!



**The UPstander's Guide to an Outstanding Life**

In this book, Omekongo provides 7 key steps that all students must adopt in order to achieve greatness in their lives so that they can be the most effective while advancing their cause. Simply put, you are no good to your cause if you do not first take care of yourself. Follow these steps and you will live an outstanding life as an empowered UPstander and not a bystander in your own life!

**Be an UPstander, Not a Bystander!**

This keynote highlights the ability youth have to create change in their own lives and the lives of others. Participants build their cultural self-confidence and respect for other cultural, religious, and racial groups through critical analysis of culture through the spoken word and positive hip-hop. This leads participants to understand the root causes of misconceptions that exist across different groups. It challenges cultural paradigms in an effort to create greater appreciation for differences. Students emerge from this high energy presentation empowered to not only make a change in their own lives but in their communities and throughout the globe.

