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# Dayan Kodua

## An encounter with a Queen

Meeting Dayan Kodua in Berlin was a truly queenly experience. She is not only gorgeous and beautiful as ever but her simplicity, humility and yet sophistication will no doubt put every man at unease reminding you that you are sitting in presence of a Queen, but then like magic, she quickly puts you at ease like the true professional that she really is. She was very punctual at the appointed time in Einstein Café Berlin Mitte and even had to wait for some minutes. Though it was not intended to be an interview, using the boys scout's motto: "be prepared", I quickly took the opportunity to ask one or two questions.

Dayan was born 25 years ago in Accra, Ghana and eventually came to Germany with her parents to settle in Schleswig-Holstein where she eventually became Miss Schleswig-Holstein 2002 and later won an impressive 5th place in Miss Germany 2002. A graduate of Ravensberg Business School and currently taking studies in acting she has featured in many films in ARD, RTL and SAT1. With such an impressive achievement in such a short time Dayan is set to make history in Germany in spite of all the obstacles she is facing and will be facing in a white dominated society. One will then not help asking the question, why in God's name are all the African multi-million firms and individuals waiting to engage the services of such a beautiful, ambitious and talented African Queen. I asked her.



**Q.** What was it like being the first black African Queen in white dominated Germany and how did it feel to have come so far?

**I was optimistic and I believed I had a chance**

the state level, not to talk of even going to be in the top 10 at federal level, though the media attention was always there, you know this exotic factor I guess, but because I believed in what I was doing and it paid off.

**A.** Well, they never took me as a serious competitor at

**Q.** How did you feel when you eventually won the state level and top 5 at federal level?

**A.** "My God, I was happy, very happy, I could not believe it, it was just wonderful"

**Q.** Will you do it again?

**A.** "No no no, I think one time is ok, I would like others to try too, I am not the only beautiful African, we have many of them around and I hope they will be willing and courageous enough to try.

**Q.** Did men fall all over you when you became a beauty queen?

**I still need to expand my contacts and connections**

was just as it used to be, although one cannot deny the fact that you get more attention than before, very often people will look at me and when they summon enough courage they will ask, hey, I think I have seen you on TV, you're the beauty Queen, I will just give them a smile. And move on.

**A.** Laughter! More laughter, "no it

**Q.** What would you advise the black Africans intending to contest BQ to do?

**A.** "They should go ahead and try, they have to believe in what they are doing, and work towards it, once the conviction is there they can make it, if it worked for me it will work for them.



**Q:** Are you intending to open a modelling agency?

**A:** Laughter, well, it is not a bad idea, but I guess I am not in the position to do that at least not now. First, the market is not ripe enough for that and unfortunately most firms and individuals who are in the position to do that are not helping matters. I hope my black folks will take up the challenge.

**Q:** Will you in the future have a product label?

**A.** "Well, definitely most of the beauty queens and celebrities do have their labels, I hope to, but I don't have the finance for now, if you want to finance it, please with all pleasure, more laughter

