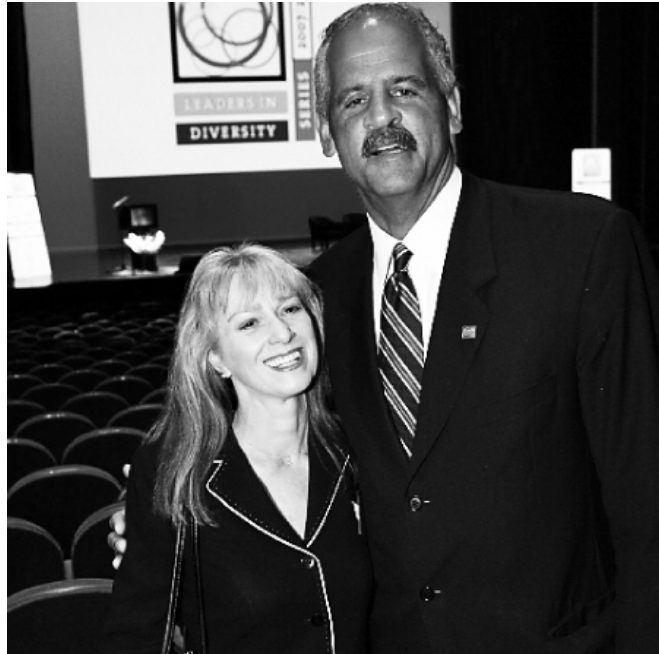


Elly de Vrijer and Frank Bakker meet Stedman Graham.



Stedman Graham is probably best known as Oprah Winfrey's partner, but the 56-year-old from New Jersey has his own career as bestseller author, entrepreneur and coach. In October, he was in the Netherlands and his message was clear: embrace diversity or get left behind in the increasingly varied and multinational global job market. In October, Stedman Graham held a business congress in The Hague on diversity within organizations. Together with Nyenrode Business Universiteit in Breukelen, the Netherlands, an intensive executive workshop was organized around the theme "Turning Diversity into Prosperity; taking time for our differences."

In addition to Rogier van Boxtel, Rita Verdonk and Prem Radhakishun, the headhunters Elly de Vrijer and Frank Bakker from HILL Consulting Executive Find were among those invited. Elly de Vrijer said, "We welcome the passion and power with which Stedman Graham expounds this subject. However, this is not as much of an issue for us as headhunters. Our mission is to find the most highly qualified people for the job. Cultural background and gender are immaterial. Frank Bakker added, "Nevertheless, we believe that Stedman Graham's work is very valuable, given that the diversity of top executives does not reflect everyday reality. There is a lot of work to be done in this field and it will be years before the effects of this are felt."

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