

ANNOUNCING THE GHANA DIASPORA HOMECOMING SUMMIT 2017

In fulfilment of a manifesto pledge to engage Ghanaians living abroad (GLA) in the transformation of the socio-economic and political structure of Ghana, the President of the Republic, HE Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo has set up a committee to oversee the organization of a Diaspora Homecoming Summit from 5th to 8th July 2017.

The purpose of the summit is to bring all the Ghanaian Diaspora together to dialogue on how to achieve the President's vision of active participation by members of the Ghanaian diaspora in the economic fortunes of the country and better integration in political processes, including voting rights.

SUMMIT THEME:

Development, Opportunity, Value: Welcome home.

SUMMIT MISSION

To enhance sustainable mechanisms supporting and promoting full diaspora participation in Ghana's development.

SUMMIT DIASPORA DEFINITION:

Members of the Ghanaian Diaspora include Ghanaian citizens or nationals, their immediate relatives and others with roots to or interest in the country, who are domiciled outside the borders of Ghana.

The Ghana Diaspora Homecoming Summit seeks to create a platform of engagement through which Ghanaians Living Abroad meet to share and exchange ideas on how best to get involved in the government's Agenda for Change.

The Event seeks amongst others to:

1. Create networking opportunities for the Ghanaian Diaspora
2. Create avenues for government agencies and the business community to share information and engage Ghana's diaspora in products and services to aid Ghana's development.
3. Expose the diaspora community to existing and potential entrepreneurial schemes for the Ghanaian Diaspora.
4. Create awareness of the existence of the Diaspora Relations Office, the Diaspora Support Unit (DSU) and their services to the diaspora community as primary clients.
5. Publicize projects and diaspora-related activities
6. Create a platform for the Ghanaian diaspora to actively engage in the process of fostering political reforms

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Wednesday 5th to Saturday 8th July, 2017
Venue: Accra International Conference Centre (AICC)
Time: Wednesday to Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm
Saturday 10am – 3pm (Factory Visit)
Saturday 6pm till late (Presidential Diaspora Gala)

ORGANIZING PARTNERS

- Ghana Diaspora Homecoming Committee
- Diaspora Relations Office
- Ghana Investment Promotion Council (GIPC)
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration
- Ministry for Business Development
- Ministry of Information
- Ministry of Gender, Children, and Social Protection

COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

Kwasi Awua Ababio – Director, Diaspora Relations Office (DRO) at the Presidency
Alex Dadey – Chairman, Finance Committee Chair
Jermaine Nkrumah – Vice Chairman, Marketing Committee Chair
Matthew Kyremeh - Secretary
Reginald Langdon – Events Committee Chair
Kofi Otchere – IT & Branding Committee Chair
Alfred Thompson – Logistics Committee Chair

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bernice Adjei – Canada
Anthony Darko – China
Eunice Tumi – USA
Yaw Awuah Ayebofo – Denmark
Kobby Annan – Netherlands
Alhassan Tali – Germany
Kevin Abdallah – UK
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TOPIC: **THE GOVERNMENT'S VISION OF INCLUSIVENESS FOR GHANAIS IN THE DIASPORA** (5th July)

Presentation on topical issues including:

ASK NOT WHAT YOUR COUNTRY CAN DO FOR YOU, BUT RATHER WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR COUNTRY

- by **H.E. Dr. Alhaji Mahamudu Bawumia**, Veep (7th July)

HARNESSING THE POTENTIAL OF THE DIASPORAN

- by **H.E. Mr. John Agyekum Kufuor**, Former President (6th July)

OPPORTUNITIES THAT EXIST AND THE ROLE THE DIASPORA CAN PLAY IN THE ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION OF GHANA

- by **Hon. Ken Ofori-Atta**, Minister of Finance (5th July)

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT – CONNECTING DIASPORANS WITH LOCAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

- by **Hon. Ibrahim Mohammed Awal**, Minister of Business Development (7th July)

THE ROLE OF THE MINISTRY IN COORDINATING THE GROWTH AGENDA

- by **Hon. Alan John Kyeremateng**, Minister of Trade and Industry (5th July)

INVESTING IN GHANA

- by **Mr. Yoofi Grant**, CEO of Ghana Investment Promotion Centre (5th July)

IMPLEMENTING ROPAA

- by **Mrs. Charlotte Kesson-Smith Osei**, Electoral Commissioner (7th July)

Workshop on: (5th July)

- INVESTOR EXPERIENCE (Q&A): Addressing the bottlenecks - the reality of doing business in Ghana.
- DIASPORA AND THE OIL DISCOVERY (Q&A): Establishing businesses in the Oil Sector and how to overcome the usual challenges.
- ONE DISTRICT ONE FACTORY - ODOF (Q&A): Government policy and implementation strategy towards sustainable growth.
- HIDDEN DANGERS (Q&A): A Diasporan's viewpoint of establishing and running a business in Ghana.

Facilitators will be: **Djarbarnor Narh**, the Advisory Partner of Ernst & Young, Ghana
George Owusu, Environmental Scientist and Energy Industry player
Hon. Gifty Ohene Konadu (MP), National Coordinator for "One District, One Factory"
Patrick Awuah, founder and president of Ashesi University

FACTORY TOUR and PRESIDENTIAL GALA (8th July)