

# DIASPORA HOMECOMING SUMMIT 2017

Theme: Development, Opportunity, Value; Welcome Home

<b>Day One – Entrepreneurial Ghana Wednesday 5th July 2017</b>				
	Time	Topic	Speaker	Scope
	07.30 – 9.30am	Registration and seating of delegates Tea and coffee		
	9.30am	Delegate seating with live entertainment and promotional videos		
	11.00am	Arrival of HE President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo		
	11.05am	National Anthem by Addaquay & Marie		
	11.10am	Opening Prayer by Rev. S. Ohene-Apraku		
FORMAL OPENING	11.15am	MC introduces members of the committee, diaspora relations director and invites chairman of the Homecoming Committee to start the proceedings		
	11.20am	Welcome address by the Chairman of the Summit Planning Committee, Mr A. Dadey, welcoming the president and dignitaries		
	11.25am	Home Coming Summit Theme song by Tugah		
	11.30am	Keynote Address - The government's vision of inclusiveness for Ghanaians from the diaspora	HE President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo	The NPP manifesto promises relating to diasporans and steps towards fulfilling these key objectives. A thriving democratic society in which mutual trust and economic opportunities exist for all Ghanaians
	12.00pm	Departure of HE President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo (National Anthem instrumentals plays during his departure)		
<b>Lunch 12.00 – 1.00pm</b>				
	1.00pm	MC introduces sets out the order of events and invites the panellist to start the proceedings		
	1.05pm	Presentation by Day's Sponsor	Mr Ray Sowah, CEO, Ghana Commercial Bank	The outlook for business and how the bank can assist diasporans wishing to invest in Ghana
MORNING SESSION	1.15pm	Opportunities that exist and the role the diaspora can play in the economic transformation of Ghana	Hon Ken Ofori-Atta, Minister of Finance	Ghana's economic outlook; the creation of an enabling environment for the private sector to play a central role in the economic transformation of Ghana.
	1.35pm	The role of private sector in sustainable growth opportunities	Mr. James Asare-Adjei, President of the Association of Ghana Industries (AGI)	Linking investors to local opportunities. The role of private sector in sustainable growth opportunities
	1.50pm	How do we fund the Growth Agenda	Mr Tutu Agyare, Managing Partner, Nubuke Investments	Developing the institutional framework to drive growth through the capital markets
	2.05 – 2.25pm	Q&A		
	2.25pm	Private sector led investment drive	Rahul Gopinath, ECOM Agrotrade Limited	The role of the private sector in creating entrepreneurs
	2.35pm	"Investing in Ghana"	Mr Yofi Grant, CEO of GIPC	The role of the GIPC as driver for growth and investment in Ghana
	2.50 – 3.00pm	Q&A		

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Coffee Break 3.00pm – 3.15pm				
MIDMORNING SESSION	3.15pm	The role of the Ministry in coordinating the growth agenda	Hon Alan Kyremateng, Minister Trade Industry	Promoting Ghana's Trade and Industrial Policies for National Development.
	3.35pm	Business Development - Connecting diasporans with local business opportunities	Honourable Ibrahim Mohammed Awal, Minister of Business Development	Repositioning for growth - The future of international business relationships with Ghana and nurturing of investment ready local opportunities
	3.50pm	Business start-up 'peaks and troughs'	Mr Djabarnor Narh, Partner Ernst & Young, Ghana	What are the key considerations for starting and operating a business in Ghana? What some of the business enablers available to ease the process?
	4.05pm	From Vision to reality a diasporan's experience	Mr. Robert Lehunt, CEO of H.F.C., (one of the largest diaspora investors in Ghana)	Risk and rewards - An expose of setting up and doing business in Ghana.
	4.20pm	PPP Policy and draft law- Legal considerations when investing in Ghana	Mr David Ofose-Dortey, AB & David	Overcoming the challenges of implementing Public Private Partnership projects in Ghana from the perspective of a diasporian investor.
	4.35 – 5.05pm	Q&A		
Coffee Break 5.05pm – 5.20pm				
AFTERNOON SESSION	5.20 – 6.00pm WORKSHOP GROUPS	Investor Experience (Q&A)	Moderator – Mr Djabarnor Narh, partner Ernst & Young	Addressing the bottlenecks - the reality of doing business in Ghana
		Diaspora and the oil discovery (Q&A)	Moderator – Mr George Owusu, E.O. Group	Establishing business the oil sector and how to overcome the usual challenges
		One District One Factory (ODOF) (Q&A)	Moderator - Hon Gifty Ohene Konadu, National Coordinator for 'One District One Factory'	Government policy and implementation strategy towards sustainable growth.
		Hidden Dangers (Q&A)	Moderator – Professor Frimpong-Boateng, Minister of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation	A diasporan's view point of establishing and running a business in Ghana
Day Two – Human Resource Marketplace – Thursday 6th July 2017				
	07.45am	Registration and seating of delegates Tea and coffee		
	08.35am	Welcome and Introduction by the Chairman of the Conference Planning Committee, Mr A. Dadey		
MORNING SESSION	08.45am	Harnessing the potential of the diasporan	Hon. Robert Ahomka-Lindsay Deputy Minister of Trade & Industry	From 'Brain Drain to Brain Gain', harnessing the potential of returnees in the national development.
	9.05am	Ghana's Labour laws and regulations	Hon. Ignatius Bafuor Awuah MP, Minister for Employment and Labour Relations	Overview of Ghana's labour law policy and how it may be designed to balance security of employment without overburdening employers

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	9.20am	Circular legal migration: A Game Changing Brain Gain Employment Strategy for Ghana	Princess Naa Ocansey, Managing Director of SOS Labour Ghana Limited	Circular Legal migration, the temporary movement of migrant workers between home and host, assists in addressing youth unemployment, while being used to tap diasporan expertise.
	9.35am	Connecting the Diaspora for Development(CD4D)	Sylvia Lopez-Ekra, Head of Station, International Organisation for Migration, Ghana (IOM)	IOM's CD4D project creates opportunities for qualified Ghanaians in the diaspora to "give back" and contribute to the development of the country through physical or virtual assignments in Ghana.
	9.50 – 10.15am	Q&A		
<b>Coffee Break 10.15 – 10.30am</b>				
MIDMORNING SESSION	10.30am	Managing expectations	Ms Josephine Nkrumah, Chairperson of National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE)	What diasporans looking to be employed or be employers are to expect
	10.45am	Recruiting in/for Ghana.	Mrs Ellen Hagan, Managing Director of L' AINE (Human Resource Management Company)	Skills shortage in face of high unemployment figures – How can industry and tertiary institutions come together to close the skills gap
	11.00am	The DENI (Direct Expatriate Nationals Investment) concept	Mr George Asomaning	How the skills and investment potential of diasporans can be harnessed as the engine to sustainable growth.
	11.15am	Retirement contribution framework	Mr Hayford Atta-Kruffi, CEO National Pensions Regulatory Authority	Eligibility and security for all. The relevance of SSNIT and other local pension schemes to diasporans
	11.30 – 12.15pm	Q&A		
<b>Lunch 12.15 – 1.45pm</b>				
AFTERNOON SESSION	1.45pm	Presentation by Day's Sponsor	Mr Clifford Mpare, Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Frontline Capital Advisors, Ltd.	The Investor Experience – An expose of what it takes to establish a successful business in Ghana, including accessing finance
	2.00pm	Innovation and Technology	Dr Thomas Mensah, Pioneer in Fibre Optic Technology	Presentation on scientific innovation from patent to commercial production
	2.15 – 2.30pm	Q&A		
	2.30 – 3.30pm WORKSHOP GROUPS	Diaspora investor experience	Moderator - Edward B. Ashong-Lartey, Director investor Services, GIPC	A diasporan's view point of establishing and running a business in Ghana
Technical capacity building for entrepreneurs		Moderator – Ama Gyampo, CEO AmDeCo (provides Start-Up, Innovator & Entrepreneurship Support Services)	Low risk entry into Ghana 'do's and don't's' – Diasporans experience shared	

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		Practical application of DENI concept to Ghana	Moderator - Mr George Asomaning	Identifying the right opportunities and assembling the appropriate team
		Entry into Oil & Gas sector: a step by step guide	Moderator - Dr BKD Asante, Ghana Gas CEO	Identifying the real opportunities for investment and partnering within the Ghanaian Gas Sector
	3.30pm	Marine Drive Investment Project	Hon. Catherine Afeku MP, Minister of Tourism Creative Arts & Culture	Presentation of a 'live' major tourism investment opportunity in Accra
	3.20 – 3.30pm	Q&A		
	4.00 – 4.30pm	Networking and social interaction	Speakers, organisers and delegates	
	4.30 – 6.00pm	Wogbejeke - A theatre production by Bambu Centre		
<b>Day Three – Political Inclusion of the Ghanaian Diaspora – Friday 7th July 2017</b>				
	07.45am	Registration and seating of delegates Tea and coffee		
	08.30am	Welcome and Introduction by the Chairman of the Conference Planning Committee, Mr A. Dadey		
MORNING SESSION	08.40am	Remarks by Foreign Minister	Hon Shirley Ayokor MP, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration	Ministries role in promoting and protecting the interests of the Ghanaian Diaspora
	09.00am	Creating role models for the Economic empowerment of women	Hon Otiko Afisa Djaba, Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection	Economic and political empowerment of women through linkages with the Diaspora Community
	09.20am	Opportunities for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> generation of Diasporans (including those who have grown up abroad)	Miss Danielli Ofori-Atta, founder Mhoseenu (Creative Consultants)	What are the expectations and challenges faced by the 2 <sup>nd</sup> generation of Diasporans
	9.30am	Opportunities for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> generation of Diasporans (including those who have grown up abroad)	Mr Arnold Sarfo-Kantanka, Founder of Me Fri Ghana, a movement aimed at connecting young diasporans with real opportunities in Ghana	How best to integrate the younger generation of Diasporans into Ghanaian society, business and politics
	9.40am	Expectations, challenges and the new dawn	Michael Bediako, Special Assistant to the Minister of Finance	Matching expectations to the reality of working in Ghana
	9.50am	Diaspora Mobilisation Drive	Mr Jermaine Nkrumah	Benefits to Ghana - The case for a Diaspora Mobilisation Commission (DMC)
	10.10 – 10.20am	Q&A		
<b>Coffee Break 10.20 – 10.30am</b>				
MIDMORNING	10.30pm	"A Case for Equal Citizenship under the Ghana Constitution."	Prof. Kwaku Asare	The case for granting full political rights to dual citizens.
	10.50am	Mock parliamentary debate	Hon Osei Kyei Mensah Bonsu MP, Majority Leader and	Act 527 – How and when it will be repealed

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			Minister of Parliamentary Affairs	
	11.05 – 11.20am	Mock parliamentary debate	Hon Haruna Iddrisu MP, Minority Leader	Act 527 – The Minority perspective
	11.20 – 11.35am	Implementing ROPAA	Mrs Charlotte Osei, The Electoral Commissioner	How ROPAA is to be implemented and implications for all diasporans
	11.35 – 11.55am	Q&A to panellist of the mid-morning session		
	12.00 – 12.30pm	Presentation by Day's Sponsor	Mr Joe Mensah, CEO, Ghana International Bank	
<b>Lunch 12.30 – 2.00pm</b>				
AFTERNOON	2:00 – 2:15pm	Senegalese overtures to her diaspora	Senegalese Ambassador to Ghana	Parliamentary seats for Senegalese Diaspora
	2:15 – 2:30pm	The return of young Ethiopian Diaspora	Ethiopian Ambassador to Ghana	How Ethiopian diaspora investments have equalled remittances
	2:30 – 2:45pm	Nigerian Diaspora and its \$21 billion contribution	Nigerian High Commissioner to Ghana	What did Nigeria do to encourage remittances?
	2:45 – 3:00pm	Who is a Diasporan?	Ambassador Erieka Bennett, founder and head of mission of the Diaspora African Forum	The African American experience in Ghana – Challenges and Victories
	3:00 – 3:15pm	United in a common cause	Theresa Kwakye, President of African American Association of Ghana	What is the common objective of the diaspora movement – to what end?
	3:15 – 3:30pm	Q&A		
<b>Recess 3.30 – 3.40pm</b>				
	3:40pm	Arrival of HE Vice President Dr Mahamudu Bawumia; Ambassador Thomas Kwesi Quartey, Deputy Chairman of the African Union; Mr Akwasi Awua Ababio, Diaspora Relations Office and accompanied by members of the Diaspora Homecoming Committee members (only)		
	3:45pm	National Anthem by Addaquay & Marie		
	3:50pm	Diaspora integration from the AU perspective	Ambassador Mr Thomas Kwesi Quartey, Deputy Chairman of the African Union	The AU's role in harnessing and promoting the potential of the African Diaspora in development across the continent
	4.05pm	Keeping the momentum going – Next Steps	Mr Akwasi Awua Ababio, Diaspora Relations Director	What are the learnings from the Summit and how the DRO intends to carry through its mandate in championing diasporan affairs. Recognise and appreciate the members of the Diaspora Homecoming Committee
	4.20 – 4.30pm	Q&A		
	4.30pm	MC invites chairman of the DHC to formally welcome HE Vice President Dr Mahamudu Bawumia to the Summit		
	4.35pm	Welcome of HE Vice President Dr Mahamudu Bawumia by the Chairman of the Conference Planning Committee, Mr A. Dadey		

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	4.40pm	'Ask not what your country can do for you, but rather what you can do for your country'. – JF Kennedy – Summit Closing Remarks	HE Vice President Dr Mahamudu Bawumia	A summation address on the grand vision for inclusiveness in addressing, challenges and shared opportunities that exist in Ghana for Ghanaians Living Abroad.
CLOSING		Vote of thanks and invitation of all delegates to stay for exhibition and fashion show	Bernice Adjei, Diaspora Homecoming Committee member	
	5.10 – 5.15pm	(National Anthem instrumentals plays during his departure followed by 'We Are Going' by Osibisa)		
<b>5.30 – 7.30pm - FASHION SHOW &amp; EXHIBITION to organised by the Ministry of Gender, Children &amp; Social Protection</b>				
	Guests to be invited to be visit exhibition stands			
	Arrival and seating of dignitaries and the Special Guest of Honour			
	Opening address by Minister of Gender, Children & Social Protection			
	Special Guests and dignitaries to be shown round exhibits			
	Fashion show & Cultural dancing			
	Remarks by Special Guest of Honour			
	Closing remarks by the Minister of Gender, Children & Social Protection			
	<b><u>Day Four – Site Visit and Delegates Dinner – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017</u></b>			
	8.30 – 9.00am	Delegates assemble at Conference Centre for factory visits to Nyamedua City Apartments in Tema sponsored by Sethi Brothers Ltd., or Apollonia City near Dodowa sponsored by Ghana Home Loans		
	9.00am	Buses take off on site visit		
	10.00 – 9.15am	Delegates are received by MD of the company prior to touring the site		
	11.00 – 11.15am	Tour completed, vote of thanks given by Homecoming Summit Committee member		
	11.15 – 11.30am	Buses take off to return to Conference Centre		
	12.30pm	Delegates return to Conference Centre and disperse home		
	6.00 – 6.30pm	Delegates arrive at evening dinner for pre-dinner drinks		
	6.30 – 6.45pm	Delegates are seated		
	6.45 – 7.00pm	Arrival of Special Guests		
	7.00 – 10.00pm	Dinner and awards ceremony		