

AGENDA DAY 1 | WEDNESDAY 3 | Theme: Welcome Home – “A Fully Engaged Diaspora”

Feature: President of the Republic of Ghana

TIME	SESSION
08:00 - 09:00	Final Registration and Welcome of Participants
09:00 - 09:30	Cultural welcome: Drumming & Dancing Ghana Dance Ensemble
09:30 - 09:35	Welcome and Acknowledgements MC
09:35 - 09:40	Traditional Prayer Nuumo Noi Sikan III Osu Klottey Wulomo Osu Traditional Council
09:40 - 10:25	Solidarity Messages Members of Diaspora Support Organizations will give brief messages
10:25 - 10:45	Platinum Sponsors' Addresses ADB Ghana International Bank
10:45 - 10:55	Documentary – Celebrating Ghana's Diaspora Showcase Roadshows and Diaspora Affairs Office
11:00 - 11:15	Speech: Minister for Information - Come, Explore, Benefit Hon. Kojo Opong Nkrumah , Minister for Information, Republic of Ghana
11:20 - 11:30	Speech: Minister for Tourism Hon. Barbara Oteng-Gyasi, MP , Minister for Tourism, Creatives Arts and Culture
11:30 - 11:35	President Arrives By Police Band
11:35 - 11:40	Song: National Anthem By Police Band
11:45 - 12:00	Welcome Address: Akwasi Awua Ababio Director of the Office of Diaspora Affairs and Chairman of the Organizing Committee
12:00 - 12:20	Keynote Address and Official Opening: President of the Republic of Ghana H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo
12:20 - 13:30	Lunch Break / Musical Interlude ?Photographs
13:30 - 13:35	MC welcomes guest back from lunch
13:35 - 13:50	Minister for Foreign Affairs Hon. Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey, MP
14:00 - 15:10	Panel: Voting, Citizenship and Internal Affairs Moderator: Dr. Alexander Adusei , CEO, Keta Port Panelist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Adelaide Anno-Kumi, Chief Director, Ministry of Interior • Mr. Francis Kotia, Director for Passports • Dr. Bossman Asare, Deputy Commissioner, Electoral Commission of Ghana • Bennard Owusu, Senior Partner, BWF Solicitors
15:10 - 15:25	Speech: Bonds and Remittances – the Diaspora's Role Tutu Agyare , Managing Partner, Nubuke Investments



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15:25 - 16:40	Panel Discussion: Coming Home and Bringing the Family Along Moderator: Lexy Boahene Managing Director, LX HR Solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hon. Dr. Adu Twum, Deputy Minister for Education• Maataa Opere, Director of Fidelity Bank Legal Department• Dr. Nsiah-Asare, Director General, Ghana Health Service• Ohene Djan, Founder, East Airport International School
16:40 - 17:00	Presentation: Migration for Development GIZ
17:00	Closing

***Side Event: High Commissions host Diasporans off site (By invitation)**



AGENDA DAY 2 | THURSDAY 4 | Propelling Ghana as an Investment Hub – Opportunities for the Diaspora

Feature: Minister for Finance

TIME	SESSION
09:00 - 09:30	Music and Sponsor videos National Dance Ensemble
09:30 - 09:35	Welcome and Acknowledgements MC
09:35 - 09:40	Christian Prayer Prophet Gideon Danso , Empowerment Worship Center
09:45 - 10:00	Welcome Address Nadia Adongo Musah , Deputy Director, Diaspora Affairs
10:00 - 10:25	Speech: Minister of Finance Hon. Ken Ofori-Atta , Minister for Finance
10:25 - 10:35	Musical Interlude Sponsor Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MasterCard • Ghana Cocoa Board
10:40 - 11:40	Information Session: Returning Home: Addressing Practical Diaspora Needs” Q&A Facilitator: MC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexander Adusei, Director of Port, Keta • Kwabena Appiah, Managing Director, State Housing Company • Emmanuel Kofi Nti, Commissioner General, Ghana Revenue Authority • Jemima Oware, Registrar General • Sandie Osei-Agyeman, Board Chairman, Ghana Export Promotion Authority
11:40 - 11:55	Speech: Minister for Trade and Industry Hon. Alan Kwadwo Kyerematen
12:00 - 13:20	Panel Discussion: Ghana’s Private Sector, The Engine of Growth Moderator: Terry Afram , Managing Director, Bridge Consulting Panelist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yofi Grant, CEO, Ghana Investment Promotion Centre • Patrick Nimo, Chief Director, Ministry of Trade and Industry • Felicia Twumasi, CEO HomeFoods Processing & Cannery Ltd • Michael Darko, Managing Partner, PhoenixAfrica • Nora Bannerman, CEO Sleek Garment Exports
13:20 - 14:20	Lunch Break
14:20 - 14:25	MC welcomes participants
14:25 - 15:30	Technology: Propelling Ghana’s Growth through Digitization Kofi Ofosu Nkansah , CEO, Accra Digital Center Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kofi Asafu-Aidoo, Executive Director Ghana Domain Name Registry Governance Forum • Levina Owusu, Chief Director, MESTI • Kofi Dadzie, CEO, Rancard • Angela Kyerematen-Jimoh, Managing Director, IBM • Rosy Fynn, CEO, Busy Internet
15:40 - 17:30	BREAK OUT SESSIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One District One Factory • Ghana Investment Promotion Centre (GIPC) • National Entrepreneurship Innovation Plan (NEIP) • Diaspora Engagement Policy • Zongo Development Fund
17:30	*Side Event: High Commissions host Diasporans (By invitation)

AGENDA DAY 3 | FRIDAY 5 | Theme: Ghana Today – What it Takes to Come Back “WEAR GHANA DAY”

Feature: Closing Ceremony – Vice President of Ghana

TIME	SESSION
09:00 - 09:30	Cultural Troupe
09:30 - 09:35	Muslim Prayer Imam Masawudu Amadu Imam for Greater Accra Tijaniya Muslim Council of Ghana
09:35 - 09:45	Opening: Spoken Word / Poetry Chief Moomen
09:45 - 10:00	Welcome Address: Akwasi Awua Ababio Director, Diaspora Affairs Office
10:00 - 10:20	Speech: Higher Education Opportunities in Africa Dr. Patrick Awuah , President, Ashesi University
10:20 - 10:35	Sponsors' Videos
10:35 - 10:40	Interlude Winneba Youth Choir
10:40 - 12:00	Ghana Diaspora Engagement Policy Consultation Dr. Badasu and Professor Teye Centre for Migration Studies, University of Ghana
12:00 - 12:10	Interlude
12:10 - 13:30	Panel Discussion and Q&A: The Next Frontier – Ghana's Young Professionals & Diaspora Development Moderator: Jake Bediako , Youth Ambassador, Diaspora Affairs Office Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mac Sarbah, Graduate Student, Harvard University • Aisha Addo, Founder Power to Girls Foundation • Lakeshia Ford, CEO, Ford Communications • Freda Obeng-Ampofo, CEO, Kaeme • Jude Kwame Osei, External Relations, World Health Organization <i>*Mustapha Usif, Diaspora National Service Secretariat will give a short update on efforts made to include Diaspora on National Service</i>
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 14:35	MC welcomes guests back
14:35 - 15:50	Panel Discussion and Q&A: “The Year of Return” Moderator: Gail Nikoi , President, African-American Association of Ghana (AAAG) Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maisie Howell, CEO, Promosource • Christa Sanders, Director, Webster University Ghana Campus • Mona Boyd, CEO, Landtours • Rabbi K. Nathanyah, Executive Secretary, Panafest Foundation • Akwasi Agyemang, Managing Director, Ghana Tourism Authority
16:00	Official Closing
16:00 - 16:05	Vice President Arrives
16:05 - 16:10	National Song: Yen ara asaase ni Winneba Youth Choir
16:10 - 16:30	Keynote Speaker: Vice President of Ghana, H.E. Alhaji Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia
17:30	Evening Event: Wear Ghana Celebration A relaxing evening of Made in Ghana music, dance and fashion
Side Event: Ahaspora Young Professionals Network (Sponsored by British High Commission, By Invitation)	