

Ghana Fund Conference

# Ghana Framework for Private Sector Co-Operation in Building an Independent Economy

## GHANA'S ECONOMY: OVERVIEW, ASSESSMENT AND ALTERNATIVES FOR ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE

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# PROGRAMME

Day 1: 25 September 2023 (Monday)

## PLENARY SESSIONS

7.30 am – 8.45 am	Registration	
9.00 am – 9.05 am	Introductions	5 min
9.06 am – 9.11 am	Opening Address	5 min
9.15 am – 9.35 am	Keynote Address	20 min
<b>OVERVIEW OF GHANA'S ECONOMY</b>		
9.40 am – 9.45 am	Opening Statement	5 min
9.45 am – 10.00 am	Overview of Ghana's Economy: Part 1	15 min
10.00 am – 10.15 am	Overview of Ghana's Economy: Part 2	15 min
10.15 am – 10.20 am	Moderator's Remarks	5 min
10.20 am – 10.40 am	Morning Coffee	20 min
<b>ASSESSMENTS OF GHANA'S ECONOMY</b>		
10.45 am – 11.25 am	The Economy of Ghana: Today and Tomorrow	40 min
11.25 am – 11.45 am	Assessment of the Economy and Options for Private Sector Performance and Interventions	20 min
11.45 am – 12.05 am		20 min
12.05 pm – 12.25 pm		20 min
12.25 pm – 12.45 pm		20 min
12.45 pm – 12.50 pm	Moderator's Preliminary Remarks	5 min
12.55 pm – 1.40 pm	Lunch	45 min
1.40 pm – 2.40 pm	Open Forum	60 min
<b>LEADING STATEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS</b>		
2.40 pm – 3.20 pm	<p><b>Government Support for Private Sector Resilience and Strategic Interventions for National Economic Growth:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Taxation – Solution to Economic Growth or Recipe for Poverty Growth?</li> <li>▪ Floating or Fixed Exchange Rates: Which way for Ghana?</li> <li>▪ Money Laundering Laws: Progress or Deprivation?</li> <li>▪ Banking: Courier or Depository Service?</li> <li>▪ Institutional barriers and draw-backs to trade and industry development</li> </ul>	40 min
3.20 pm – 4.00 pm	<p><b>Innovations and New Forms of Investments for Smarter Trade and Industrial Development:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Transit Trade Opportunities for Ghana – A New Paradigm for Economic Growth</li> <li>▪ Gold Depository – The future of our macro-economic strength</li> <li>▪ Strategic Programme for Mass Tourism and Hospitality</li> <li>▪ Rejuvenating and Sustaining Railways and Aviation</li> <li>▪ Marine Opportunities</li> <li>▪ Private Sector Investments in Transport and Infrastructure</li> </ul>	40 min
4.00 pm - 4.15 pm	Afternoon Coffee	15 min
4.15 pm – 4.55 pm	<p><b>Innovations for Food Security</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Innovative Agricultural Financing</li> <li>▪ Sustainable Production for Capacity Acquisition</li> <li>▪ Food Processing and Distribution Methods</li> <li>▪ Agricultural Commodity Marketing: Standards, Storage, Packaging and Pricing</li> <li>▪ Fair income for farm workers</li> </ul>	40 min
4.55 pm – 5.35 pm	<p><b>Co-Operatives Traditions in New Sectors and Developments for Economic Resuscitation and Sustainability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Creating employment through co-operation</li> <li>▪ Strengthening the banking sector through co-operative interventions</li> <li>▪ Co-Operatives will provide the fastest attainment of industrialisation in Ghana</li> <li>▪ Building a wealthy nation through innovative co-operation</li> </ul>	40 min

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong co-operative institutions will reduce fiscal expenditure by central government</li> </ul>	
5.35 pm – 5.50 pm	Work Groups Briefing Session	15 min
5.50 pm – 5.55 pm	Moderator's Preliminary and Closing Remarks	5 min
5.55 pm – 6.00 pm	Announcements	5 min

### Day 2: 26 September 2023 (Tuesday)

#### LEADING SESSIONS

#### MAPPING STRATEGIC INTERVENTIONS FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE DEMANDS FOR ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE

9.00 am – 9.10 am	Day's Opening Statement	10 min
9.10 am – 10.55 am	<b>BREAK-OUT WORKSHOPS</b>	105 min
10.55 am – 11.10 am	Morning Coffee	20 min
11.10 am – 12.55 pm	<b>BREAK-OUT WORKSHOPS</b>	105 min
12.55 pm – 1.40 pm	Lunch	45 min
1.40 pm – 3.25 pm	<b>BREAK-OUT WORKSHOPS</b>	105 min
3.25 pm - 3.40 pm	Afternoon Coffee	15 min
3.40 pm – 5.25 pm	<b>BREAK-OUT WORKSHOPS</b>	105 min
3.00pm – 3.20pm	Call to Moderators	5 min
3.20pm – 3.40pm	Day's Closing Statement	5 min

### Day 3: 27 September 2023 (Wednesday)

#### LEADING SESSIONS

#### MAPPING AND MEETING PRESENT AND FUTURE DEMANDS FOR ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE

9.00 am – 9.10 am	Day's Opening Statement	10 min
9.10 am – 10.55 am	<b>BREAK-OUT WORKSHOPS</b>	105 min
10.55 am – 11.10 am	Morning Coffee	20 min
11.10 am – 12.55 pm	<b>BREAK-OUT WORKSHOPS</b>	105 min
12.55 pm – 1.40 pm	Lunch	45 min
1.40 pm – 2.00 pm	White Paper: Government Support for Private Sector Resilience and Strategic Interventions for National Economic Growth	20 min
2.00 pm - 2.20 pm	White Paper: Innovations and New Forms of Investments for Smarter Trade and Industrial Development:	20 min
2.20 pm – 2.40 pm	White Paper: Innovations for Food Security	20 min
2.40 pm – 3.00 pm	White Paper: Co-Operatives Traditions in New Sectors and Developments for Economic Resuscitation and Sustainability	20 min
3.00 pm – 3.20 pm	Afternoon Coffee	20 min
3.20 pm – 4.00 pm	Fire-side Debate	40 min
4.00 pm – 4.05 pm	Adoption of the Reports	3 min
4.05 pm – 4.15 pm	Closing Keynote Address	10 min
4.15 pm – 4.25 pm	Valedictory Address	10 min
4.25 pm – 4.30pm	Closing Announcements	5 min