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Labour Minister Strengthens Media Partnership to Deepen Accountability

The Minister for Labour, Jobs and Employment, Abdul-Rashid Hassan Pelpuo, has praised the media for promoting accountability and strengthening governance through accurate reporting.

Speaking at a press soiree in Accra, he described the press as a key partner in government's work and thanked journalists for helping the public appreciate the Ministry's efforts. He said the engagement was also meant to encourage dialogue, feedback, and continued collaboration.

The Minister highlighted achievements over the past year, including securing a 9% increase in minimum wage and base salary and preventing more than 50 potential industrial actions through dialogue. He noted that these efforts have supported industrial harmony, economic stability, and productivity.

On youth employment, he said government is expanding opportunities through the Ghana Labour Market Information System, a digital platform that connects job seekers with public and private sector vacancies. He assured journalists of further engagements as new initiatives are rolled out.



Labour Minister Reaffirms Commitment to Migrant Protection at CMS 20th Anniversary Launch

The Minister for Labour, Jobs and Employment, Hon. Dr. Abdul-Rashid Pelpuo (MP), has reaffirmed the government's commitment to protecting migrant workers' rights and promoting safe labour mobility as the Centre for Migration Studies (CMS) launched activities to mark its 20th anniversary at the ISSER Conference Hall, University of Ghana.

Delivering a solidarity message at the event, Dr. Pelpuo commended CMS for its pioneering role in migration research, evidence-based policy development, and advocacy for migrant protection in Ghana and the wider West African sub-region. He described the Centre as a strategic academic partner to the Ministry, particularly through its representation on the National Labour Migration Technical Working Group, and acknowledged its contribution to the development of Ghana's National Labour Migration Policy in 2020. He noted that as the Ministry reviews the policy, continued collaboration with CMS remains critical to ensuring that migration policies are practical, data-driven, and aligned with regional priorities.

Dr. Pelpuo also highlighted the benefits of capacity-building initiatives undertaken in partnership with the Centre, stating that they have strengthened the Ministry's technical capacity and improved the implementation of labour migration programmes. "As we celebrate this milestone, we reaffirm our commitment to safeguarding migrant workers' rights, promoting safe labour mobility, and fostering regional integration," he stated.

The event was chaired by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ghana and attended by high-profile dignitaries, including the Minister for the Interior, Hon. Mubarak Muntaka, as Special Guest of Honour, and the Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Hon. Naa Momo Lartey, alongside development partners, Members of Parliament, academics, media practitioners, and friends of the Centre.



U.S. ENVOY HOLDS BILATERAL MEETING WITH MINISTER OF LABOUR, JOBS AND EMPLOYMENT.

The Chargé d’Affaires of the United States Embassy in Ghana, Mr. Rolf A. Olson, led a delegation to hold bilateral talks with Ghana’s Minister for Labour, Jobs and Employment, Dr. Abdul-Rashid Hassan Pelpuo, on combating human trafficking, forced labour, child labour, and employment-related fraud.

The U.S. delegation expressed concern about false recruitment schemes, organised criminal networks, forced labour in cocoa-growing communities, and the growing use of artificial intelligence in fraud. They also raised issues of exploitative labour practices in some overseas employment arrangements.

Dr. Pelpuo reaffirmed Ghana’s commitment to strengthening cooperation with the United States and highlighted ongoing measures, including child labour elimination programmes, district-level enforcement, training for Labour Officers, and the introduction of Pre-Departure Orientation for migrant workers. He also noted that the Ghana Labour Market Information System (GLMIS), soon to be operational, will help regulate recruitment and prevent employment fraud.

Both parties reaffirmed their commitment to deeper collaboration to address trafficking, forced labour, child labour, and employment



Labour Minister Signs MoU with Dual Vocational Education Consulting to Drive Industry-Led Skills Development

The Ministry of Labour, Jobs and Employment has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Dual Vocational Education Consulting FZCO, Dubai, to strengthen Ghana's TVET system through industry-led skills development and emerging technologies.

The agreement was signed after a meeting between the Minister, Hon. Dr. Abdul-Rashid Hassan Pelpuo, and Prof. Dr. Rolf J. Eichhorn, Founder of the firm. The Minister stressed that bridging Ghana's skills gap is key to tackling youth unemployment, noting that training must align with industry needs to ensure smooth transition from learning to work.

Both parties highlighted the importance of private sector involvement in curriculum design and workplace training. The partnership will adapt international best practices, including elements of Germany's dual vocational system, to Ghana's local context while meeting global standards.



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