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PRESIDENT MAHAMA COURTS DIASPORA INVESTMENT AT GHANA-UK INVESTMENT SUMMIT 2026

President John Dramani Mahama has called on Ghanaians living abroad to take advantage of emerging investment opportunities in the country, describing the diaspora as a vital partner in Ghana's economic transformation agenda.
Speaking during an engagement with members of the Ghanaian community in the United Kingdom and Ireland on the sidelines of the Ghana-UK Investment Summit 2026 in London, President Mahama reaffirmed that Ghana is open for business and ready to welcome investors.

The President noted that under his administration's Reset Agenda, Ghana recorded a historic achievement in 2025, with non-traditional exports reaching a record US$5 billion. He added that the country's manufacturing sector continues to expand, creating new opportunities for investment and economic growth.

According to President Mahama, the positive performance of the export and manufacturing sectors demonstrates Ghana's resilience and readiness to attract both local and foreign investment.
He further emphasized the important role of the Ghanaian diaspora in national development, describing them as Ghana's "17th region" and key stakeholders in the country's progress.
President Mahama therefore encouraged Ghanaians in the UK, Ireland, and across the world to contribute to the nation's growth by investing in businesses and supporting development initiatives at home.
"The door is open—come invest, come build, come home," the President urged.
The engagement formed part of activities associated with the Ghana-UK Investment Summit 2026, where President Mahama was accompanied by the Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, and other government officials seeking to deepen economic partnerships and attract investment to Ghana.



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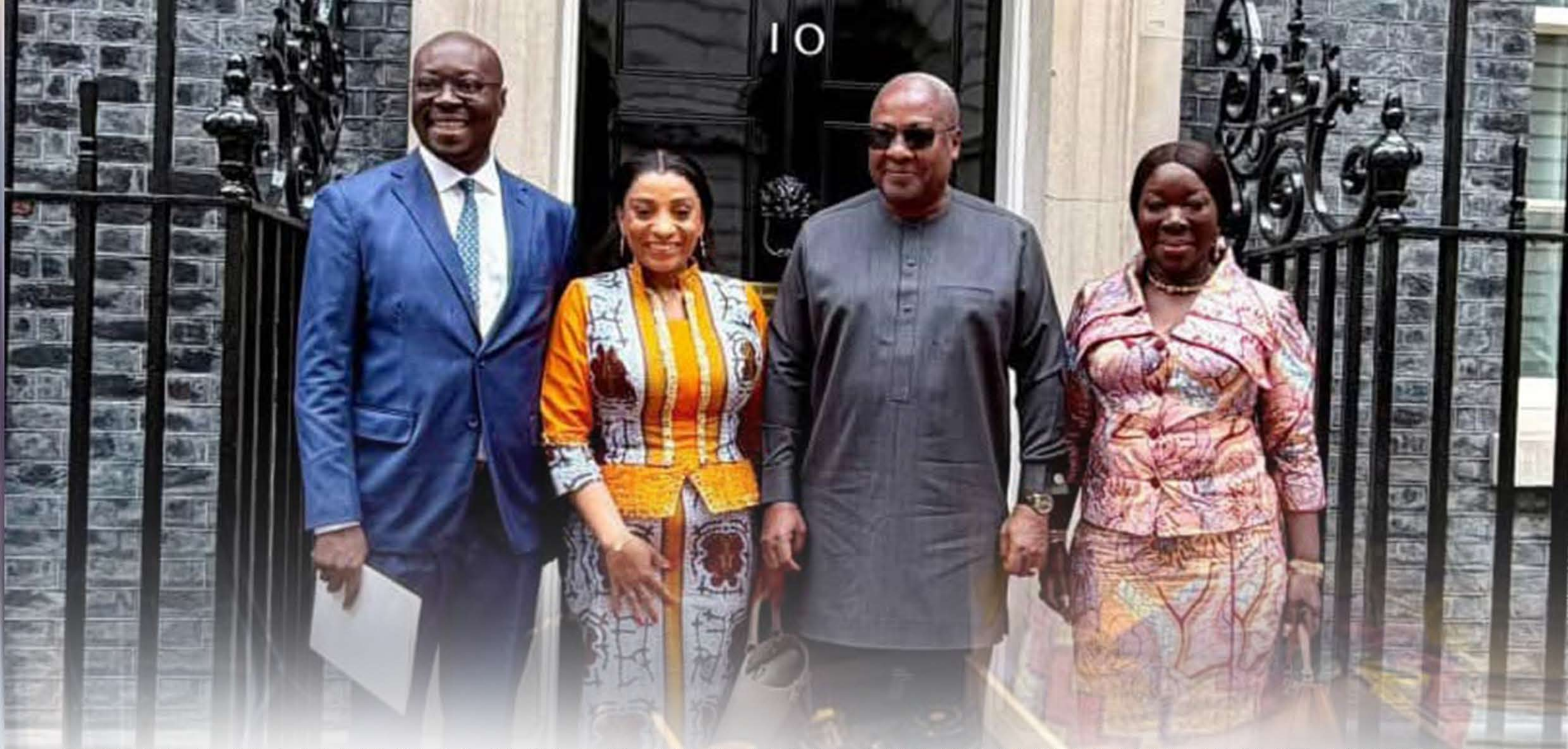
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Ghana has intensified efforts to attract American investment and deepen economic cooperation with the United States as government officials and business leaders from both countries gathered in Accra for the U.S.–Ghana Chamber of Commerce Trade and Investment Mission.

Speaking on behalf of President John Dramani Mahama and the Government of Ghana, Deputy Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, Hon. Sampson Ahi, welcomed the high-level U.S. delegation to Accra on Monday, June 1, 2026. He explained that the trade mission was a direct result of President Mahama's recent visit to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where discussions were held to deepen economic cooperation between Ghana and the United States.

According to Hon. Ahi, the mission represents an important milestone in efforts to translate the longstanding diplomatic ties between the two countries into a robust commercial partnership that will stimulate economic growth, attract investment, and create employment opportunities.

"This Trade Mission is the living expression of a commitment made at the highest levels of leadership," Hon. Ahi said. "It is a belief that together, we can build enterprises, expand markets, create jobs and produce shared prosperity."He noted that the mission seeks to strengthen trade and investment cooperation between Ghana and the United States by identifying opportunities in priority sectors including agriculture, agribusiness, manufacturing, logistics, fintech, tourism, renewable energy, infrastructure, mining and digital innovation.

According to him, Ghana remains one of Africa's most attractive investment destinations due to its democratic stability, investor-friendly environment, strong legal framework and commitment to private-sector-led development.

Hon. Ahi also highlighted the government's 24-Hour Economy Programme as a key policy initiative aimed at increasing productivity, expanding industrial output and creating employment opportunities across multiple sectors of the economy.

He further pointed to Ghana's strategic position as host of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat, describing the country as a gateway to a continental market of more than 1.4 billion people.

“A U.S. business that invests in Ghana is not investing in Ghana alone; it is investing in Africa,” he stated.
The Deputy Minister urged participants to focus on concrete outcomes, stressing that the success of the mission would be measured by investment commitments, export agreements, joint ventures, technology partnerships and signed memoranda of understanding.
Also addressing the gathering, Ghana’s Ambassador and Special Envoy to the United States, Ambassador Victor Emmanuel Smith, called for deliberate efforts to convert the strong diplomatic relationship between Ghana and the United States into strategic business partnerships that deliver tangible economic benefits.

He emphasized that the relationship between the two countries must move beyond political and diplomatic engagements to foster investments capable of creating jobs and opportunities, particularly for Ghana’s youth.
Ambassador Smith said strategic business collaborations across key sectors of the Ghanaian economy would not only strengthen bilateral ties but also contribute significantly to economic transformation and sustainable development.

“The focus must be on building strategic businesses that create employment opportunities and empower young people to participate meaningfully in national development,” he noted.
Leader of the U.S. delegation, Karen Fegely, also underscored the importance of leveraging the longstanding friendship between Ghana and the United States to create new business opportunities and deepen economic cooperation.

She noted that the trade mission provides an important platform for businesses from both countries to establish partnerships, explore investment opportunities and strengthen commercial relations.
Ms. Fegely expressed confidence that the engagements scheduled throughout the mission would result in meaningful investments and mutually beneficial business ventures that would contribute to economic growth in both countries.
She reiterated the commitment of the American delegation to building sustainable business relationships that capitalize on the strong historical ties between Ghana and the United States.

The trade mission brings together representatives from the U.S.–Ghana Chamber of Commerce, the World Trade Centre, the U.S. Commercial Service, the Commerce Department of Philadelphia, the Ghana National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Federation of Associations of Ghanaian Exporters, the Association of Ghana Industries and private-sector stakeholders from both countries.



GHANA-UK INVESTMENT SUMMIT 2026 ENDS WITH RENEWED CALL FOR INVESTMENT IN GHANA

The Ghana-UK Investment Summit 2026 concluded on a high note with a strong appeal to investors to take advantage of the vast economic opportunities available in Ghana and across Africa.

Delivering the closing address on behalf of President John Dramani Mahama, the Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, Hon. Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, underscored Ghana's readiness to attract investment and drive economic transformation through strategic partnerships.

She described the summit as a testament to the growing economic relationship between Ghana and the United Kingdom and reaffirmed the government's commitment to fostering a business-friendly environment for both local and international investors.

Expressing confidence in the continent's future, Hon. Ofosu-Adjare declared that "Africa's moment is now, and Ghana is where it all begins," emphasizing the country's strategic position as a gateway for investment into Africa.

The Minister commended the efforts of the Ghana and UK High Commissioners, staff, sponsors, development partners, speakers, panelists, and participants whose contributions ensured the success of the summit.

"On behalf of His Excellency John Dramani Mahama, we commend our two High Commissioners, the staff, sponsors, partners, speakers, panelists, and above all, you the potential investors and participants for gracing this summit with your presence," she stated.

According to her, the summit has strengthened economic ties between Ghana and the United Kingdom while creating new opportunities for collaboration in trade, agribusiness, manufacturing, technology, infrastructure, and other strategic sectors.

Hon. Ofosu-Adjare further assured investors of the government's dedication to implementing policies that promote investment, industrial growth, and sustainable economic development.

Officially bringing the summit to a close, she said, "On behalf of His Excellency the President, the Government and people of Ghana, it is my singular honour to declare the Ghana-UK Investment Summit 2026 officially closed."

The summit is expected to pave the way for new partnerships and investment commitments that will contribute to economic growth, job creation, and sustainable development in Ghana.

TRADE TALKS BOOST GHANA–UK ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

On the sidelines of the Ghana–UK Investment Summit 2026, Ghana's Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, Hon. Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, held a productive bilateral meeting with the United Kingdom's Trade Envoy to Ghana, Florence Eshalomi MP,Discussions centered on strengthening economic cooperation and expanding trade and investment opportunities between the two countries. Ghana the Hon. Minister reiterated is " open for business".





U.S. INVESTORS LED BY NEWARK MAYOR EXPLORE TRADE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN GHANA

A delegation of investors from the United States of America, led by the Mayor of Newark, New Jersey, His Excellency Ras J. Baraka, on Thursday, 4th June Paid a courtesy call on the Ministry of Trade, Agribusiness and Industry to explore investment opportunities in Ghana and strengthen economic ties between the two countries.

The delegation is in Ghana at the invitation of the Gbese Matse as part of activities marking the celebration of the Ga State Festival. Beyond participating in the festivities, the visit also aims to provide the investors with firsthand insight into Ghana's business environment and opportunities for investment across various sectors of the economy.

Welcoming the delegation on behalf of the President of the Republic, His Excellency John Dramani Mahama, and the Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, Hon. Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, the Deputy Minister, Hon. Sampson Ahi, underscored Ghana's readiness to attract and support foreign investment.
Hon. Ahi highlighted Ghana's stable democratic governance, peaceful business environment, and strong economic fundamentals, describing the country as an attractive destination for investors seeking opportunities in West Africa and the broader African continent.
He also spoke about the extension of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), noting that the initiative presents significant advantages for investors interested in establishing businesses in Ghana and accessing international markets.

The Deputy Minister encouraged the delegation to explore opportunities in key sectors of the economy, particularly agribusiness, energy, and infrastructure, which continue to offer substantial prospects for growth and partnership.
Speaking on behalf of the delegation, Mayor Ras J. Baraka expressed appreciation for the warm reception accorded them by the Ministry and reaf-firmed the group's commitment to fostering mutually beneficial partnerships with Ghana.The Mayor also extended an invitation to the Ministry to participate in a Festival and Business Summit scheduled to take place in New York in October, which is expected to bring together business leaders, investors, and policymakers from both countries.



GHANA A GATEWAY FOR STRATEGIC INVESTMENT & ECONOMIC COOPERATION

The Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, Hon. Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, has reaffirmed Ghana's readiness for strategic partnerships and investment, highlighting the country's strong economic recovery and commitment to industrial transformation at the inaugural London-Africa Business Summit held at City Hall, London on Thursday June 4, 2026.

Delivering an address on behalf of President John Dramani Mahama, the Hon. Minister conveyed the President's message that "Africa is ready and Ghana is open for strategic partnerships and business," emphasizing that the continent remains one of the most attractive frontiers for investment despite global economic uncertainties.

The Trade Minister noted that Africa's economic prospects continue to strengthen, with the continent projected to record 4.3 percent GDP growth in 2026.

She highlighted Africa's youthful population, expanding digital economy and growing consumer market as key drivers of future growth.She pointed to the transformative role of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), which connects 55 countries and a market of 1.4 billion people with a combined GDP of $3.4 trillion.

The Hon. Minister further showcased Ghana's economic turnaround under the leadership of President Mahama, stating that the economy expanded by 6 percent in 2025, while inflation declined significantly and key fiscal indicators improved.Hon. Ofosu-Adjare highlighted the deepening trade and investment ties between Ghana and the United Kingdom. Bilateral trade between the two countries reached £1.6 billion in 2025, while British investments in Ghana stood at £1.8 billion across 671 projects. She underscored Ghana's focus on value addition and industrialization, citing record growth in non-traditional exports and ongoing efforts to increase domestic processing in key sectors such as cocoa and gold.

The Hon. Minister drew attention to the recently signed UK-Ghana Growth Partnership 2026–2028, which includes a £101 million investment in a ship repair and dry-docking facility at Takoradi Port.

She described the agreement as a major step toward unlocking further infrastructure investments and strengthening economic cooperation between Ghana and the United Kingdom.
Hon. Ofosu-Adjare also commended African diaspora communities for their contributions to sectors such as fintech, education and the creative industries, assuring them of Ghana's commitment to leveraging their expertise, innovation and skills to drive national and continental development.

Concluding the remarks, Hon. Ofosu-Adjare emphasized that the future of Africa's development lies in partnerships built on co-investment, shared value and mutual accountability.She praised the Mayor of London for convening the summit and called on global investors to seize the opportunities emerging across Ghana and the African continent while declaring that "Ghana is ready. Africa is ready. The time to act is now,".





PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE COMMENDS TRADE MINISTRY, BACKS KEY INTERVENTIONS

The Parliamentary Select Committee on Trade, Industry, and Tourism has reaffirmed its support for the Ministry of Trade, Agribusiness, and Industry, pledging closer collaboration to advance key government initiatives.
During a visit to the Ministry on Friday, June 5, 2026, the Committee was welcomed on behalf of the Hon. Minister by the Deputy Minister Hon. Sampson Ahi.

He led the Ministry in presenting ongoing programs, including the revitalization of selected defunct state-owned enterprises, the Feed the Industry Program, and the Accelerated Export Development Program among others. The Committee Chairman Hon. Alexander Roosevelt Hottordze, said the 17-member team will continue to provide oversight support, and stressed their shared goal of working with the Ministry to drive the country's industrial & economic growth





ECOWAS TRADE OFFICIALS MEET IN ACCRA TO ADVANCE REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND TRADE AGENDA

Senior Trade Officials from member states of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) have begun a three-day meeting in Accra from Monday 9th to 10th June, 2026 to deliberate on key regional and global trade issues ahead of the Fifth Meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Trade (ECOMOTI-5), scheduled for June 11–12 in the Ghana.

Opening the meeting, the Deputy Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, Hon. Sampson Ahi, welcomed delegates and emphasized the importance of regional solidarity in the face of growing global economic uncertainties, including geopolitical tensions, supply chain disruptions, and challenges to multilateral trade systems.

He described a stronger and more integrated ECOWAS market as an economic necessity, stressing that regional cooperation remains the most effective tool for building resilience, attracting investment, creating jobs, and improving the livelihoods of citizens across West Africa.

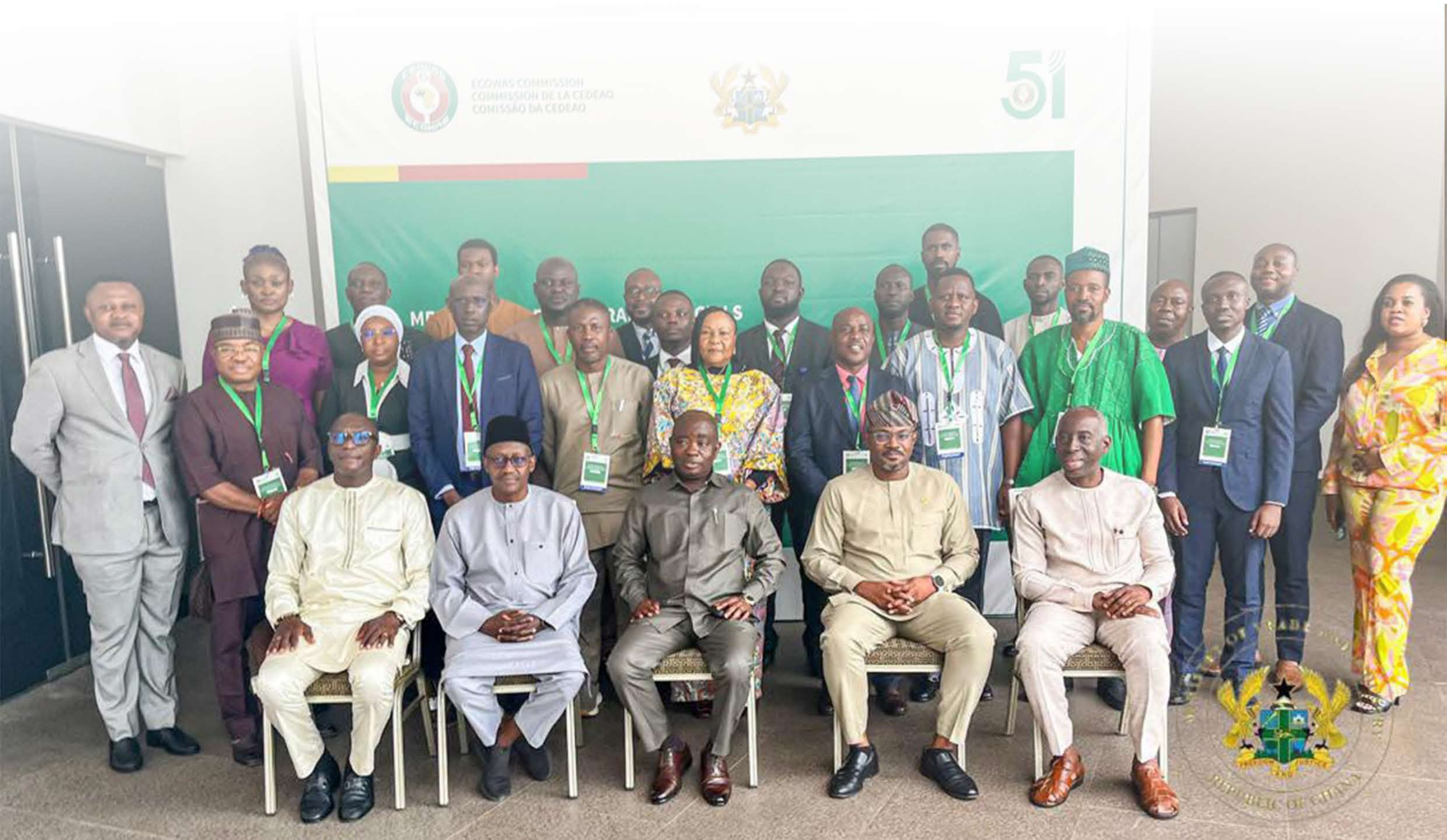
Hon. Ahi urged member states to accelerate the implementation of regional and continental trade frameworks, particularly the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), while addressing persistent non-tariff barriers and protecting the integrity of the ECOWAS Customs Union and Common External Tariff.

Representatives of the ECOWAS Commission highlighted the region's significant human and natural resource potential and called for stronger collaboration to expand market opportunities, harmonize trade policies, and facilitate the movement of goods, services, and investments across borders.

Speaking on behalf of the Commission, ECOWAS Director of Trade, Mr. Kolawole Sofola, noted that despite a difficult global trading environment characterized by slowing growth, protectionist measures, and supply chain disruptions, Africa continues to demonstrate resilience and remains well-positioned for economic growth.

He, however, observed that consultations conducted during ECOWAS' 50th Anniversary celebrations revealed growing concerns among businesses and citizens over the slow implementation of regional commitments, particularly regarding the removal of non-tariff barriers and the free movement of goods and people.

The meeting is expected to develop recommendations on issues including the post-WTO MC14 roadmap, AfCFTA implementation, trade facilitation, digital trade, regional trade partnerships, and the ECOWAS Common Market. These recommendations will be presented to Ministers of Trade during ECOMOTI-5 as the region seeks to deepen integration and accelerate economic development.





TRADE MINISTER CELEBRATES CRUDE ARRIVAL @ SENTUO REFINERY AS MILESTONE FOR GHANA'S INDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMATION

Ghana has marked a historic turning point in its petroleum and industrialisation journey with the arrival of locally produced Jubilee crude oil at the Sentuo Oil Refinery in Tema for processing, signalling a bold shift from exporting raw resources to adding value within the country.

Speaking at the refinery's first-ever Jubilee Crude Oil Berth Ceremony, the Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, Hon. Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, described the occasion as a defining moment in Ghana's history and a significant step towards President John Dramani Mahama's vision of building an economy that transforms its natural wealth into tangible benefits for its people.

"For the first time in Ghana's history as an oil-producing nation, a cargo of Jubilee crude, lifted from beneath our own waters, has arrived not in Rotterdam, Guangdong or the Gulf of Mexico, but here on Ghanaian soil, at a world-class refinery in Tema, to be transformed into fuel that will power Ghanaian homes, businesses and roads," she stated.

According to the Minister, the development represents a departure from a long-standing pattern where Ghana exported crude oil only to import refined petroleum products at prices beyond its control. She noted that for over 15 years, ordinary Ghanaians, including transport operators, traders, farmers and fishermen, have borne the burden of fluctuating fuel prices resulting from that arrangement.

"Today, that cycle begins to change as we build the Ghana envisioned under President Mahama's reset agenda – a Ghana that not only extracts its wealth but transforms it," she said.Hon. Ofosu-Adjare praised Sentuo Oil Refinery Limited and its parent company, the Sentuo Group, for their confidence in Ghana and their substantial investment in the country's industrial future. She noted that the nearly US$2 billion investment demonstrates a strong belief in Ghana's potential and aligns with Africa's broader ambition to move beyond the export of raw
materials.

She emphasised that the refinery's operations would create significant economic linkages across multiple sectors. The diesel produced at the facility, she said, would support transportation and logistics, while liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) would provide cleaner cooking fuel for households. Additionally, asphalt produced at the refinery would contribute to road construction and infrastructure development.

"The benefits of this refinery extend far beyond petroleum products. Behind every barrel refined are jobs, opportunities, technical skills and improved livelihoods for Ghanaian workers, engineers and families," she noted.

The Minister also revealed that government is committed to supporting the growth of a local industrial ecosystem around the refinery, including investments in petrochemicals, fertiliser production, plastics and other industrial inputs that can deepen Ghana's manufacturing base and reduce dependence on imports.

She disclosed that discussions held during a recent visit to China had generated excitement about plans to establish a fertiliser plant in Ghana, adding that her Ministry stands ready to work with Sentuo and its partners to bring the project to fruition.

Hon. Ofosu-Adjare described the refinery as a practical response to the so-called "resource curse," arguing that the true value of natural resources lies not in their extraction but in their transformation into products that drive industrial growth and national development.
The Minister for Energy and Green Transition, Hon. Dr. John Abdulai Jinapor, also described the arrival of Jubilee crude at Sentuo Oil Refinery as a landmark achievement in Ghana's petroleum industry and a deliberate national effort to maximise value from the country's natural resources.
According to him, the milestone reflects government's commitment to deepening local value addition, strengthening energy security and retaining a greater share of the economic benefits generated from Ghana's petroleum sector.

Hon. Jinapor explained that the initiative gained additional urgency amid recent geopolitical tensions and concerns about global energy supply disruptions. He noted that President Mahama had directed urgent measures to strengthen Ghana's energy security, including increasing domestic refining of locally produced crude oil.

The Energy Minister announced that through collaborative efforts involving Sentuo Oil Refinery, the Ghana National Petroleum Corporation (GNPC), Explorco, Tullow Ghana, Kosmos Energy, Vitol Ghana and other stakeholders, arrangements had been concluded for approximately one million barrels of Jubilee crude oil to be supplied to the refinery for processing.

He further revealed that the Tema Oil Refinery (TOR) had successfully received one million barrels of crude oil in May and resumed refining operations in June, with plans underway for additional supplies of Ghanaian crude to sustain production and reduce dependence on imported refined products.

Hon. Jinapor said the completion of Sentuo's planned Phase Two expansion would increase the refinery's capacity from the current 40,000 barrels per stream day to 100,000 barrels per stream day, positioning Ghana as a major refining hub in West Africa.

Both Ministers emphasised that local refining is central to Ghana's industrialisation agenda and essential for building economic resilience, creating jobs, promoting technology transfer and strengthening national energy security.

Founder and Executive Chairman of Sentuo Group, Mr. Xu Ningquan, hailed the ceremony at the Jubilee crude oil berth as a pivotal moment for Ghana's energy sector. Speaking under the theme "Ghana's Oil Fields to Ghana's Industries", Mr. Xu described the event as both timely and strategically important.
Mr. Xu highlighted the role of Sentuo Oil Refinery as an ecosystem and a catalyst for industrial transformation. "Every barrel refined domestically creates opportunities for local businesses and strengthens Ghana's competitiveness," he noted.

The Sentuo executive also reiterated the company's commitment to the government's vision of transforming Ghana into a petroleum hub for the sub-region. Mr. Xu concluded by calling for increased government support to ensure long-term investments in direct crude oil refining.





GIZ COUNTRY DIRECTOR BIDS FAREWELL TO MINISTRY OF TRADE

The Country Director of GIZ, Dr. Dirk Assman, on Monday, 8th June 2026, bid farewell to the Ministry of Trade, Agribusiness, and Industry, following his successful tenure in Ghana.

On behalf of the Sector Minister, the Chief Director of the Ministry, Mr. Noah Tumfo, expressed profound appreciation to the outgoing GIZ Country Director. He highlighted Dr. Assman's invaluable contributions, particularly in the areas of textiles and garments, pharmaceuticals, capacity building for staff and vindustry players, digital trade, and support to the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat.

In response, Dr. Assman thanked the government, and specifically the Ministry, for their support throughout his tenure.

He assured that the partnership between GIZ and the Ministry will continue, working towards greater mutual benefit and development.





GHANA TO HOST 5TH ECOWAS TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTERS MEETING

Ghana and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) have announced the Fifth Meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Trade and Industry (ECOMOTI-5), scheduled to take place in Accra from June 11 to 12, 2026. The announcement was made during a press briefing addressed by ECOWAS Director of Trade, Mr. Kolawole A. Sofola, Executive Director Dr. Simeon K. Koffi of Ecowas and Director of Industry Mr. Kofi Addo, as well as the Director of Trade Development Mr. Ebo Quayson of Ghana's Ministry of Trade Agribusiness and Industry, respectively.

The speakers explained that the meeting comes at a crucial time as the global trade and investment landscape continues to evolve due to changes in multilateral trade governance, continental integration efforts, bilateral trade agreements and growing competition for foreign direct investment. They stressed the need for coordinated regional responses to safeguard the economic interests of ECOWAS Member States.

During the two-day meeting, Hon. Ministers will consider reports and recommendations from trade, industry, investment and competition experts. Discussions will focus on the outcomes of the 14th World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference (MC14), implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), trade facilitation measures, elimination of non-tariff barriers and the ECOWAS Common Market Roadmap.

The ministers will also review the region's trade relations with key international partners, including the European Union, the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates, the United States and China. Officials noted that maintaining a unified regional trade policy is essential to preserving the ECOWAS Customs Union and the Common External Tariff.

On investment and industrial development, participants will examine strategies to accelerate industrialization, strengthen manufacturing capacity and operationalize the ECOWAS Common Investment Market (ECIM) to attract greater foreign direct investment. The meeting will further consider measures to strengthen competition regulation and consumer protection frameworks across the region.

ECOMOTI-5 is expected to bring together trade and industry ministers, senior ECOWAS and UEMOA officials, and representatives of regional and international organizations. The summit will conclude with the adoption of key policy decisions and recommendations aimed at advancing regional economic integration, promoting trade and investment, and fostering sustainable economic growth across West Africa.



ECOWAS MINISTERS URGED TO ACCELERATE REGIONAL INTEGRATION & INDUSTRIAL GROWTH - GHANA'S TRADE MINISTER

The Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, has called on member states of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to deepen regional cooperation, strengthen industrial development, and remove barriers to trade to unlock the region's full economic potential.

Speaking at the opening of the Fifth Joint Meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Trade and Industry (ECOMOTI-5) in Accra on Thursday, June 11, 2026, the Hon. Minister welcomed delegates on behalf of President John Dramani Mahama and reaffirmed Ghana's commitment to advancing regional integration and economic transformation.

She noted that as host of the Secretariat of the African Continental Free Trade Area, Ghana recognizes its responsibility to support decisions that promote seamless trade, industrialization, and job creation across the continent, and emphasized that West African citizens expect markets and industries that create opportunities and improve livelihoods.
Addressing recent developments in global trade, the Hon. Minister highlighted the outcome of the Fourteenth WTO Ministerial Conference in Yaoundé, stressing the need for ECOWAS countries to speak with one voice in international trade negotiations. She underscored the importance of ensuring that multilateral trade commitments support the development aspirations of African economies.

The Hon. Minister observed that although ECOWAS represents a market of more than 350 million people with a combined GDP approaching US$700 billion, intra-regional trade remains below 15 percent. She attributed this to challenges including poor transport infrastructure, unreliable energy supply, multiple currencies, unharmonized customs procedures, and non-tariff barriers that continue to impede regional commerce.

To address these challenges, she called for stronger collaboration in developing regional value chains, particularly in textiles, apparel, and automotive manufacturing. She urged member states to adopt policies that encourage local production, increase the use of regional inputs, and promote cross-border industrial partnerships under the AfCFTA framework.

The Hon. Minister also reiterated Ghana's support for the implementation of key regional initiatives, including the West Africa Common Industrial Policy (WACIP) 2026–2030, harmonized food standards, the Cross-Border Consumer Protection Regulation, and the ECOWAS Common Investment Market. She described these frameworks as essential tools for building sustainable industries and enhancing competitiveness across the region.

Highlighting the impact of non-tariff barriers, she noted that such obstacles add between 15 and 20 percent to the cost of cross-border trade in West Africa, increasing costs for businesses and consumers alike. She called for decisive action to eliminate unnecessary checkpoints, duplicated certifications, and administrative delays that undermine regional integration efforts.

Concluding her remarks, the Hon. Minister invoked the words of Ghana's first President, Kwame Nkrumah, urging West African leaders to embrace unity and collective action, while reaffirming Ghana's commitment to working with ECOWAS member states to build a more integrated, competitive, and prosperous region for all.

The Chairperson of the Committee on Trade, Customs and Free Movement of the ECOWAS Parliament Hon. Amdiatta Diaby, called for stronger political commitment and effective implementation of regional trade agreements to accelerate economic integration and unlock the full benefits of trade across West Africa.

H.E. Alpha Ibrahim Sesay, Chair of the 5th ECOWAS Ministers of Trade and Industry (ECOMOTI-5) and also the Sierra Leone Minister for Trade, urged member states to safeguard the integrity of the ECOWAS Customs Union, warning that bilateral trade arrangements that undermine the Common External Tariff could weaken the region's collective bargaining power and economic sovereignty and reiterated the need for member countries to work collectively for the growth and advancement of the sub-region.





GHANA'S TRADE MINISTER LEADS ECOWAS TRADE MINISTERS ON INDUSTRIAL TOUR OF KASAPREKO COMPANY LTD.

The Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, Hon. Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, led a delegation of Ministers and representatives from the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) on an industrial tour of Kasapreko PLC, one of Ghana's leading indigenous beverage manufacturers.

The visit formed part of ongoing efforts by ECOWAS to promote regional industrialization, strengthen intra-African trade, and showcase successful manufacturing enterprises within the West African sub-region. The delegation, comprising trade and industry Ministers and some representatives from the ECOWAS member states, toured Kasapreko's state-of-the-art production facilities in Accra to gain firsthand insight into the company's manufacturing processes, quality assurance systems, and export operations.

Welcoming the delegation, the Managing Director of Kasapreko PLC Mr Richard Adjei, highlighted the company's growth from a local beverage producer into a recognized brand with products distributed across numerous African and international markets.
The company emphasized its commitment to innovation, value addition, job creation, and adherence to international production standards adding that the company currently export 20 percent of its products in the sub-region.

Addressing the press after the tour, Hon. Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare commended Kasapreko for its contribution to Ghana's industrial transformation agenda and its role in promoting locally manufactured products beyond Ghana's borders. The Hon. Minister noted that companies such as Kasapreko demonstrate the potential of African industries to compete effectively in regional and global markets when supported by the right policies and investment environment. She further highlighted some of the bottlenecks and challenges confronting trade across ECOWAS borders, particularly the persistence of non-tariff barriers that continue to impede the smooth movement of goods and services within the region.

According to the Hon. Minister, addressing these challenges remains critical to unlocking the full benefits of regional integration and enhancing the competitiveness of businesses operating across West Africa.

The ECOWAS Commissioner representatives expressed admiration for the scale of operations and technological advancement observed during the tour. .

They described Kasapreko as a model for industrial development in the region and stressed the importance of fostering partnerships that can accelerate manufacturing growth across West Africa.

Discussions during the visit also focused on opportunities presented by the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), regional value chains, and strategies for reducing barriers to trade among ECOWAS member states. Participants agreed that stronger collaboration between governments and the private sector would be critical to achieving sustainable industrial development and economic integration in the region.





GOV'T HAILS KASAPREKO STOCK MARKET DEBUT AS INDUSTRIAL MILESTONE- TRADE MINISTER

The Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, has hailed the listing of Kasapreko PLC on the Ghana Stock Exchange as a landmark achievement that demonstrates the strength, resilience, and global competitiveness of Ghanaian-owned businesses.

Speaking at the official listing ceremony in Accra on Monday, June 15, 2026, the Hon. Minister described the event as a significant milestone for Ghana's capital market, noting that Kasapreko's journey from a small startup in Nungua to an internationally recognized manufacturer exporting to markets across Africa, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and North America exemplifies the potential of indigenous enterprise.

She revealed that Kasapreko's Initial Public Offer (IPO), which sought to raise GH¢700 million, attracted an impressive GH¢1.73 billion in bids from more than 18,000 Ghanaian investors, representing a 146 percent oversubscription the largest ever recorded by a locally owned manufacturing company on the Ghana Stock Exchange.

According to the Trade, Agribusiness and Industry Minister, the overwhelming investor response reflects growing confidence in Ghana's economy and in the prospects of home-grown industries. She emphasized that Kasapreko is entering the stock market from a position of strength, with the funds raised earmarked primarily for the construction of a new production facility at Adeiso to expand its bottled water and soft drink operations.

Hon. Ofosu-Adjare credited the government's efforts toward macroeconomic stabilization, investor confidence restoration, and structured engagement with the private sector for creating an enabling environment for businesses to thrive. She highlighted initiatives such as the Presidential Private Sector Dialogues and policy interventions that have helped address challenges facing exporters and manufacturers.

The Minister further outlined the Ministry's plans to strengthen industrial growth through initiatives including Feed-the-Industry, the forthcoming Agribusiness Policy, and the revival of the Made-in-Ghana Fair. These measures, she said, are aimed at boosting local sourcing, promoting value addition, enhancing competitiveness, and supporting the emergence of more globally successful Ghanaian companies.

Addressing regional trade challenges, she noted that Ghana is leading efforts within ECOWAS to tackle non-tariff barriers affecting manufacturers. She referenced a recent ministerial visit to Kasapreko's production facility, which informed discussions and outcomes at the 5th Meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Trade and Industry. She also commended the thousands of Ghanaians who invested in the IPO, describing their participation as a strong vote of confidence in the country's industrial future.

She expressed confidence that Kasapreko's successful listing will inspire more indigenous Ghanaian companies to access the capital market and contribute to the next chapter of Ghana's industrial transformation.
Managing Director for Kasapreko Plc Mr Richard Adjei, said the listing on the main market of the Ghana Stock Exchange is evident that Ghanaians are ready to support Ghanaian businesses.
He also commended the Group CEO and Founder of the Kasapreko company for the vision and forsight appreciating all other partners for the commitment and dedication to the company over the last 30 years.



FROM WASTE TO WEALTH: GHANA COURTS ITALY FOR CIRCULAR ECONOMY PARTNERSHIP TO DRIVE GREEN INDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMATION.

The Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, Hon. Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, has called for stronger Ghana-Italy collaboration to drive investment, technology transfer, and sustainable industrial growth as Ghana pursues a circular economy agenda.

Speaking at the opening of the Ghana–Italy Circular Economy Dialogue in Accra on Tuesday 16th June, 2026, the Hon. Minister described the two-day forum as a timely platform to translate partnerships into tangible industrial outcomes, including job creation, innovation, and increased competitiveness.
She noted that Ghana and Italy have built a strong relationship based on mutual respect and shared development goals, with the dialogue representing a new chapter in bilateral economic cooperation.

Hon. Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare emphasized that Ghana is actively integrating circular economy principles into its national industrial development agenda under the leadership of President Mahama. The Hon. Minister highlighted ongoing initiatives across key sectors, including the conversion of agricultural waste into bio-inputs and energy, the promotion of industrial symbiosis in manufacturing, the use of recycled materials in construction, and sustainable practices in the textiles and fashion industry. These efforts, she said, are aimed at boosting productivity, reducing import dependence, and enhancing export competitiveness.

The Hon. Minister also reaffirmed Ghana's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 64 percent by 2030, stressing that achieving this target will require substantial investment, advanced technology, and supportive industrial policies.

Describing the circular economy as an economic opportunity rather than an environmental obligation, she outlined five key areas where Ghana seeks collaboration with Italy: technology and knowledge transfer, investment promotion, skills development, standards and market access alignment, and green finance. She invited Italian businesses, particularly SMEs, to consider Ghana as a gateway to the wider ECOWAS market of over 340 million people and beyond.

The Hon. Minister further called for stronger partnerships with the Ghana Standards Authority, Italian and European certification bodies, and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) to support green industrial zone development, improve sustainability reporting, and enhance the competitiveness of Ghanaian exporters.

She also urged universities including the University of Professional Studies (UPSA) to play a more active role in connecting research, entrepreneurship, and investment, positioning them as drivers of innovation within Ghana's green industrial ecosystem.
Concluding her remarks, Hon. Ofosu-Adjare encouraged participants to move beyond dialogue and commit to concrete partnerships and investments that will advance Ghana's green industrial future.

Italian Ambassador to Ghana H.E Laura Ranalli, Italy said leads major European economies in key metrics including waste recycling rates and the use of secondary raw materials.The move, she said confirms it's position as a leader in circular economy with a circular material use rate of 20.8% almost double the EU average of 11.8%.She pleaged the commitment of the Italian government in supporting Ghana it green industrial transformation agenda.





GOV'T REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO BECOMING A REGIONAL CEMENT PRODUCTION HUB - TRADE MINISTER

The Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, Hon. Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, has reaffirmed Ghana's commitment to becoming a leading hub for cement production, sustainable construction materials, and industrial investment in Africa as she officially opened the INTERCEM Africa 2026 Conference in Accra on Tuesday, 16th June, 2026. The two-days event, has attracted more than 100 companies from 37 countries, including cement producers, traders, financiers, logistics providers, researchers, and sustainability experts.

Delivering an address on behalf of President H:E John Dramani Mahama, Hon. Ofosu-Adjare said Africa's cement market is projected to reach US$11.7 billion by 2029, driven by rapid urbanization, population growth, and increasing investments in infrastructure and housing. She noted that Ghana is strategically positioned to benefit from this growth, with 15 major cement producers and an installed production capacity exceeding 10 million metric tonnes annually.

The Minister stressed that while Ghana's infrastructure and housing agenda will continue to drive strong demand for cement, the industry must address critical challenges relating to clinker supply security. Describing Ghana's dependence on imported clinker as a structural vulnerability, she called on producers, traders, financiers, and logistics operators attending the conference to develop practical solutions that would diversify supply sources and strengthen regional production capacity.

On sustainable industrialization, Hon. Ofosu-Adjare highlighted Ghana's leadership in the adoption of Limestone Calcined Clay Cement (LC3) technology, noting that President Mahama inaugurated West Africa's first LC3 calcined clay facility earlier this year. She explained that the technology significantly reduces clinker use and carbon emissions while utilizing locally available clay resources, making it a viable solution for greener and more cost-effective cement production across Africa.

The Minister also underscored the importance of innovative financing mechanisms to unlock large-scale industrial and infrastructure investments. She said Government is engaging development finance institutions and implementing reforms under the Ghana Investment Promotion Authority Act, 2026, to create a more attractive environment for investors, while strengthening the competitiveness of local manufacturers through energy, trade, and regulatory reforms.

Hon. Ofosu-Adjare urged delegates to move beyond discussions and use the conference to forge concrete partnerships and investment commitments. Reaffirming Government's support for the cement industry, she emphasized that the sector remains central to Ghana's industrial transformation agenda and called on participants to leave Accra with agreements that will help transform Africa from a raw material exporter into a value-adding industrial powerhouse.

The Chief Executive Officer of Continental Blue Investment (CBI) Ghana Ltd. and President of the Chamber of Cement Manufacturers Ghana (COCMAG), Mr. Frederic Albrecht, described Ghana's hosting of INTERCEM Africa 2026 as recognition of the country's growing importance in Africa's cement value chain.

He noted that the conference provides an important platform for industry leaders, policymakers, and investors to strengthen collaboration on clinker supply, sustainable cement production, and industrial financing, while creating partnerships that will support infrastructure development and economic transformation across the continent.





TRADE MINISTER BREAKS GROUND FOR CSIR ITAED-HUB TO BRIDGE GHANA'S INDUSTRIAL SKILLS GAP

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), through its Institute of Industrial Research (IIR), has cut the sod for the construction of the Integrated Industry Training, Entrepreneurship and Database Hub (ITAED-HUB), a major initiative aimed at equipping Ghanaian youth with practical industrial skills and promoting entrepreneurship.

The project, being implemented through a grant from the African Union Development Agency-New Partnership for Africa's Development (AUDA-NEPAD) under the Skills Initiative for Africa (SIFA) programme and financed by Germany's KfW Development Bank, is expected to strengthen Ghana's technical and vocational education ecosystem and support industrial growth.

Delivering the keynote address at the ceremony on Thursday 18th June, 2026, the Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, Hon. Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, described the ITAED-HUB as one of the most significant investments in Ghana's industrial and human capital development, noting that it represents the nation's commitment to preparing young people for the industries of the future. She cited a 2025 UNICEF and Ghana TVET Service study which found that only 24 percent of surveyed TVET institutions offer competency-based training exclusively, creating a gap between skills acquired in school and those required by industry. According to her, the ITAED-HUB is a strategic response to that challenge.

The Hon. Minister commended CSIR-IIR for successfully securing the competitive continental grant and expressed appreciation to the German Government, AUDA-NEPAD, AGI and CTVET for their support towards the project.She explained that the Hub will provide practical, industry-oriented training in automotive technology, mechatronics, and CAD/CNC/3D digital manufacturing, while also maintaining a database system that tracks labour market needs and skills demand to ensure training remains relevant.

Hon. Ofosu-Adjare said the initiative aligns with government efforts to deepen local content participation, reduce dependence on imported skilled labour, and develop a new generation of technically competent entrepreneurs capable of driving Ghana's industrial transformation.
She further called on industries, engineering firms, automotive workshops and technology companies to partner with the Hub by helping shape training curricula, providing industrial attachment opportunities and employing graduates.

In his address, the Director-General of CSIR, Prof. Paul P. Bosu, described the ITAED-HUB as a transformative project that aligns with CSIR's mandate to promote research, innovation, technology transfer and industrial development.He noted that the facility would serve as a bridge between research, skills development and industry, creating opportunities for young people while supporting the competitiveness and productivity of Ghanaian industries. He also reaffirmed CSIR's commitment to ensuring the successful implementation and sustainability of the project.
The ITAED-HUB is expected to become a center of excellence for industrial skills training, entrepreneurship and innovation, contributing significantly to youth employment, industrial growth and Ghana's long-term economic development.





PRESIDENT CUTS SOD FOR PHASE II EXPANSION OF SENTUO OIL REFINERY, AS GHANA-CHINA PARTNERSHIP STRENGTHENS.

The President of the Republic H. E John Dramani Mahama has officially cut the sod for Phase II of the Sentuo Oil Refinery expansion project in Tema on Thursday 25th June 2026, reinforcing the government's focus on industrialization, energy security, and private-sector-led growth.

The expansion of the Sentuo Oil Refinery is being positioned as a major milestone in Ghana's drive to strengthen local petroleum refining capacity, reduce dependence on imported refined fuel, and create jobs. The President described it as a key part of Ghana's broader industrial transformation agenda.The Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, Hon. Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, said the project reflects strong investor confidence in Ghana and supports government efforts to boost local manufacturing, value addition, and job creation.

The Minister for Energy and Green Transition, Hon. John Abdulai Jinapor, emphasized that expanding refining capacity will improve energy security, stabilize fuel supply, and reduce exposure to global oil price volatility.
The Sentuo Group, led by Executive Chairman Mr. Xu Ningouan, assured the government that the project will meet international standards, with emphasis on environmental sustainability, operational efficiency, and local participation.
The company also expects the expansion to significantly increase production capacity and strengthen Ghana's petroleum value chain.
The Chinese Ambassador to Ghana, H.E. Cong Song, described the project as a symbol of win-win cooperation between Ghana and China.





CABINET APPROVES KEY POLICIES TO DRIVE GROWTH IN TEXTILES, PHARMACEUTICALS & AGRIBUSINESS - TRADE MINISTER

The Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, Hon. Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, has on Thursday, June 25, 2026, announced that Cabinet has approved major industrial policies aimed at accelerating Ghana's manufacturing and industrialisation agenda.

Speaking at the Turkiye Africa Investment Forum and Exhibition in Accra on Thursday 25th June, 2026, the Minister said the approvals cover the textiles and garments, pharmaceuticals, component manufacturing and agribusiness sectors, creating a stronger policy environment for businesses and investors to thrive.

She noted that the approvals signal government's commitment to positioning Ghana as a competitive destination for trade and investment, adding that the country's industrialisation drive has gained significant momentum.
Hon. Ofosu-Adjare welcomed the participation of Turkish investors at the forum, describing the event as an important platform for strengthening bilateral trade and investment relations between Ghana and Türkiye.

She encouraged investors to take advantage of the growing opportunities in Ghana, particularly in the textiles and garments sector, and urged them to leave the forum with concrete business partnerships and investment prospects.



TRADE MINISTRY SECURES €415,437 GRANT TO DRIVE PHARMAVAX PROGRAMME

The Ministry of Trade, Agribusiness and Industry has outlined ambitious plans to transform Ghana's pharmaceutical sector through the PharmaVax Programme, aimed at strengthening governance, improving investment conditions, and expanding market access for local manufacturers.

The Ministry says the programme is built around four key pillars:

1. strengthening governance institutions within the pharmaceutical sector.
2. Enhancing public-private dialogue between government and industry players.
3. Improving the environment for foreign direct investment and trade.
4. Promoting greater transparency in investment conditions and authorization processes.

At a meeting in Accra on Thursday 25th June, 2026,
the Director of Administration Mr. Yaw Sakyi on behalf of the Hon. Minister Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, said the government is committed in making Ghana the pharmaceutical manufacturing hub in the sub-region adding that the Pharmaceutical policy will among others gave the necessary implementation systems for the growth of the industry.

He commended the European Union and the German Ministry for Economic corporation and Development for the Four Hundred Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty - Seven Euros, Seventy - Eight cents. € (415,437.78).

As part of the initiative, the Head of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Development Unit of the Ministry Mr. Godfred Gobah, stated that the Ministry will engage the private sector and participate in local and international events to increase the visibility of Ghana's pharmaceutical industry and create new market access opportunities.

The Ministry he said expects the programme to lay a solid foundation for achieving several strategic objectives by 2030. These include doubling the export value of pharmaceutical products within the ECOWAS market,
increasing the market share of locally produced pharmaceutical products from 30 percent to 60 percent among others.

The Trade Ministry , working in collaboration with GIZ Ghana, EU and other key stakeholders, is seeking to establish a robust ecosystem to support the growth of the pharmaceutical sector.

GHANA REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHENING TRADE & INVESTMENT TIES WITH SWITZERLAND

The Minister for Trade Agribusines and Industry Hon. Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, on Friday 26th June, 2026 joined some Ministers of States, members of the Diplomatic community among others at the Switzerland Embassy in Accra to commemorate the 735th National Day Anniversary of Switzerland at the Embassy in Accra.

The occasion also served as a farewell to the Swiss Ambassador to Ghana Her Excellency Simone Giger.

Ghana and Switzerland pledged its commitment to strengthen trade and investment as well as advance economic cooporation and friendship for mutual benefits.



PRESIDENT MAHAMA LAUNCHES TEMA INTEGRATED INDUSTRIAL PARK TO ACCELERATE GHANA'S INDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMATION

The President of the Republic, John Dramani Mahama, has cut the sod for the construction of the Tema Integrated Industrial Park (TIIP), a flagship project expected to significantly boost Ghana's industrialisation drive and strengthen its position as a regional manufacturing and export hub.

The ceremony, held in Tema on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, marked the beginning of what government describes as a transformative public-private partnership aimed at expanding industrial capacity, creating jobs, and integrating local businesses into regional and global value chains.
President Mahama emphasized that industrialisation is now an economic necessity rather than a policy option.

He called on project partners to commit fully to delivering a modern industrial enclave that reflects the long-term vision of Ghana's founding leader, Dr Kwame Nkrumah, who first developed the Tema industrial zone as a cornerstone of national development.

The TIIP will serve as a major engine for manufacturing, processing, logistics, and export growth. Strategically located just seven kilometres from the Tema Port, the 83.5-hectare industrial park is expected to strengthen Ghana's competitiveness under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).
The Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, Hon. Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, described the project as a strategic investment that will position Ghana as a leading industrial hub in West Africa.

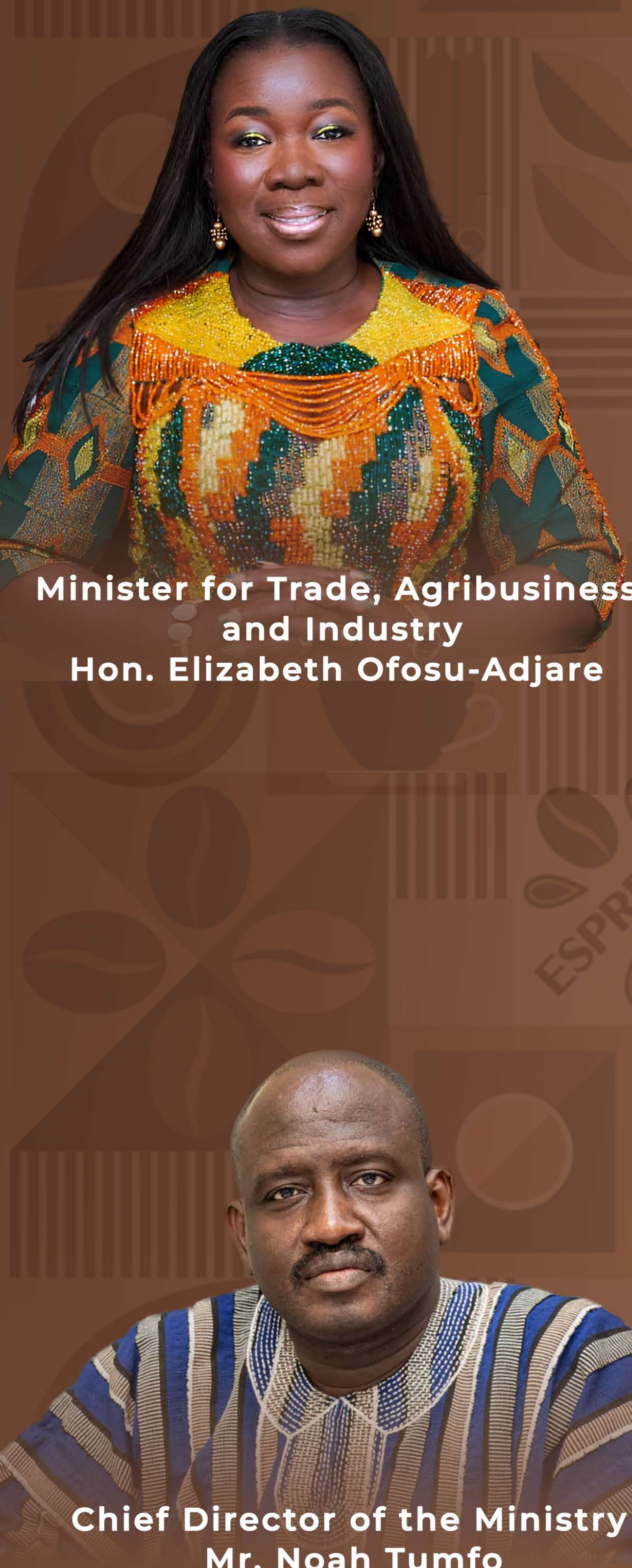
She noted that the park will drive value addition, promote import substitution, and expand export-oriented manufacturing and further revealed that Cabinet has approved four key sector-specific policies to support the industrial park's development and attract investors. These include the Ghana Textiles and Garments Manufacturing Policy, the Ghana Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Policy, the Automotive Components Manufacturing Policy, and the National Agribusiness Policy (2026–2036).

The Hon. Minister said these frameworks are designed to provide regulatory certainty, attract anchor industries, and create a sustainable ecosystem for industrial growth and job creation.

Developed through a partnership between TDC Ghana Limited, the Ghana Integrated Aluminium Development Corporation (GIADEC), and ARISE Integrated Industrial Platforms, the TIIP is projected to create more than 4,000 direct jobs while generating significant downstream economic activity across multiple sectors.

Hon. Minister Ofosu-Adjare reaffirmed the government's commitment to working closely with all stakeholders to ensure the successful execution of the project and to maximise its long-term impact on Ghana's industrial development agenda.

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