

PROGRAMME

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN EDUCATION/TRAINING AND INDUSTRY/THE WORLD OF WORK

**THEME: ACHIEVING A STRONG PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN
EDUCATION/TRAINING AND INDUSTRY: THE WAY FORWARD**

VENUE: ACCRA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE

DATE: MAY 19– 20, 2014

SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR

H.E. JOHN DRAMANI MAHAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA

DAY 1: MAY 19, 2014

8:30 Registration of Participants

9:00 Opening Ceremony

- Opening Prayer
- Introduction of Dignitaries and Chairperson
- Chairperson's Acceptance Remarks – Hon. Cecilia Johnson
- Welcome Address by Minister of Education – Prof. Naana Jane Opoku Agyemang
- Remarks by Minister of Trade and Industry
- Remarks by Minister of Employment and Labour Relations
- Remarks by Seth Twum Akwaboah, AGI Chief Executive Officer
- Musical Interlude/Cultural Dance
- Presentation - Mr. P .V. Obeng, Chairman, National Development Planning Commission/Senior Advisor to the President
- Presentation – Prof. Franklyn Achampong Manu, Rector of GIMPA
- Musical Interlude/Cultural Performance
- Key Note Address by Special Guest of Honour – H. E. John Dramani Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana
- Chairperson's Closing Remarks

10:30 Photo Shoot/ Cocoa Break

11:00 PLENARY SESSION I

Chairperson – Nii Moi Thompson, Advisor to the President

Presentation

- 1 The Current Relationship Between Education and Industry in Ghana (Mr. Ato Panford)
- 2 Skills Mismatch and Unemployment in Ghana (Prof. Ernest Aryeetey)
- 3 Quest for the Ideal Educational Orientation and Philosophy within Ghana's Development Agenda (Prof. Stephen Adei)

1:00 Lunch Break

- 2:00 Question and Answers**
- 2:30 Syndicate Group Discussions**
- 4:00 Presentations from Syndicate Groups**
- 5:00 Closing**

DAY 2: MAY 20, 2014

- 8:30 Registration of Participants**
- 9:00 PLENARY SESSION II**

Chairperson: Dr. Christine Amoako Nuamah (Senior Presidential Advisor to the President)

Presentations

1. Population Growth and Economic Growth Dimensions of the current Challenge (Prof. Samuel Cudjoe)

10:00 Cocoa Break

Presentations

2. Expectations and Contributions of Industry in Bridging the Gap (Dr. George Dawson-Ahmoah, Ghacem)
3. Skills Development and Youth Employability (Ing. Robert Woode, Fateco Ltd. & Mrs. Awurabena Okrah, Winglow Clothes and Textiles Ltd)
4. The Role of Vocational Training and Apprenticeship in Bridging the Employment Gap (Mr. Steven Bismark Amponsah, Exec. Director NVTI)
5. The Role of Government and Policy in Establishing Stronger Beneficial Synergies (Dr. James Dzisah)

1:00 Lunch Break

- 2:00 Questions and Answers**
- 2:30 Syndicate Group Discussions**
- 3:30 Reports from Syndicate Groups**

4:30 Closing Ceremony and Adoption of Communique

- 4:35 Cultural Performance / Interlude
- 4:45 Closing Remarks and Adoption of Communique by Minister of Education - Prof. Naana Jane Opoku Agyemang
- 5:00 Closing Prayer and departure