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From the UN Resident Coordinator's Office

Charles Abani

Belated Happy New Year to the Government and people of Ghana, collaborators, partners, and staff of the United Nations in Ghana! Afehyia pa!

We are excited about 2022 even as we continue to work to overcome the challenges we face as a result of the enduring impact of COVID-19 pandemic, and more recently the pressures from the impact of happenings between Ukraine and Russia, as well as the recent tragedy that befell Ghana in Appeatse. As the UN Secretary-General said, United Nations cannot put its tools down - we will continue to work. Our shared responsibility is to support humanity's wellbeing – from the global economy and finance systems to the health of our planet.

In Ghana, work on designing a new UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, the most important planning and implementation instrument for the UN Development System (UNDS) at country level, is underway. As indicated in the progress report contained in this newsletter, our role is to support Ghana to achieve its development priorities.

This year, beyond the new Cooperation Framework, we will focus on pursuing an agenda in five critical areas for people and for planet. Firstly, we shall intensify efforts around food security. We will follow up on the national food dialogues held last year as a prelude to the Global Food Systems Summit to ensure commitments are followed through and targets are met.

Secondly, we shall follow closely planning towards the upcoming 27th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 27) to the UNFCCC to be held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, and make meaningful contribution towards making real Ghana's Nationally Determined Contributions as well as supporting Ghana to benefit appropriately from the significant adaptation opportunities. This must be the beginning of implementing what has already been agreed, thinking about those most affected by the impacts of climate change.

Thirdly, Ghana, for the second time, will present its Voluntary National Review at the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council in July. We will contribute



to supporting Ghana present a credible VNR through further engagements and interactive discussions and enhanced experiences-sharing and peer learning among countries.

Fourthly, we shall support Ghana with its Universal Periodic Review process of its human rights record through the National Mechanism for Reporting and follow-up as it prepares to share its report at the UN General Assembly in early 2023. This, along with our other work on the normative agenda, will help ensure no one is left behind.

All of these will be effectively coordinated through a renewed phase of UN Reform that ultimately improves our accountability to Ghana. This includes the 2021 Results Report and delivering of existing initiatives of work across our existing country programme of support to Ghana. Please enjoy some of the excerpts of our work from late last year into the first quarter of the new year.

Supporting Ghana's Development Agenda: Process so far on our new Cooperation Framework

Supporting Ghana to achieve its development priorities is a primary reason for the presence of the UN in Ghana. To better respond to the country's evolving needs, and in line with the UN Reform agenda, the UN in Ghana is developing a new Cooperation Framework that adopts a rights-based approach to programming that is driven by country-led priorities, underpinned by robust national analysis, a renewed push for collective action and tri-sector partnerships (with the Government of Ghana, civil society and the private sector), effective collaboration with development partners, and a laser-focus on supporting Ghana achieve her development aspiration of becoming an independent, self-reliant, and resilient nation beyond aid, as well as the Sustainable Development Goals, while contributing to achieving the AU's Agenda 2063.

To realize this, the UN has begun the process of designing its UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF), the most important planning and implementation instrument

for the UN Development System (UNDS) at country level. The Cooperation Framework will reflect the Government's expectations of the UNDS and drive the UN Country Team's (UNCT) collective response and contributions to national development priorities. It will be the most important accountability framework between the UNCT and the Government, and amongst UNCT members.

The process to develop a new Cooperation Framework is articulated in, and driven by, the Cooperation Framework Roadmap developed by the Resident Coordinator's Office in consultation with the UNCT and key stakeholders (Government, Civil Society, Development Partners and Private Sector). A UN-National Joint Steering Committee (JSC), co-chaired by the Resident Coordinator and a representative from the Ministry of Finance, has been established to oversee the roadmap process and Cooperation Framework implementation. The JSC includes Government representation (MoF, NDPC, MoFARI) as well as Civil Society (Ghana Civil Society Platform on the SDGs)



A cross-section of the audience at the review & validation meeting with key stakeholders.



Mr. Charles Abani, UN RC for Ghana, speaking at the review & validation meeting with key stakeholders

and Private Sector (Private Enterprise Federation), and this will ensure a collective, consultative, collaborative, and inclusive approach.

The process started last February with a SWAP Scorecard assessment of the UNCT's performance on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment. This was followed, from July 2021, by an evaluation of the current UN Sustainable Development Partnership (UNSDP), focusing on the key results, gaps, opportunities and bottlenecks towards achieving the 2030 Agenda. Additionally, the evaluation generates lessons learned from SDP implementation to feed into planning and design for the Cooperation Framework as well as a set of clear, forward-looking and actionable strategic and programmatic recommendations.

This exercise was accompanied by a robust country context analysis, the Common Country Analysis (CCA), to gain insight into Ghana's national vision, priorities, development plans and agendas, with a critical look into progress, challenges, opportunities, and gaps. The CCA is the UN in Ghana's collective, independent and impartial assessment and analysis of the evolving development context of the country. It involved a participatory process of multiple stakeholder consultations and sensitization meetings with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), national and local Governments officials, workers' organizations, development partners, private sector, research and academia and other groups.

The full Review and CCA reports will be ready in the second quarter of the year and the CCA is expected to be updated at regular intervals to keep it as a 'living document' that remains a signature analytical contribution of the UN to address the country's evolving development situation. The 'living CCA' supports the JSC approval of, oversight, monitoring and adapting (as relevant) of the Cooperation Framework based on ongoing implementation and

the evolving development context in Ghana.

Towards the new framework, the UNCT has developed a Theory of Change (ToC) in January 2022 to envision possible changes, risks and bottlenecks that will evolve and to clearly and comprehensively articulate different pathways and choices for action. The ToC, developed in a consultative, collaborative and inclusive way aims to provide a strategic direction for managing 'the changes Ghana wants to achieve' and will inform the design phase of the Cooperation Framework and serve as a starting point for consultations with stakeholders on the UN's vision for the next country programme in Ghana, in line with the national development aspirations and the SDGs.

Unlike previous documents and frameworks, the Cooperation Framework is more responsive to the needs of Ghana as it will translate the country's vision into supporting UN actions and impacts and heighten the ambition of the UNDS to respond in a more agile and adaptive manner to achieve the transformative results that Ghana demands. This includes, for the first time, a UNCT configuration exercise where the assets of the UN (in country and externally based) are reviewed, updated and tailored to ensure the UNCT is 'fit for purpose' to deliver on the Cooperation Framework's transformative agenda based on Ghana's needs. The new Cooperation Framework will align with priorities that have been set out by Ghana through the existing long-term plan, the Medium-Term National Development Policy Framework 2022-2025 and stated priorities articulated through government flagship programmes such as the Ghana COVID-19 Alleviation and Revitalisation of Enterprises Support (CARES Obataampa). It will also enable the UN to align better with Ghana's own planning cycles as well as encompass broader partnership commitments that effectively include civil society and private sector actors.

To ensure continued alignment to the national planning cycle, the new Cooperation Framework will end in 2025. To improve coherence and synergy, individual UN agency plans and programming instruments must be derived from the Cooperation Framework which will run from 2022-2025.

As part of the ongoing reform and the UN's commitment to greater integration, transparency and accountability, the new Cooperation Framework will be a 'living strategy' that is fully accessible online through the UNINFO platform (an online platform that will support the UNCT and JSC to oversee implementation through the annual Cooperation Framework Results Group Joint Work Plans and Annual Results reports, also providing transparent information on UN programme budgets, joint programmes and the UN's contribution to the SDGs in Ghana).

It is anticipated that the new Cooperation Framework, following multi-stakeholder consultations under the guidance of the JSC, will be ready for implementation within quarter three (Q3) of 2022. We will continue to provide updates as this process progresses.



ABOVE & BELOW: UN Technical Team at the Theory of Change session



A cross-section of the audience at the review & validation meeting with key stakeholders.



A participant making a submission at the review & validation meeting with key stakeholders.

COVID-19 business tracker reveals variations in response across different types of firms

Businesses in Ghana are recovering from the impacts of the COVID-19 shock, albeit to varying degrees across different types of firms. This is reflected in the findings of the COVID-19 Business Tracker conducted through a series of in-depth surveys. The Business Tracker has provided extensive insight into the economic health of businesses in Ghana, and the findings of the COVID-19 Business Tracker Waves I-III are expected to further improve the understanding of the recovery of businesses in Ghana.

ongoing support to Ghana's COVID-19 response, the COVID-19 Business Tracker survey results revealed businesses in Ghana continue to recover from the pandemic. The latest wave of results from this survey shows a continued downward trend in the percentage of businesses reporting they have been affected by the pandemic, and as a result, the percentage of businesses reporting they have cut back on operating hours. Though encouraging, the data show variations in the extent to which different types of firms are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more.](#)

A collaboration between the Ghana Statistical Service, UNDP, and the World Bank, as part of the



Businesses in Ghana are recovering from COVID-19 shocks.
Photo: World Bank

UNAIDS supports Red Cross to embark on COVID-19 vaccination campaign

In response to the Ghana Health Service (GHS) COVID-19 Vaccine Acceleration Month declaration, the Ghana Red Cross Society in collaboration with UNAIDS Ghana embarked on a campaign in the Greater Accra Region to increase COVID-19 vaccine uptake. Fifty community-based volunteers were deployed to increase awareness and generate demand for the vaccine in three districts in the Greater Accra Region. Vaccine hesitancy was addressed through radio shows and mass education at churches, mosques, households, market centres and bus stations.

The campaign kick-started with a one-day orientation for volunteers to build their capacity on community engagement. The GHS Regional Disease Control Officer, Mr. Daniel Ato Ashun led the volunteers through various topics.

At the end of the campaign, 407,583 people were reached with COVID prevention and vaccine uptake messages.



Volunteers engaging some members of the community.



Orientation session for volunteers.

More vaccines arrive through COVAX facility

Through the COVAX facility, 648,000 more doses of AstraZeneca and 2.5 million doses of J&J COVID-19 vaccines arrived in Ghana. We thank the Government of France, Denmark and the United States of America for their donation,

ensuring availability of more vaccines and equal access to all. UNICEF and WHO joined the Government of Ghana and partners to take delivery of the vaccines and ensure safe delivery.



ABOVE: Inspection of the consignment at the Kotoka International Airport

BELOW: The US Ambassador to Ghana, H.E. Stephanie S. Sullivan [L] hands over vaccines to the Chairman, Health Commodity Group for COVID-19, Ministry of Health, Mr. Matthew Kyeremeh [R].



Beating plastic pollution with eco-bag innovation

Each year, millions of tons of plastic are dumped into our seas, often ending up hundreds of miles from where it was originally used. Much of this plastic is not biodegradable, meaning it will take years to decompose and can cause lasting damage to the environment. Unfortunately, there is no easy fix for this problem: only a small percentage of plastic waste is recyclable, and a much larger portion is designed to be reused or recycled. To put that into perspective, over one million tons of plastic waste is generated each year, with only between [2% to 5%](#) of that waste being recycled in Ghana.

UNDP in partnership with the Coco-Cola Foundation and the Ghana National Plastic Action Partnership under the Ghana Waste Recovery Platform, recently organized the Ghana Waste Fair 2021 which brought together over 300 stakeholders to dialogue and share ideas on how innovations can be used to boost sustainable waste management in Ghana.

Charles Katere, founder of [Eco-Clean Ghana](#) Foundation, shared his testimony on the positive impact and transformation the Fair brought to his business. The Fair was a game-change

for his business, which is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) that recycles plastic waste into valuable products and creates entrepreneurial opportunities for others. [Read more.](#)

Towards a cooler planet

Ghana's refrigeration and air conditioning sector, which offers cooling services has grown steadily in the last ten years. This has been propelled by nationwide electricity coverage, rapid urbanization, population growth, expanding middle class, and rising incomes.

To drive the sector's rapid transition to high-performance cooling equipment and adopt best standard technologies, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Energy Commission, in partnership with the UNDP, with funding from the [Clean Cooling Collaborative](#), formerly known as Kigali Cooling Efficiency Programme, developed and released a [National Cooling Plan](#) for Ghana.

The Plan aims to serve as a roadmap to transform the country's Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (RAC) sector to best available technologies to achieve sustainable cooling that will support economic growth and reduce overall impact on the environment. [Read more.](#)



Charles Katere, Founder of Eco-Clean Ghana with a display of his bags at the Ghana Waste Fair.



Flood in Accra. Photo Credit: NADMO

Vice President launches Shea Landscape Emission Reductions Project

The [Ghana Shea Landscape Emission Reductions Project](#) has been launched to improve the lives of over 500,000 people, especially women in the Northern Savannah Zone of Ghana. The project will establish a sustainable income-generating program that will protect and improve the environments of Northern Ghana through the conservation and sustainable management of Ghana's natural forests, with a focus on shea trees. The project will also empower women to generate income through sustainable shea processing, thereby improving their lives and the lives of their families.

The landmark \$54.5 million project, approved by the Green Climate Fund, aims at addressing the alarming deforestation and forest degradation challenges in the Northern Savannah Zone, whilst promoting investments in the shea value chain and women's empowerment. [Read more.](#)

Global Disability Summit (cont. from pg 15)

Approximately 1300 commitments were made by representatives from all stakeholder groups, including Organisations of persons with disabilities (OPDs), civil society organisations and multilateral organisations.

The United Nations in Ghana worked closely with the Government of Ghana and the Ghana Federation of Disability Organisations (GFD) for the successful planning of the Summit and contributed immensely to the 2022 Commitments through the SDG Advisory Unit at the Office of the President and the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection.

The UN supported the exhibition organised by the GFD as a side event to showcase the resilience and skills of PWDs. [Read more.](#)



The Vice President of the Republic of Ghana, Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia at the launch of the project.

UNAIDS and partners hold Education PLUS stakeholders meeting

We teach girls to shrink themselves, make themselves smaller. We say to girls, you can have ambition but, not too much. You should aim to be successful, but not too successful. - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

The above quote brought a moment of reflection at the start of a one-day stakeholders meeting to discuss the Education Plus Initiative. A high-level political advocacy drive, the initiative aims to provide girls with tools necessary for the completion of quality secondary education, universal access to comprehensive reproductive health education, access to sexual and reproductive health services, freedom from sexual and gender-based violence, and school-to-work transitions.

The Director-General of the Ghana AIDS Commission, Dr. Kyeremeh Atuahene, remarked that the Education Plus Initiative seeks to accelerate policy actions and implement HIV prevention strategies in ways that empower young women and adolescent girls.

UNAIDS Country Director, Angela Trenton-Mbonde provided an overview of the Education Plus Initiative while emphasizing that

legal, cultural, social, and economic obstacles are intertwined and need to be taken on together in addressing challenges faced by adolescent girls. She elaborated that at the heart of transforming girls' lives is shifting unequal power dynamics and affirming their right to participate!

Furthermore, the Executive Director of the National Population Council of Ghana, Dr. Leticia Appiah alluded to the fact that cultural, political, and economic barriers regularly deter girls from attaining the highest academic achievement. She further challenged stakeholders to explore the best methods to rework current Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights programming to increase efficiency in reducing poor reproductive health implications.

The meeting brought together thirty participants comprising of high-level representatives from the Ministries of Education, Gender, Children and Social Protection, Youth and Sports, the Ghana National Population Council, the Ghana Coalition of NGOs in Health, Child Rights International, the Ghana AIDS Commission, UN agencies and youth advocates.



Group picture of participants at the Education Plus stakeholders meeting

The impact of community-led monitoring and differentiated service delivery for load suppression in the Volta region

Achievement on the UNAIDS third 95 target, suppressed viral load of 95% of people living with HIV, has lagged. To address low achievement on viral load suppression, a two-part pilot project which included community-led monitoring and differentiated service delivery strategies were implemented in the Volta region. UNAIDS partnered with the National AIDS Control Programme, Volta Regional Health Authority, West Africa AIDS Foundation, the National Association of Persons Living with HIV, the Alliance for Equality and Diversity, and WHO to complete the project by October 2021.

UNAIDS with support from WHO convened monthly joint monitoring meetings with all project actors to maximize coordination of the project.

The project was focused on viral load suppression for adults, young people, and paediatric populations. At the onset of the project in April 2021, 221 viral load tests were performed. Viral load suppression rose from 73% in December 2020 to 87% in October 2021.

The two main lessons learned from the project were: Firstly, Community-led monitoring is achievable with capacity-building of the community of people living with HIV and it is valued by service providers; Secondly, running a successful viral load programme requires regional leadership, partnership with the PLHIV community and reliable lab equipment and reagents. Findings from this project and lessons learned were shared during the HIV/TB annual review meeting held on 18th February.



Some health workers and WHO officials at the differentiated service delivery project in the Volta region.

76 coaches complete UNIDO Cluster coaching Programme

For Small and Medium-scale Enterprises (SMEs) in Ghana producing to export, the challenge of running a business is enormous as they have to compete with other bigger brands for the European market. The need to be competitive is obvious.

UNIDO in strengthening the competitiveness of small businesses in Ghana and the field presence of the EU, launched the West Africa Competitiveness Programme on 9th September 2021, and to date, 76 coaches have successfully completed the programme. The Cluster coach programme is a major success for SMEs in Ghana, and is expected to make substantial contribution to capacity building of SME owners and managers in the areas of their cost calculation, their marketing and packaging. The first cohort of 37 coaches graduated on the 14th December 2021, and a second cohort graduated on the 24th February 2022. Presently, 17 SMEs have successfully benefitted from the coaching received.

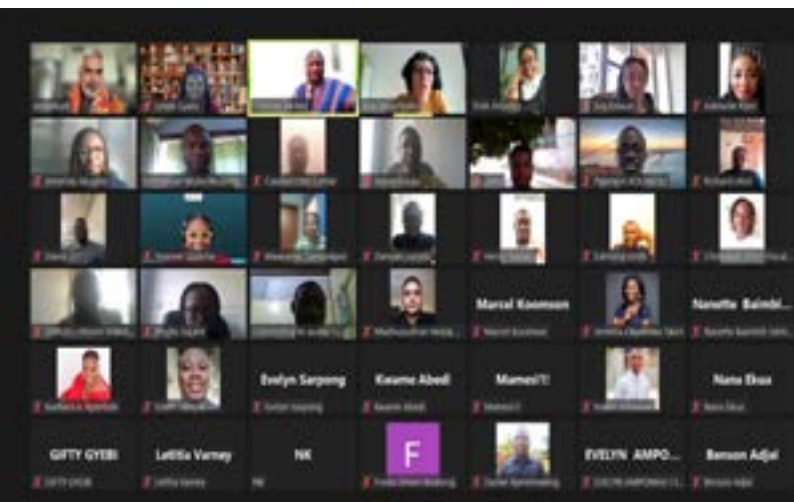
Sharing her success story, Deborah Achiaa Baffoe-Bonnie, CEO of Cedar Woman Limited, and a beneficiary of the coaching said, "I have a detailed document of my marketing plan and sales projection with the help of WACOMP coaching. The time spent with my coaches was worth it"

UNIDO, Ghana and Japan launch project to improve the quality of post-harvest processes in the rice value chain

As a joint effort of the Government of Ghana, Japan, and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), a 3.6-million-dollar project to strengthen the competencies of the Rice value chain to catalyze the use of modern technologies, realize higher value creation and comply with market requirements was launched on 18th February 2022.

The project seeks to build the capacity of value chain actors - mainly farmers, agro-traders, crop processors, and public supporting institutions. The project will be implemented by UNIDO in coordination with the Ministry of Food and Agriculture and the Government of Japan under the funding scheme of the Government of Japan.

The formal launch of the project was marked by a ceremony bringing together the Government of Ghana, represented by Mr. Yaw Frimpong Addo, Honourable Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture, Mr. Hisanobu Mochizuki, Japan's Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana and Mr. Fakhruddin Azizi, UNIDO's Representative in Ghana.



Scenshot of virtual graduation of coaches held on 24th February 2022



UNIDO Representative Mr. Azizi [L] and Japan Ambassador, H.E. Mochizuki exchanging MoU

Bridging the gender inequality gap from the grassroots

Women and young people are the future of our world. Yet when it comes to political leadership, women are still vastly underrepresented. The statistics on gender inequality in Ghana are sobering. Despite some progress in bringing more women into government, there is still a long way to go in order to bridge the gender inequality gap in Ghana. Therefore, it is incumbent on all stakeholders to work towards bridging the gender inequality gap.

In this regard, about 250 women and youth participants in five selected districts where UNDP has been providing COVID-19 recovery support to the local assemblies, benefited from a leadership and advocacy training. The participants included assembly women and aspirants, representatives of queen mothers, youth groups, and other relevant community leaders/members, and persons with disability. The participants were engaged in discussions on the extent to which society expects women to behave a certain way, and how this limits their ability to perform their duties. The participants were also encouraged to share their experiences regarding the gender inequality gap, and how they can work to bridge the gap in their communities. [Read more.](#)



Women and youth co-creating solutions to bridge the gender inequality gap in Ghana

New prison reform project takes off

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Ghana Prisons Service, in partnership with the US Embassy in Ghana, have launched a three-year prison reform project. The initiative aims at strengthening the compliance of the Ghana Prisons Service with the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, otherwise referred to as the [Nelson Mandela Rules](#).

Funded by the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) in the State Department of the United States of America, the project will focus on improving prison conditions, including health and basic services, the classification, categorization and allocation of prisoners as per their individual risk and needs and on enhancing prisoners' access to sustainable rehabilitation programmes. [Read more.](#)



Officials at the launch of the project



Ghana co-hosts second Global Disability Summit

The Global Disability Summit 2022, the second of its kind, has taken place with participants reaffirming their commitment to “ensuring that political will and leadership generate lasting and meaningful change for persons with disabilities.” They further committed to accelerate disability inclusion through effective collaborations.

The 2022 Summit was held [virtually](#) due to COVID-19, and streamed live on 16 and 17 February. It was organized by the International Disability Alliance (IDA) and co-hosted by the Government of Ghana and the Government of Norway. It

aimed at mobilizing efforts for the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo of Ghana applauded the tireless efforts of disability champions helping to ensure disability inclusion. He said, “embracing disability inclusion would enhance access to a talent pool for national development,” adding that “leaving no one behind” means countries have an obligation of reaching those furthest behind and prioritising their needs.

Speaking at the Summit from Accra, the Executive Director of

the Ghana Federation of Disability Organizations (GFD), Madam Rita Kusi Kyeremaa, said, as a co-host of the Summit, Ghana ought to demonstrate and provide leadership to other African countries and the world in ensuring disability inclusive development.

Participants across the spectrum during Youth Summit and the Civil Society Forum, as well as from Regional Summits, demonstrated the breadth and depth of their commitment to disability inclusive development and humanitarian action across regions and areas of work.

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UN Resident Coordinator, Mr. Charles Abani [L]; Norway’s Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana, Ingrid Mollestad [M]; and Mr. Niyi Ojuolape UNFPA Country Rep. [2nd from R] admiring some of the products at the exhibition stand

2020 Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis report for Ghana launched

The Government of Ghana (GoG), through the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MoFA) and the Ghana Statistical Service (GSS), in collaboration with the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) conducted a nationwide Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis (CFSVA) for Ghana in 2020.

The Report, published in December 2021, revealed some interesting findings that suggest a need to review Ghana's food and nutrition interventions to improve food security - availability, access, utilisation and stability.

The analysis found that 3.6 million of Ghana's population, representing 11.7%, are food insecure. Those found to be food insecure are those in larger household size, households with less educated heads,

male-headed households and households that have access to lands for farming. The analysis was conducted under the World Bank Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility. Access the report [here](#).



World Vision Ghana receives UNESCO-Japan prize on Education for Sustainable Development

UNESCO Ghana has presented the award for the UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development

to World Vision Ghana, one of [three laureates](#) to have won the award. World Vision Ghana received the award for their

outstanding literacy project, "[Unlock Literacy Project](#)", that seeks to improve children's core reading skills.



Officials from World Vision Ghana proudly display their award of \$50,000

World AIDS Day marked in Accra

A new UNAIDS [report](#) warns that if leaders fail to tackle inequalities, the world could face 7.7 million AIDS-related deaths over the next ten years.

On World AIDS Day, Ghana joined the rest of the world to mark the Day with advocacy, street sensitization initiatives and a national public event to intensify messaging to end complacency and to deal with inequalities. The Day also provided an opportunity to tell the positive stories of how UNAIDS, the Ghana AIDS Commission and partners are working together to end AIDS.



ABOVE: A volunteer holding a placard on the street. BELOW: Dignitaries at the WAD national event.



Students interpret human rights through artworks

The United Nations Information Centre in Ghana marked the 2021 Human Rights Day with an outreach event, engaging some 100 students and staff of the Ghana Christian International High School, in Dodowa, Accra. During the session, selected students from the Junior and Senior High classes shared their interpretations of human rights through their own artworks that were displayed during the event. [Read more.](#)



An artwork by Ms. Zamba-Zamba Inass of Ghana Christian International High School

UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS



Health

[International Strategic Dialogue](#) on Non-Communicable Diseases and Sustainable Development Goals
12 April 2022; Accra, Ghana



Trade

[World Trade Promotion Organizations Conference and Awards](#) co-hosted with the Ghana Export Promotion Authority.
17 - 18 May 2022; Accra, Ghana



SDGs

[Voluntary National Review at the High Level Political Forum](#) (HLPF) at the United Nations (UN)
July 2022, New York



Climate Change

[27th session of the Parties](#) (COP27) to the UNFCCC
1 - 18 November; Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt

The poster features the event title at the top, followed by the date and time: ACCRA - GHANA, 12 APRIL 2022, 09:00 - 12:30 GMT. It includes three speaker portraits: Mark Agye-Dankwa (Minister of Health), Jonathan Nyan (Ambassador of Norway), and Dr. Tedros Adhanom (Director-General of WHO). The poster also contains key messages and a QR code for registration.

INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIC DIALOGUE ON NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (NCDs) AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

ACCRA - GHANA | 12 APRIL 2022 | 09:00 - 12:30 GMT

Mark Agye-Dankwa
Minister of Health

Jonathan Nyan
Ambassador of Norway

Dr. Tedros Adhanom
Director-General, World Health Organization

WHY WE NEED AN INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIC DIALOGUE
In the Political Declaration of the 75th High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) 2012, governments committed to scale up efforts to the benefit of "State and Environment, to provide strategic leadership for the prevention and control of NCDs by promoting greater policy coherence and coordination through whole-of-government and health-in-all-policies approaches and by engaging stakeholders in an appropriate, coordinated, comprehensive and integrated, just, whole-of-society action and response."

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
To discuss the NCDs agenda at the level of "State and Environment" and to explore the role of the private sector and civil society in the prevention and control of NCDs.

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