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INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH & TRANSFORMATION

UN Ghana harnesses engagement opportunities to support Ghana achieve the SDGs



Panel discussion during AFRIWOCC. ©UNIC Accra

The United Nations in Ghana continues to influence critical thinking and policy decisions in areas that are vital to nation building and development in alignments with its current Cooperation Framework. By exploring unique engagement opportunities and collaborating with key partners, both new and old, the UN is leveraging its collective thought leadership to stimulate discussions around some critical areas, including climate action, resource mobilization, innovative financing solutions for Small and Medium-Scale Enterprises, digitalization and human rights.

In August, the UN in Ghana supported the Samira Empowerment and Humanitarian Projects-led conference on “Amplifying the Voices of Women and Children in Climate Action. The two-day Africa Women and Children Conference (AFRIWOCC) brought together high-level officials, including the United Nations Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Amina Mohammed, policymakers, experts, representatives from international organizations, civil society, and community leaders to drive conversations towards finding meaningful solutions to the adverse effect of climate change on women and children.

UNICEF, UNDP, UN Women and UNFPA provided both technical and financial resources towards the successful organization of AFRIWOCC. For instance, UNICEF enabled the inclusion of youth perspectives in discussions on the impact of climate change on young people.

U-Reporters joined the conference to share insightful opinions of children and young people on the impact of climate change in Ghana. Thanks to UNICEF, Joshua Amponsem, the founder of Green Africa Youth Organization hosted a panel discussion on 'Breaking Barriers and Increasing Representation in Climate Action: Empowering Women and Children in Africa', which included on the panel, Hon. Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Lariba Zuweira Abudu, and UNICEF Chief in charge of WASH, Ramesh Bhusal.



UN Resident Coordinator, Mr. Charles Abani addressing the audience ©UNIC Accra



H.E Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo (left) and the 2nd Lady, H.E Samira Bawumia. ©UNDP

Subsequent to the conference, UNICEF hosted an X-Space on climate change and youth, featuring U-Reporters. The views expressed would certainly go a long way to influence policy decisions and solutions to climate change on young people.

The Office of the UN Resident Coordinator further facilitated the participation of AFRIWOCC at the Africa Climate Summit in Nairobi.

In September, the UN offered its unwavering support to Ghana's engagement in the SDG Summit that took place in New York.

It supported Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs when it held its Annual Conference and the West Africa Regional Conference in Accra, to encourage the adoption of best approaches in developing the Small and Growing Business sector of the region.

Again, the UN provided valuable insights into the event planning and organization and facilitated space for investment in disability inclusion by the private sector.



Group photo of UN staff at the AFRIWOCC event. ©UNIC Accra



The UN Resident Coordinator, Mr. Charles Abani [L] interacting with the audience. ©UNIC Accra

Ghana International Cluster Conference 2023 demonstrates impact on product quality and market access



Group photo of participants at the 2nd Ghana International Cluster Conference held in Accra on the 22nd August 2023. ©UNIDO/Linda Gyala Hofe

The second Ghana International Cluster Conference has taken place in Accra. Held in partnership with the European Union (EU) and the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MoTI), the conference registered over 200 participants from the African Union Commission, ECOWAS Commission, Federation of the West African Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FEWACCI), representatives of AUDA/NEPAD, Business Councils and cluster practitioners from Ghana, Liberia, South Africa, Nigeria, Uganda and Morocco.

It was under the theme, “Ghanaian Clusters, A Driving Force for the Economy”. It created a platform to exhibit different pioneering cassava, fruits and cosmetic products developed by UNIDO implemented project, West Africa Competitiveness Programme (WACOMP)-supported cluster groups in Ghana.

It facilitated discussions on joint cluster actions towards competitiveness, compliance to standards, innovative financing, market integration through the AfCFTA within the fruit, cosmetics, and cassava value chains. [Read more.](#)

Youth outreach benefits 803 KNUST students



Group photo of the students with UNIDO team Joseph Yeboah (4th seated in front) and Linda Gyala Hofe (5th seated in front row)
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To promote youth entrepreneurship and to raise awareness on food safety and quality assurance, a two-day capacity building seminar has taken place in Kumasi for the students of the College of Agribusiness and College of Science, Food Science Department, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology.

The seminar also sought to encourage KNUST students to be advocates of the upgraded KNUST Food Science laboratory, set up by UNIDO to provide testing services to support the food processing industry in the middle and northern belts of Ghana.

A total of 803 students and teaching assistants participated in the seminar. They were introduced to the UNIDO cluster development approach, agribusiness opportunities and on key elements of business visibility, communication and branding and Quality Infrastructure (QI) Systems and application of food safety management tools.

United Bank for Africa (UBA) & UNDP sign MoU to boost inclusive & green entrepreneurship in Ghana



Angela Lusigi, UNDP Resident Representative in Ghana and Chris Ofikulu, Managing Director of UBA Ghana and Regional Chief Executive Officer of UBA West Africa in a hand-shake to symbolize the partnership. ©UNID/Abdul-Rahim Naa Abdul-Lahie

The United Bank for Africa (UBA) Plc and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to support youth and women-led Micro, Small, and Medium-scale Enterprises (MSMEs) in Ghana.

This strategic partnership aims to enable these enterprises to scale up their businesses, create more jobs, generate increased revenue, and contribute to reduced environmental impact.

Through this collaboration, UBA and UNDP will jointly work towards providing support, resources, and opportunities to youth and women entrepreneurs in the MSME sector. By empowering these vital segments of the economy, the partnership aims to drive inclusive economic growth, foster innovation, and promote sustainable practices in Ghana. [Read more.](#)

UN in Ghana continues to support return and reintegration of Ghanaian migrants



Ghanaian migrants arriving at the airport in Accra. ©IOM Ghana/Randi-Lyn Miller

On 24 August, IOM Ghana, with funding from the European Union and in collaboration with key Government of Ghana agencies, welcomed 162 Ghanaian migrants who voluntarily returned from Libya via charter flight.

“Life in Libya was not as easy as I imagined. I was injured while working as a mason and now I suffer from blindness in both eyes. Life will be a bit more difficult for me now, but I am hopeful that things will improve. I thank God I arrived safely – I’m just happy to be back home,” one returnee told IOM.

Going forward, IOM will work with migrants to provide them with tailored reintegration assistance. This support encompasses economic, social, and psychosocial aspects, aiming to empower migrants to achieve a level of self-sufficiency, social stability, and psychosocial well-being that makes their further migration decisions a matter of choice rather than necessity.

IOM, Government and other migration stakeholders are committed to applying gender-sensitive and responsive approaches to ensure no one is left behind during reintegration processes. This commitment was reaffirmed in a 2-day workshop in Accra in September during which representatives from 17 countries across Sub-Saharan Africa explored gender dynamics of reintegration.



**HEALTH &
SOCIAL
SERVICES**



UN forges a strategic partnership with Government to boost child nutrition & support local fishery



School meal cooks hold up an example of a fish product to be integrated into school meals. ©FAO/Mark Offei

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Government of Ghana have forged a strategic partnership to bolster child nutrition and support the livelihoods of small-scale fishers. In July 2023, both institutions unveiled a policy on integrating fish into school meal programs.

The Ghana School Feeding Programme (GSFP), launched in 2005, has been instrumental in providing nourishment to over 3.8 million students across the country. The GSFP has also generated employment opportunities for approximately 11,000 caterers. Nevertheless, a recent FAO study conducted in 2019 to assess school feeding programs in 33 countries, including Ghana, highlighted difficulties in sourcing high-quality and nutritious ingredients.

The inclusion of small fish in GSFP is expected to improve the nutritional value of school meals. FAO in collaboration with the Government of Ghana are thus strengthening the linkages between the local small-scale fisheries post-harvest sector and the GSFP to adopt a holistic food systems approach to maximize the program's impact on children's nutrition and

a technical brief and cookbook on incorporating small fish in the meals of school-aged children have been disseminated to build capacity, enhance the skills of caterers, and establish the importance of fish in the Ghanaian food system.

This partnership will also facilitate the local and regional procurement of foods for school meals while assessing the anticipated effect on educational, nutritional, agricultural, and economic outcomes.

Promoting "Better Nutrition" is one of the core pillars outlined in FAO's Strategic Framework for 2022-2031. [Read more.](#)

Transforming Ghana's health sector through quality leadership



Health sector leaders undergoing 360 leadership training per the WHO leadership programme. ©WHO Ghana

Achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC), where all people have access to the health services they need, when and where they need them, and without financial hardship, requires a critical look at health sector reforms.

In its quest for attainment, Ghana identified health sector governance and leadership across the different components of the health system, including, infrastructure, medicines and medical products, health workers, health information, and health systems financing, as well as the interactions between them, as an area requiring some attention if there could be any progress.

The WHO Leadership Programme for Health Transformation (LHT) in Africa programme aims to build the necessary leadership and management competencies to enable senior leaders in the health sector transform health outcomes in their countries.

At the 70th Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa, held in August 2020, Ministers of Health recommended that the LHT be extended to Ministries of Health in the Region.

In Ghana, WHO and the Ministry of Health, with support from the UK Department of Health and Social Care through the health workforce programme are leveraging the programme to build the necessary leadership and management competencies to drive its reform agenda and effectively address the rapidly evolving health sector needs. [Read more.](#)

Renewed hope for all people living with viral hepatitis in Ghana



Thomas Abanga receiving instruction on his free HEP C medicine as part of the STOP HEP C project ©WHO Ghana

In his village, Uwasi, in Ghana's Upper East Region, Thomas Abanga, 27, has seen all too often how viral hepatitis can bring tragedy. "I have attended funerals of friends and family members who died from viral hepatitis.

So when I was diagnosed with hepatitis C, I lost hope and thought I would die anytime soon," says Thomas.

However, 2 years after his diagnosis, Thomas is beaming healthily, thanks to Ghana's growing hepatitis C response. [Read more.](#)

Catching up on missed childhood vaccinations

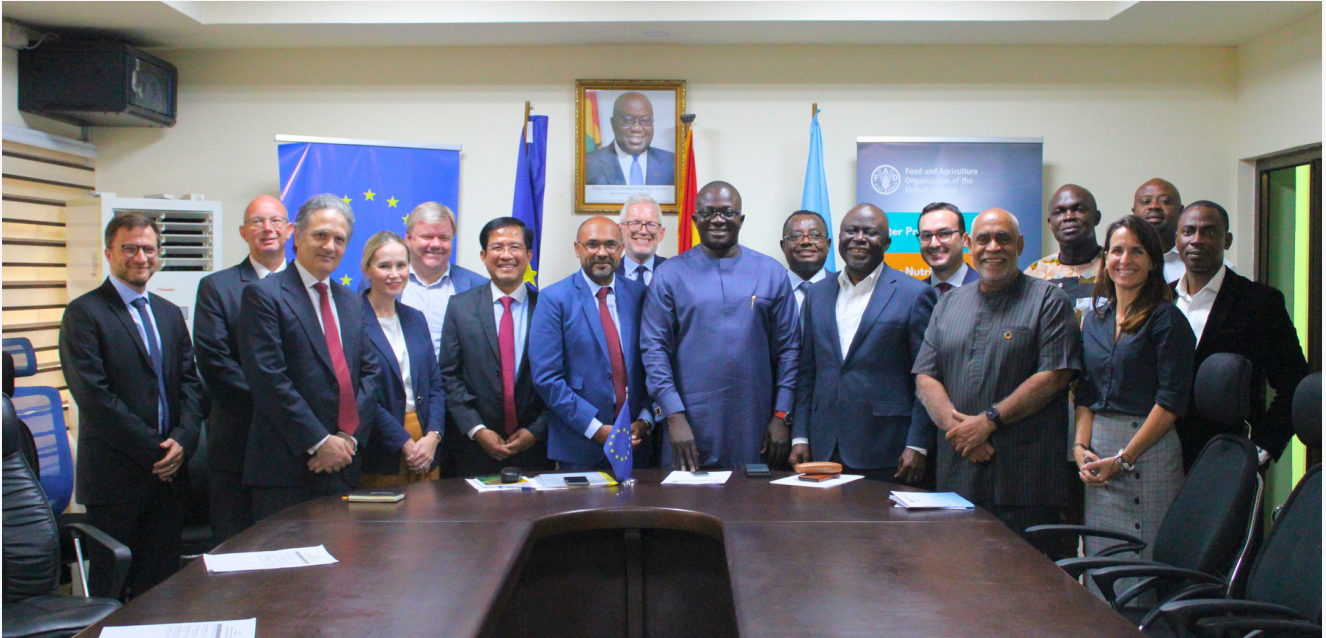


Dufe Dodzi receives his childhood immunization during a catchup outreach after he initially missed vaccinations due to COVID-19. ©WHO Ghana

COVID-19 pandemic-related disruptions meant that mother Beauty Setornyo was afraid to take her son Dufe Dodzi from their island home in Ghana's Oti Region, to the mainland health centre for his routine childhood vaccinations, leaving him vulnerable to diseases such as measles, polio and yellow fever.

With the support of WHO and partners, missed children like Dufe are catching up. [Read more.](#)

New European Union-funded project to boost food security in northern Ghana



Group picture of dignitaries at the signing ceremony ©FAO Ghana

In the face of escalating global challenges, the European Union (EU) and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) are taking a decisive step towards alleviating food insecurity and malnutrition in Northern Ghana.

The 10 million Euro EU-funded "EU Food Security Response in Northern Ghana" project, was launched in September in collaboration with the Ministry of Food and Agriculture. It provides much-needed support and hope for vulnerable households grappling with the harsh impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, conflict in Ukraine, and climate variability.

The project, covering at least 10,000 households (approx. 50,000 people) over three agricultural seasons, will promote crop-specific, agroecological systems and sustainable development practices, targeting key value chains such as maize, millet, sorghum, soybean, groundnut, vegetables (tomato), poultry, and piggery. The comprehensive approach includes

providing agricultural inputs, training on climate-adapted farming practices, improving grain storage technologies, promoting organic fertilizer use, and harnessing solar-powered irrigation solutions.

"This [project] represents the commitment and solidarity of the EU and its Member States in the face of the rising cost of food and to safeguard food security and transitioning to more resilient food systems in Ghana," said the EU Ambassador to Ghana, Irchad Razaaly.

The signing ceremony was attended by the FAO Representative to Ghana, Yurdi Yasmi, the UN Resident Coordinator, Mr. Charles Abani, and the Minister for Food and Agriculture, Hon. Bryan Acheampong. [Read more.](#)



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Strengthening community resilience to combat violent extremism in West Africa



Angela Lusigi [R], the UNDP Resident Representative in Ghana and H.E. Mr. Tom Nørring [L], Denmark Ambassador in Ghana signing the project document ©UNDP/Abdul-Rahim Naa Abdul-Lahie

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has initiated a new project, funded by the Government of Denmark, to enhance peace and security in Ghana, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, and Togo.

The project, titled "Strengthening Community Resilience and Engagement to Prevent and Respond to Violent Extremism in Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, and Togo," aims to address the underlying causes of radicalization that lead to violent extremism.

Additionally, it focuses on enhancing the communities' capacity to respond to and resist such threats.

The project will foster stability and build resilient communities in the coastal West African countries of Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, and Togo, address the drivers of radicalization, towards mitigating the risks associated with violent extremism. **[Read more.](#)**

UN in Ghana advances on implementation of Global Compact for Migration

In the last quarter, the UN in Ghana made significant progress on the contextualization and implementation of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) in Ghana – thanks to the European Union-funded project "EU-UN Building Migration Partnership" implemented by IOM on behalf of the UN Network on Migration (UNNM).

In July, the UNNM in Ghana held a 3-day consultative workshop with key governmental agencies, the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and the main trade union with a substantial mandate on migration.

Participants mapped out existing coordination structures for both government and non-government stakeholders and identified entry points in Ghana's national planning processes to incorporate migration related actions for budget allocation. Workshop participants also put together actionable proposals for CHRAJ on how migration and GCM implementation can be captured by their monitoring and reporting mechanisms.

All these inputs will inform the development of the GCM National Implementation Plan. In parallel, a comprehensive needs assessment on migration governance and a stakeholder analysis was conducted, validated by migration stakeholders in September. Key takeaways from the validation meeting included a finalized report detailing comprehensive recommendations that will inform a GCM national implementation plan for Ghana.

The UNNM also continued supporting the GoG to strengthen its coordination on migration which culminated in a draft Terms of Reference (ToRs) for a new national coordination mechanism in August and validation of the ToRs in September by the Ghana Inter-Agency Technical Working Group on Migration (IATWG).

This collaborative effort between the UNNM in Ghana and migration stakeholders paves the way for improved migration governance in Ghana.



Meeting to validate the Terms of Reference for a new national coordination mechanism on migration on 5 September in Accra. ©IOM Ghana/Juliane Reissig

UN Ghana continues to support Government to enhance border security

In a roundtable meeting held in September, facilitated by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), border and identity management agencies of the Government of Ghana explored and agreed on the need to institutionalize a unified approach to community engagement and policing.

Representatives from state security and intelligence institutions, ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) discussed how to strengthen the capacities of border management agencies to institutionalize and replicate successful community policing and engagement interventions. They also explored ways to respond to border management challenges, such as managing irregular crossing points and facilitating the mobility of border residents. The Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs of the Government of the United States of America continues to support these crucial interventions in and with border communities to strengthen Ghana's borders.

What's more, in July, IOM Ghana, in coordination with the United Nations Countering Terrorist Travel Programme (CTTP) and the National Civil Aviation Security Committee (NCASC), facilitated a roundtable to work towards the establishment of an Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) System in Ghana. The hybrid meeting with members of the NCASC discussed Ghana's progress and the next steps towards the implementation of an API/PNR System across four pillars – legal and regulatory frameworks; technical infrastructure; carrier engagement; and operational standards – as well as international best practices.

CTTP is a global initiative of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) implemented in partnership with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), the United Nations Office of Information and Communication Technology (UNOICT), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and IOM.



Adelaide Anno-Kumi, Chief Director at the Ministry of the Interior, speaking at a roundtable on the institutionalization of community engagement and policing. ©IOM Ghana/Juliane Reissig



**ENVIRONMENT &
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Seeds of change towards forests of prosperity: Communities working to restore degraded forests in the northern savannah zone of Ghana



Briwana Nape caring for her nursery. ©UNDP Ghana/Ernestina Ocansey

Ghana's shea industry generates employment and income for about a million rural women in northern Ghana. These women are mostly involved in gathering and processing shea fruits into butter.

However, the land in the savannah zone is facing a great threat with declining forest cover mostly due to conversion to agriculture, tree cutting for timber and wood fuels and bush fires.

This poses a threat to the thriving shea business and endangers the livelihoods of many, especially women who heavily depend on it.

A nursery initiative under the Ghana Shea Landscape Emissions Reduction project, being implemented by the Forestry Commission (FC) of Ghana, in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Global Shea Alliance and multiple national and local institutions, civil society organizations and private sector actors, is supporting women like Briwana to address the alarming deforestation and forest degradation challenges in the Northern zone of Ghana.

The project is being supported by the Green Climate Fund (GCF). [Read more.](#)

New project to enhance the agricultural sector's productivity and sustainability begins

Field visits conducted by UN University-Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA) in Senegal and Ghana show that farmers face numerous difficulties, such as finding buyers for their produce, labour-intensive processes, inadequate infrastructure, and financial constraints. To address these challenges and enhance agricultural productivity, supportive interventions covering adequate investments, improved technologies, access to markets, and capacity building must be put in place.

In July, UNU-INRA organised an inception workshop for its latest project, "Innovate for Clean Agricultural Technologies (INFOCAT)" in Dakar, Senegal. The workshop was attended by representatives from International Development Research Centre (IDRC), partners ENDA Energie, INRA's operating unit in Côte d'Ivoire, and representatives from the Ministry of Energy in Senegal amongst other stakeholders.

The field visits were for project officers to prepare adequately for the launch of the project and get acquainted with some smallholder farmers. They observed and interacted with local farmers to gain valuable insights into the agricultural practices, challenges, and opportunities in both countries.

Funded by the IDRC, INFOCAT seeks to advance women's and youth economic empowerment in rural areas of selected African countries (Ghana, Senegal and Cote D'Ivoire), by promoting low-cost clean energy-powered technology solutions that increase agricultural productivity and income for smallholder rural farmers. ENDA Energie of Senegal is also a key partner.



INFOCAT Inception Workshop INRA team with stakeholders. ©UNU-INRA

UN Ghana participates in Africa Climate Week



ACW (some attendees of INRA side event from WASCAL) ©UNU-INRA

Africa is responsible for only a fraction of global greenhouse gas emissions but is suffering disproportionately from climate change, according to the State of the Climate in Africa 2022 regional report released by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

The report was released at the start of Africa Climate Week, which was held in parallel with Africa Climate Summit (ACS) in September under the theme “Driving Green Growth and Climate Finance Solutions for Africa and the World”. The report shows that the rate of temperature increase in Africa has accelerated in recent decades, with weather and climate-related hazards becoming more severe, putting over 110 million people on the continent at risk.

Yet financing for climate adaptation is only a drop in the ocean of what is needed. The ACS, a prelude to the Climate Ambition Summit, was held to address Africa’s increasing exposure to climate change and to take urgent action to mitigate these challenges.

The UN in Ghana was very much involved in the ACS. Aside from supporting Ghana to prepare for the ACS, national actors, including government officials and organization received various forms of support to enable them

participate in the conference. A number of UN agencies, funds and programmes provided technical support that helped to frame and guide the summit declaration. They also participated in the summit and held side events.

ILO Ghana supported a delegation from the Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations to participate in the Summit and prepared a speaker for the side event by the Ministry; UNDP supported Africa Women and Children Conference (AFRIWOCC) presence and pitch at the summit; UNU-INRA’s side event, attended by its Director, Ms. Fatima Denton, had the theme “All aboard! Energy, green minerals, planning processes for a just transition”. It explored new energy investments, current dynamics related to critical green minerals and how policy priorities can enable credible planning processes for Africa’s low carbon development towards making Africa energy rich.

UN Ghana continues its engagement with the government towards COP28 to convene from 30 November to 12 December 2023 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). Already, UNOPS is exploring a joint side event with SE4All on just transition.



UN Days and Observances



Ghana marks International Day of Peace with the launch of the “I Pledge for Peace” campaign

In a remarkable display of commitment to peace and in commemoration of the International Day of Peace, the United Nations, Ghana in collaboration with the National Peace Council (NPC), have launched the “I Pledge for Peace” campaign, a year-long campaign that seeks to strengthen messaging around peaceful elections in 2024 and create awareness of the need for tolerance, respect and mutual coexistence. With the nation poised for a pivotal election season in the not too future, the “I Pledge for Peace” campaign promises to bring together Ghanaians from all walks of life to make a strong commitment to uphold peace in the country before, during and after the 2024 presidential and parliamentary elections.

The “I Pledge for Peace” campaign seamlessly aligns with the theme for the International Day of Peace - Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals which is a call to action that recognizes individual and collective responsibility to foster peace. [Read more.](#)



Nana Asase, a Ghanaian Spoken Word Poet pledging for peace during the launch of the campaign.

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The winner of the campaign logo competition, Kelvin Essuman [1st from left] with 2nd and 3rd place winners in a group photo at the launch of the campaign in Accra. ©UNIC Accra

Ghana Launches 2023 Family Planning Week



Group photograph of partners and stakeholders at the launch of the 2023 National Family Planning Week.
©UNFPA Ghana

Identifying more options to increase domestic financing for family planning is critical to increase reach and ensure the sustenance of family planning interventions in the country.

This year's World Contraception Day was marked with the launch of Family Planning Week and a High-Level Advocacy Dialogue on Domestic Financing for Family Planning, in Accra under the theme: "Family Planning: My Choice, My Freedom."

The message of committing to collaborate to ensure effective financing and implementation of family planning programs in the country came strongly in the panel discussion, where Government stakeholders, the private sector, and development partners called for increased collaboration and commitment to increasing family planning access through increased funding. [Read more.](#)

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons



Group photograph of partners and stakeholders at the launch of the 2023 National Family Planning Week.
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At the occasion of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on 31 July, IOM Ghana Chief of Mission, Fatou Diallo Ndiaye met with Abena Annobea Asare, Head of the Human Trafficking Secretariat at the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection.

Both parties reconfirmed their commitment to end human trafficking. It was an occasion to present tie-dye fabric created by a group of female trafficking survivors in a recent workshop funded by IOM's Global Assistance Fund. Equipped with this new skill, the survivors feel empowered to rebuild their lives.



Other Stories

Dr. Fatima Denton elected Vice-Chair of IPCC Working Group II



Prof. Fatima Denton

The Director of UN University – Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA), Dr. Fatima Denton has been elected as Vice-Chair to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Working Group II. Her elections on 29 July, at the end of the 59th Session of IPCC, is a testament of her immense contribution and knowledge on Climate Change.

Before joining UNU-INRA, Dr. Denton worked as Director of the Special Initiatives Division and Coordinator of the African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC) at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). Dr. Denton's research has centred on climate change adaptation, focusing on resilience systems in agriculture, water, and energy, principally in Africa. She works on the intersections of adaptation and mitigation, focusing on transition theories, not least green transitions, stranded assets, and minerals and extractives. She has served as a Lead Author and Co-ordinating Lead Author of the IPCC, contributing to reports and special reports over the past two decades.

UN hands over resources to Institutions of Higher Learning



FAO Country Director for Ghana and Deputy Regional Representative for Africa, Dr. Yurdi Yasmi (left) presenting the books to the University @FAO Ghana

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in August handed over over 8,000 publications to three institutions of higher learning, namely the University of Ghana, the Ghana Library Authority, and the University for Development Studies.

The handing over ceremony was held at the University of Ghana campus and was attended by Dr. Irene Susana Egyir, Dean of the School of Agriculture at the University of Ghana, representatives from the Ghana Library Authority, the University for Development Studies (UDS), and students from the University of Ghana.

Addressing the gathering, FAO Country Director for Ghana and Deputy Regional Representative for Africa, Dr. Yurdi Yasmi, said the presentation reflects FAO's commitment to fostering learning, knowledge sharing, and collaboration across the African continent. [Read more.](#)

5th cohort of UNFPA Ghana's Youth Leaders Fellowship arrive



The 5th Cohort of YoLe Fellows in a group photograph with staff and personnel of the UNFPA Ghana Country Office.
©UNFPA Ghana

Inaugurated in 2018 in line with the UN Secretary-General's Strategy on Youth, the Youth Leaders (YoLe) Fellowship Program has entered into its 5th chapter with the start of a new Cohort.

The 5th Cohort of YoLe Fellows have come in at the beginning of the implementation of UNFPA's 8th Country Programme of Cooperation (2023-2027), signed with the Government of Ghana.

They will build on the legacy of preceding cohorts by designing innovative solutions to accelerate development programming by the UNFPA Ghana Country, while undergoing a year of professional development training and engagement with UNFPA, an experience that will help them lead meaningful careers in all spheres of society within Ghana and the global community. [Read more.](#)

UNFPA, PRADA draws the curtain on maiden Fashion Expressions Programme



Some models cat walking in the designed clothes by trainees of the Fashion Expressions Programme. ©UNFPA Ghana

After months of training and industrial attachment with leading Ghanaian fashion brands, participants of the UNFPA, PRADA and International Needs Ghana skills training initiative have taken part in a fashion show to showcase their creativity and ingenuity.

Designed to promote women's empowerment and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), the programme leveraged the social and economic power of fashion to foster a deeper understanding of SRHR to reduce the vulnerability of participants to gender-based violence and harmful practices. [Read more.](#)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2023

October	November	December
Global Information Literacy Week; 24	AI Safety Summit; 1	2023 UN Peacekeeping Ministerial; 5-6
HL Pledging Event of InvestIn- Women Global Summit; 25	Africa Forum on Displacement 1-3	
Peace Begins With Her Activation; 25	The State of Food and Agriculture; 6	
HL Event to mark 20th anniv UN Convention Against Corruption; 31	Global Teachers Prize / Launch of the Global Report on the Teaching Profession; 7	
	Nationally Determined Contributions Annual Synthesis Report' 14	
	UNESCO Youth Forum; 14-15	
	SDG Investment Fair; 28	
	CO28; 30 - 12 Dec	

UN DAYS

- INT. DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY - 17
- UNITED NATIONS DAY - 24 OCT
- INTERNATIONAL DAY TO END IMPUNITY FOR CRIMES AGAINST JOURNALISTS - 02 NOV
- INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF SCIENCE AND PEACE, 9-15 NOVEMBER
- WORLD DIABETES DAY -14 NOV
- INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR TOLERANCE -16 NOV
- WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY - 20 NOV
- INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN - 25 NOV
- WORLD AIDS DAY - 01 DEC
- INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES - 03 DEC
- HUMAN RIGHTS DAY -10 DEC
- INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE DAY -12 DEC
- INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY -18 DEC



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