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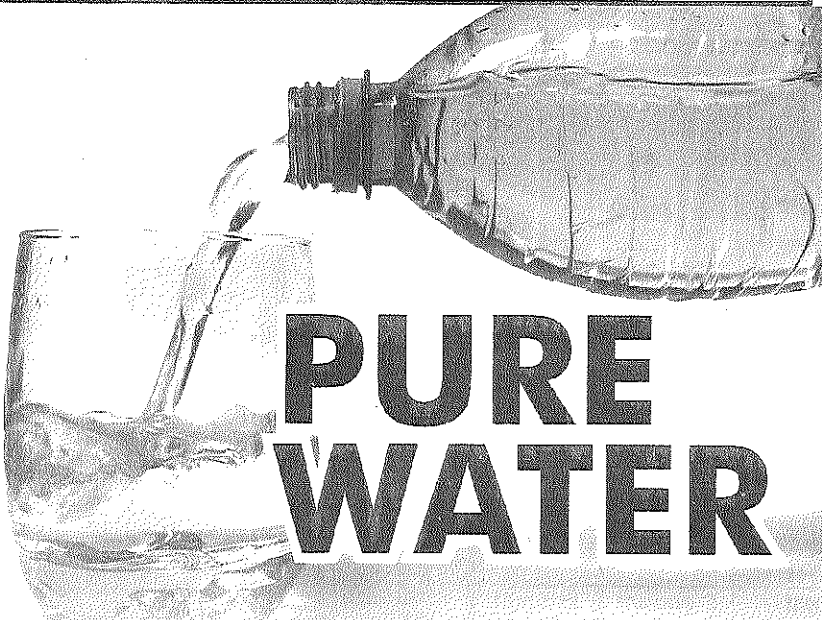


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It takes extreme amounts of water before you reach "too much water" so drink water throughout the day.

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GIZ - EU sponsored skills development initiative hits Ashanti



H. E Christoph Retzlaff, the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Ghana and H.E. William Hanna, the Ambassador of the European Union to Ghana, in a group picture with relevant institutional stakeholders in a group picture after the launch.

By Seth KRAMPAH, Kumasi

The Ghana Skills Development Initiative (GSDI) III has officially outdoored its activities in the Ashanti Region with new support from the European Union at a brief but colourful ceremony in Kumasi.

On behalf of the German Government and implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH in cooperation with the Council for Technical Vocational Education and Training (COTVET), GSDI seeks to improve the quality of the traditional apprenticeship system in the informal sector to enhance skills and qualifications.

The current phase (GSDI III) started in April 2016 and is co-funded by the European Union under its Ghana Employment and Social Protection Programme (GESPP).

The project supports the introduction of competency based training (CBT) standards and a cooperative training model. It combines both workplace-based training in the informal sector and school-based training modules at selected TVET training providers.

In an address the German Ambassador to Ghana H. E Christoph Retzlaff said young people need skills to build secure livelihood for themselves and that the German approach has been adapted to the Ghanaian context.

The Minister of Education in a speech read on his behalf by the Acting Vice-Chancellor of the Kumasi Technical University, Prof. Mike A. Acheampong, highlighted the support that the German Development Cooperation has been providing to the TVET sector over the last five years.

According to him since 2012, a total of 16 training providers and 10 trade associations cooperated on the implementation of the cooperative apprenticeship training for 232 apprentices and 232 master crafts persons in 3 regions and in 5 trade areas in Ghana.

In March 2016, 188 apprentices representing 81% successfully achieved their assessments and received a nationally recognized National Proficiency Certificate.

GSDI will now expand to 3 additional trade areas and 2 agricultural value chains. It will also reach out to 3 additional regions - amongst them the Ashanti Region. The new financial support from the EU will contribute to this up scaling.

The EU Ambassador to Ghana, H.E. William Hanna, said the launch of the GSDI III IN Ashanti marked the beginning of a new partnership between Ghana and the European Union in the area of skills development which is partnership to invest in the youth.

After the inaugural ceremony the representative of the institutional stakeholders, took a tour of the KTI and interacted with some of the students who had been engaged in their training activities.

The KTI is one of the training providers, which will participate in the programme and introduce Competency Based Training, CBT courses for apprentices, workers and master crafts persons as part of the developed cooperative apprenticeship training system.

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So far, GSDI has been working in five trade areas (electronics, garment, welding, cosmetology, and auto mechanics) and three regions (Greater Accra, Volta, and Northern). GSDI III will expand to 3 additional trade areas, 3 additional regions, and 2 agricultural value chains.

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH is a global service provider in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development with around 16,400 employees. GIZ has over 50 years of experience in a wide variety of areas, including economic development and employment, energy and the environment, and peace and security.

GIZ's business volume exceeds 2 billion Euros. As a public-benefit federal enterprise, GIZ supports the German Government particularly, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) as well as public and private sector clients in around 130 countries in achieving their objectives in international cooperation.

With this objective, GIZ works together with its partners to develop effective solutions that offer people better prospects and sustainably improve their living conditions.

Currently, GIZ promotes sustainable development in Ghana through 48 programmes and projects. Its activities cover currently three priority areas: Agriculture, Governance and Sustainable Economic Development. Additionally, GIZ's portfolio extends to other areas such as peace and security and renewable energy. Another focus of GIZ's work is linking business interests with development-policy goals. Most of the programmes and projects they support in Ghana have successfully brought together national and international private companies, the public sector, and civil society groups to collaborate on development initiatives.

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EU supports technical education in Ghana

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He was speaking at the official launch of phase three of the Ghana Skills Development Initiative (GSDI) in Kumasi.

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Prevent corruption in education sector

STAKEHOLDERS in Ghana's education sector have stressed the need for a collective effort to find solutions to risks that may engender corruption in the sector.

They said while the risks were well-known and had been documented, it was important to address the root causes so as to prevent them from escalating into corruption in the education sector.

Speaking at a launch of a documentary on basic education in Ghana themed, "Highlighting the corruption risks in basic education in Ghana", in Accra, by the Ghana Integrity Initiative (GII), with funding from the Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA), Mr Samuel Kaninda, Transparency International Regional Coordinator for West Africa, said it was 'time for action' to be taken on the risks identified by the stakeholders.

Mr Kaninda said there could be no talk of sustainable development of any country without a good educational system, thus the need to address corruption and risks of corruption in the sector.

He noted that TI, the mother organisation of the GII, had been working on the issue of corruption in education for a while, with its 2013 Global Corruption Index focused on the educational sector, and highlighted some of the issues in the documentary in other countries.

Mr Kaninda stated that there was the need to invest more time, energy and resources into getting to the bottom of the challenges in the sector.

"Unless we rally and get citizens from all sectors involved in the fight against corruption, sustainable change will not be achieved," he stated.

The documentary was produced under the Transparency and Accountability for Higher Quality Education in West Africa (TAHQEWA) Project, which sought to build transparency and accountability in the education systems of three West African countries: Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire and Niger, by identifying corruption risks and challenges and applying effective measures to counter them.

The project was carried out at the basic level in the Asante Akyem South, Gomaa East, Assin South, Bolgatanga, South Tongu and Berekum districts.

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Mr. Reizlaff said his country has the second lowest youth unemployment rate in the EU (7.2 per cent), which was achieved largely because of the priority put on vocational training.

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ISIN	SECURITIES	BIDS (AMT) TENDERED (GH¢ (M))	BIDS (AMT) ACCEPTED (GH¢ (M))	RANGE OF BID RATES (% P.A.)	BID RATES ALLOTTED IN FULL (%P.A.)			WEIGHTED AVG. RATES FOR THE WEEK 6 TH - 10 TH FEB. 2017 (%P.A)
					Discount Rate	Interest Rate	Discount Rate	
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GHGGOG044140	182 Day Bill	GH¢151.16	GH¢121.02	15.0000-18.0000	15.0000-15.9000	16.2162-17.2732	15.6422	16.9694
GHGGOG044157	1 YR T/NOTE	GH¢231.25	GH¢231.25	17.0000-19.0000		17.0000-19.0000		19.0000

TARGET FOR 91/182 DAY T/BILL: GH¢ 1,059.00 Million
TARGET FOR 1 YEAR T/NOTE: GH¢ 100.00 Million

2. SUMMARY OF TENDER 1522 HELD ON 27TH JANUARY, 2017 FOR TREASURY BILLS AND NOTE

SECURITIES	TOTAL AMOUNT TENDERED	TOTAL AMOUNT SOLD
91 AND 182 DAY BILLS	GH¢1,101.51 Million	GH¢1,070.11 Million
5 YEAR T/BOND	GH¢420.14 Million	GH¢369.47 Million

3. TARGET FOR TENDER 1524

SECURITIES	AMOUNT
91 AND 182 DAY BILLS	GH¢1,019.00 MILLION
2 YEAR T/NOTE	GH¢400.00 MILLION

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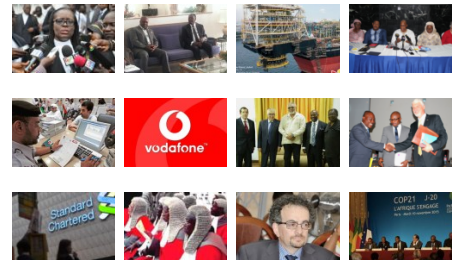
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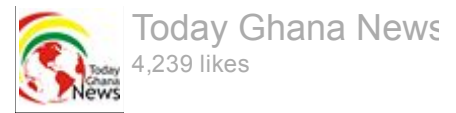
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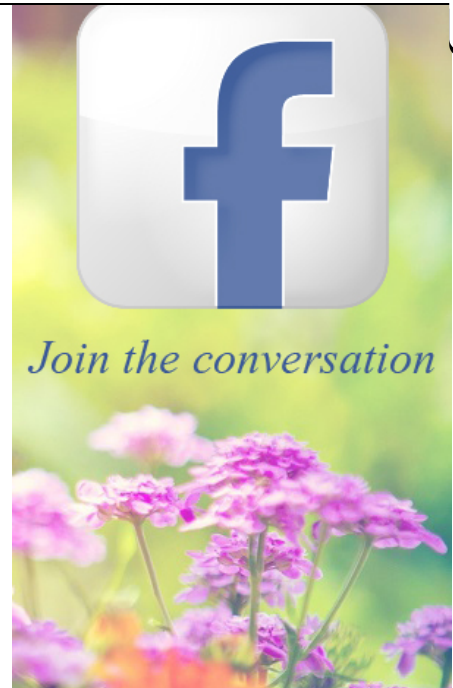


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By Bernard Busulwa | Business & Financial Times, Ghana
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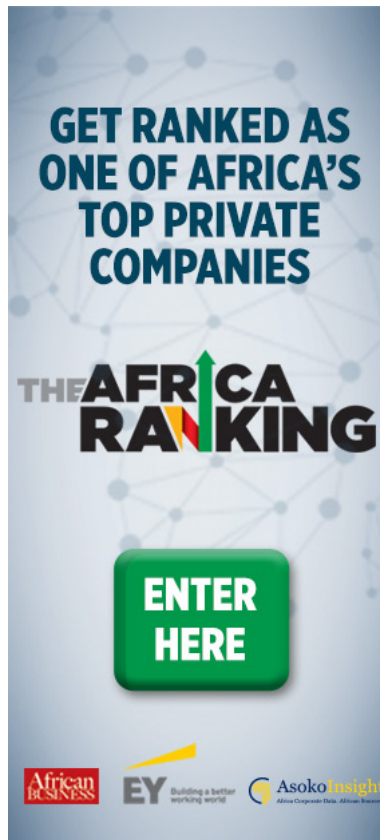
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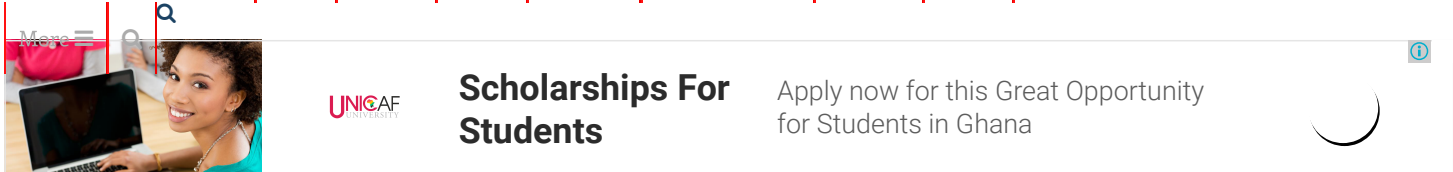
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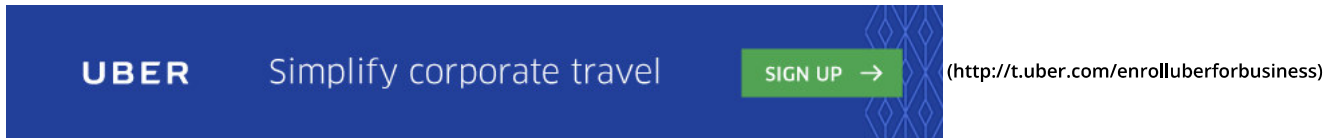
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The German and EU Ambassadors to Ghana will today join the Minister of Education (MoE), Mr Matthew Opoku Prempeh, in Kumasi to launch the “Ghana Skills Development Initiative” (GSDI III) in Ashanti Region.

This is the beginning of a new partnership between Ghana and the European Union in the area of skills development.

The new project aims to improve the quality of the traditional apprenticeship system, by enhancing skills and qualifications of the apprentices from the informal sector.

The project is commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and co-funded by the European Union.

It is implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH in cooperation with the Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (COTVET) and other public and private sector stakeholders.

Its current phase, GSDI III, started in April 2016 and is co-funded by the European Union under its Ghana “Employment and Social Protection Programme” (GESPP). The EU formally joined GSDI from 1st October 2016.

The total budget of this action, for the period 2016-2019, is € 10.77 million (The EU contribution is € 7 million).

Between 2012 and 2016, GSDI was implemented in the following regions: Greater Accra Region, Northern and Volta Regions. The trade areas are: Electronics, Auto-mechanics, Garments, Cosmetology and Welding. Through the EU contribution, the action will cover three additional regions and three new trade areas.

A TVET component in the agriculture sector (ATVET) has also been introduced. Synergy between this project and the new “Market Oriented Agriculture Project” MOA, a future EU-German Cooperation Programme (€ 20 million from the EU + € 10 million from German Cooperation) is also foreseen.

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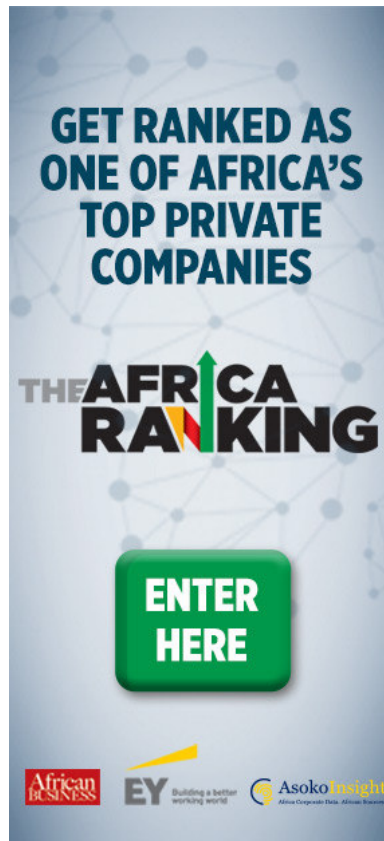
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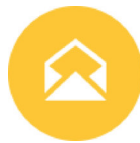
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Official Launching Ceremony Of GSDI III In Ashanti Region

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The Ghana Skills Development Initiative (GSDI) III has successfully launched its activities in the Ashanti Region with new support from the European Union at a ceremony at the Kumasi Technical Institute (KTI) in Kumasi.



On behalf of the German Government and implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH in cooperation with the Council for Technical Vocational Education and Training (COTVET), the GSDI seeks to improve the quality of the traditional apprenticeship system in the informal sector to enhance skills and qualifications. Its current phase (GSDI III) started in April 2016 and is co-funded by the European Union under its Ghana Employment and Social Protection Programme (GESP).

The ceremony was attended by H. E. Christoph Retzlaff, the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Ghana, H.E. William Hanna, the Ambassador of the European Union to Ghana, Hon. Matthew Opoku Prempeh, the Minister of Education, Sebastian Deh, the Executive Director of COTVET and over 100 guests from trade associations, members of the international community, traditional leaders, training providers and other GSDI partners.

The project supports the introduction of competency based training (CBT) standards and a cooperative training model. It combines both workplace-based training in the informal sector and school-based training modules at selected TVET training providers. "The strengths of the German approach were adapted to the Ghanaian context" stated the *German Ambassador* during his speech, while adding "Young people need skills to build secure livelihoods for themselves."

The Minister of Education, represented by the Acting Vice-Chancellor of the Kumasi Technical University, Prof. Mike A. Acheampong, highlighted the support that the German Development Cooperation has been providing to the TVET sector over the last five years. Since 2012, a total of 16 training providers and 10 trade associations cooperated on the implementation of the

cooperative apprenticeship training for 232 apprentices and 232 master craftspersons in 3 regions and in 5 trade areas in Ghana. In March 2016, 188 apprentices (81%) successfully achieved their assessments and received a nationally recognized *National Proficiency I* certificate.

GSDI will now expand to 3 additional trade areas and 2 agricultural value chains. It will also reach out to 3 additional regions – amongst them the Ashanti Region. The new financial support from the EU will contribute to this upscaling. “Today is the beginning of a new partnership between Ghana and the European Union in the area of skills development. Working together we are investing in youth.” said the *EU Ambassador*.

After the inaugural ceremony, the dignitaries present took a tour of the KTI and interacted with some of the students who were engaging in their training activities. The KTI is one of the training providers, which will participate in the programme and introduce CBT courses for apprentices, workers and master craftspersons as part of the developed cooperative apprenticeship training system.

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