

9 May 2012

Seminar on "The Future of EU-Ghana Partnership":

The Delegation of the European Union to Ghana in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning is organising a seminar on May 9, 2012 (Europe Day) on the theme "The Future of EU-Ghana Partnership". The seminar will offer the opportunity to exchange on the EU's new development policy "an Agenda for Change", on Ghana's development agenda and on the future EU aid portfolio. Each session will be introduced by high level and specialised panellists among Development Partners, Ghana Government Agencies, Civil Society organizations, and the Private Sector. A large category of stakeholders (GOG officials, NGO's, media, and private sector) will participate.

Time: 9:30 am to 4:30 pm at

Venue: Accra International Conference Centre.

The morning session is strictly by invitation

The afternoon session is open to the general public.

EU Reception

The Delegation will hold a reception on Wednesday 9th May 2012 at the residence of the Head of the Delegation.

Time: 6:30 pm.

It is strictly by invitation

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62 years ago, on 9th May, the French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman gave a historical speech which led to the creation of the European Union. On 1st January 2011, a new European Institution came into being: the European External Action Service (EEAS)



MOVIES

8 May 2012 (Goethe Institut)

The Italian Embassy in collaboration with the Goethe Institut presents an Italian film titled "UNO SU DUE". Original version (Italian) with English subtitles.

Director: Eugenio Cappuccio **Year:** 2006 **Running time:** 100 min
Main Actors: Fabio Volo, Ninetto Davoli, Giuseppe Battiston, Tressy Taddei, Agostina Belli. **Showing:** 20.00 - 20.15 h.



Synopsis: A man facing a possible brush with death decides to help another in a similar situation in this drama. Lorenzo (Fabio Volo) grew up in a working-class household, and from a young age he was determined to make something of himself. By the estimation of most people, Lorenzo has succeeded; he's a lawyer with a lucrative practice, he owns a fine home, and he has a beautiful girlfriend, Silvia (Anita Caprioli). However, one day Lorenzo has a sudden blackout, and wakes up in a hospital where doctors are giving him a battery of tests, believing he may have a serious brain tumor. Spending his days in the hospital doesn't agree with Lorenzo, but the days pass a bit more quickly when he finds himself sharing a room with Giovanni (Ninetto Davoli), a truck driver who strikes up a fast friendship with the lawyer. Giovanni isn't sure how long he has to live, and confesses that he wants to mend fences with his daughter Tressy (Tressy Taddei), who he hasn't seen in years. With nothing to do but find out if he has a tumor or not, Lorenzo checks himself out of the hospital and travels to Umbria in hopes of finding Tressy and arranging a reunion between her and her father.

12 May 2012 (Goethe Institut) La causa de Kripán (Kripan's cause)

Embassy of Spain in Accra, in collaboration with the Goethe Institut presents a cinematographic soirée with the screening of two Spanish films. The two movies will see us through a series of events which would transform the life of a young African boy and four women caught in their standard everyday life.



1st show at 19:00h

Original version (Spanish and French) with English subtitles
Year: 2010 **Running time:** 86 min **Director:** Omer Oke

Synopsis: Alassane is a young man from Burkina Faso living in Kripan (the Basque Country in Spain). One day, he gets a call from his brother Ali to tell him that his parents and parents-in-law have decided to "circumcise" his 6-year-old daughter, Bintou. The cutting ceremony is scheduled to take place in a week's time. Alassane is utterly opposed to the rite, which he considers to be barbarous. However, he needs only stay another 6 months in Spain to be automatically eligible for a residence permit. If he goes home now, however, he won't be able to come back and he will be throwing away the dream which he has fought so hard.

Planes para mañana (Plans for tomorrow)

2nd show at 21:15h

Original version (Spanish) with English subtitles

Year: 2010 **Running time:** 96 min **Director:** Juana Macías



Synopsis: Three stories intertwined which occur in a single day. The day Ines discovers she is pregnant, Antonia decides to abandon her family and Marian realizes she is going to die. Plans for tomorrow comprise an urban portrait of daily life, an extraordinary moment when the characters find they are able to remake their lives.

11 May, Brazilian House in Jamestown O Dorotce (About Dorothy)

The Embassy of the Czech Republic in collaboration with the Danish Embassy presents a movie night with screening of Czech animated children series and a Danish drama at the above mentioned venue.

1st show at 18:30h

Animated children series: 10 episodes

Year: 1978 **Director:** Božena Možišová **Running time:** 60 minutes



Synopsis: This animation series is about every day adventures of a little girl Dorothy and her best friend, parrot Koko. Since the characters do not speak, the movie is also suitable for the youngest children.

2nd show at 19:30h.

Genre: Drama **Year:** 2010 **Director:** Susanne Bier
Running time: 113 min

Synopsis:

The story traces elements from a refugee camp in Africa to the grey humdrum of everyday life in a Danish provincial town. The lives of two Danish families cross each other, and an extraordinary but risky friendship comes into bud. But, loneliness frailty and sorrow lie in wait. Soon, friendship transforms into a dangerous alliance and a breath-taking pursuit in which life is at stake. In A Better World won a Golden Globe and an Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film in 2010.

In A Better World



FREE ENTRY TO ALL MOVIES

5 May 2012, Alliance Française Cultural Activities

The Embassy of Spain in Accra in collaboration with the Alliance Française presents a Music Concert, Milo Ke Mandarinini ("Apple and Tangerine" in Greek). Milo Ke Mandarinini is a Spanish folk music group who was born as a result of a great interest in traditional music from the Mediterranean sea aroused in two young people, Carlos Ramírez and Isabel Martín. They started to do some research into that particular music and its convergences derived from it, with the only desire to create new melodies. For that purpose, they have travelled many times to the most eastern Mediterranean countries, studying there their modal traditions which survived the musical westernization. At the same time, they have not left their own Spanish roots behind.



Time: 20.00h **Entrance is free**

7 May 2012, Alliance Française

The Embassy of Spain in Accra in collaboration with the Alliance Française presents a music workshop to be held at the Alliance Française Exhibition Hall.

Duration: 60-80 min **Audience:** open to general public

Activity: Didactic Concert: "Mar en el Medio de las Tierras" / Sea among lands by Milo Ke Mandarinini

Description: The Workshop about how the different cultures from the Mediterranean sea have had an influence among themselves throughout centuries, given as a result the musical exchange as one of the most important examples. Songs from the Spanish Jews, African rhythms and even melodies from the Far East belong to this Mediterranean Sea. All these kinds of music share common ties which allow us to understand our own traditions in a different way, to understand the similarities among different cultures. In these didactic concerts, the aim is to get the audience to know the different musical instruments and musical techniques from the Mediterranean sea and Near East. The audience will find out, through a musical trip, the connections of union among these cultures, looking for unity within diversity.

Time: 10.00h. **Entrance is free**

10 May 2012, Alliance Française

The Alliance Française, French Embassy and Institut française du Ghana, jointly presents "Acoustic Africa- Afropean Woman". Following the success around the world in 2007 of the first version of Acoustic Africa (Vusi Mahlasela, Habib Koité and Dobet Gnahoré) and the second version created in 2010/11 (Oliver Mtukudzi, Habib Koité and Afel Bocoum), the third instalment in this exciting odyssey focuses on the rich tradition of African women's voices with:

- ▶ Dobet Gnahoré, the Ivory Coast diva and dancer, considered to be one of the most dynamic world music artists
- ▶ Bassist-singer Manou Gallo, also originating from Abidjan who came to fame accompanying Zap Mama, and whose own music draws on West African rhythms as well as funk and R&B.
- ▶ Kareyce Fotsi, the young Cameroon singer whose music is an intriguing combination of afro-pop, blues and traditional music.

They will be accompanied by high class musicians like Leni Stern (the famous American contemporary guitarist, Aly Keita (Malian balafonist) and Boris Tchango (the amazing Togolese drummer)

Time: 20.00h **Entrance Fee:** Ghc. 10.00 (Members) and Ghc. 5.00 (Students)