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European Union in Ghana climaxes Europe Week in Accra with an Official Reception



The European Union and its Member States in Ghana jointly celebrated Europe Week from 2 - 9 May 2017. The week is in commemoration of the 1950 Schuman Declaration that gave birth to the idea of the European Union. Known as Europe Day, it falls on 9 May and has been commemorated for 67 years. The theme for the celebration this year was "Ghana at 60-Europe at 60".

As part of activities marking Europe Week celebrations in Ghana this year, the European Union Delegation to Ghana engaged and shared with Ghanaians the EU's contribution to Ghana's development. The activities carried out jointly with Member States in Ghana were also designed to mark the 60th Anniversary of the Rome Treaties that formed the EU.

The activities for the celebration began with an education forum on the Erasmus+ programme on 27 April 2017 at the University of Ghana, which saw EU Member State Ambassadors in Ghana participating actively. It was preceded by a social media campaign that involved some Erasmus Alumni from Ghana.

Europe Week 2017 Activities in Accra



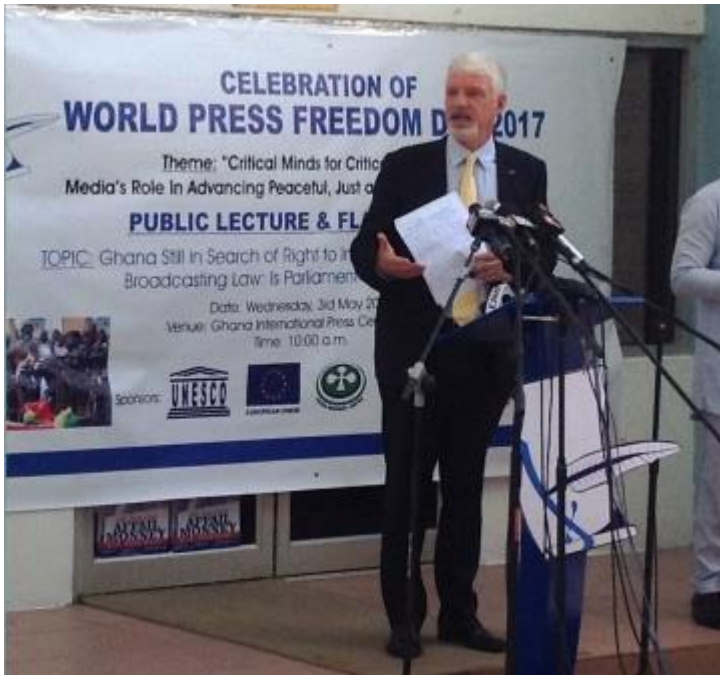
Ambassador William Hanna launching Europe Week on Radio

Europe Week celebration this year began with an official launch of the week on Super Morning Show on Joy FM, a local Radio Station in Accra by Ambassador William Hanna on 2nd May 2017. He explained the meaning of Europe Day and spoke on the cooperation between Ghana and the European Union and the thematic areas of cooperation and what it meant for Ghana and the EU.

Afterwards, Ambassador Hanna addressed a lecture at the Ghana Armed Forces Staff

Command and Staff College on the topic, "The European Union Agenda for Africa - Defence, Trade and Foreign Policies".

Ambassador Hanna joins the media in Accra to mark World Press Freedom Day



Ambassador Hanna at World Press Freedom Day forum

Ambassador Hanna also joined the media in Ghana to commemorate World Press Freedom Day on 3rd May 2017 at the International Press Centre in Accra. It was attended by Ministers and Deputy Ministers of State, Parliamentarians, Heads of Media Organisations and Institutions in Ghana, and journalists. He highlighted the message of the High Representative and Vice President of the European Commission, Frederica Mogherini at the event.

EU Member State Ambassadors take turns to engage the public on Radio



Danish Ambassador, Tove Degenbol engaging with the public on Radio

The week also saw other EU Member State Ambassadors taking turns to go on Radio during the week to talk about their countries and the kind of collaboration they have with Ghana. They are Spanish Ambassador to Ghana, Maria Jesus Alonso Jimenez, Danish Ambassador to Ghana, Tove Degenbol, French Ambassador to Ghana, François Pujolas German Ambassador to Ghana Christoph Retzlaff, The Netherlands Ambassador to Ghana, Ron Strikker, Italian Ambassador to Ghana, Giovanni Favilli, Hungarian Ambassador to Ghana, Andras Szabo and the Deputy Head of Mission at the Czech Embassy, Jaroslav Zukerstein

These activities and radio chats with the EU Ambassadors were followed by short radio quizzes each day on the respective countries and on the European Union. The competition saw 9 winners emerge. They called in to answer questions on the European Union and Member States in Ghana. As part of their prizes, the winners were invited to

the Official Reception to mark Europe Day. They were presented with various prizes for their participation and emerging winners for the respective days they took part in the quiz. There was also awareness creation and social media campaign on Europe Week.

Europe Day Reception in Accra



Ambassador William Hanna and Ghana's Minister of National Security, Albert Kan Dapaah at the Reception

The Delegation in Ghana climaxed the celebration with an official Reception in Accra on 9 May 2017, to mark Europe Day. The Day was also used to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Rome Treaties, this year. The event was attended by European Union Member States Ambassadors and officials in Ghana, members of the Diplomatic Corps, Ministers of State, Deputy Ministers, Civil Society Organisations, various stakeholders, the media and other collaborators.

In his welcome address and proposing a toast to Ghana, Ambassador Hanna, said just as Ghana has been reflecting on how far it has come since 1957, how much it has achieved, and the challenges that lie ahead, the European Union has been doing likewise and that the European Union has a strong Partnership with Ghana, with West

Africa and with the whole of Africa. "We have experienced 60 years of Peace and Security in Europe, and we want to promote Peace and Security in our partnerships around the world".

Read the full speech attached.

Responding to the toast, Minister of National Security of Ghana, Hon. Kan Dapaah said Ghana had indeed found a partner in the European Union and will continue to rely on the union to promote the one district, one factory of the government to alleviate poverty.

Read the full speech attached.

Documents

EU Speech - Europe Day Reception in Accra
Speech by Government Delegation at Europe Day Reception

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