

Visit to Ghana by Danish Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee (URU)

29 November to 4 December 2009

1.a Programme

Date	Activity	Objective/Issues
Sunday 29 November		
19.50	Arrival KL 590	
	Possibly evening drinks at African Village, La Palm.	
Monday 30 November		
	Activity	Objective/issues
8.30-9.30	Meeting with Mr Ishmael Yamson, President's Economic Advisory Council. The Government's new draft Private Sector Development Strategy, which will be funded by Denmark and others.	To discuss modalities for support to development of the private sector (which is not a traditional sector). Venue: Hotel La Palm
9.30-10.30	Briefing on Ghana by Danish Embassy, Stig Barlyng	Briefing on political and economic situation in Ghana Venue: Hotel La Palm
10.30 -11.00	Break	
11.00-12.00	Briefing on Denmark / Ghana development cooperation by Danish Embassy, Jan Poulsen	Aid Effectiveness in Danish development cooperation with Ghana and the Accra Agenda for Action Venue: Hotel La Palm
12.00-13.00	Lunch at La Palm	

13.00 – 14.30	Briefing on North-South divide by Dr. Sulley Gariba, Development Policy Advisor, Office of the President.	The new government has created the Savannah Development Authority to promote poverty reduction and conflict resolution in the poor northern part of Ghana. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can jobs be created for the youth in the North within the private sector incl. agriculture? • What will be the role of development partners? Venue: Hotel La Palm
14.30 – 16.00	Meeting with development partners who have signed the Joint Assistance Strategy	Discussion of aid effectiveness including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to promote division of labour among development partners; • A new Joint Assistance Strategy? • Possible links between Multi Donor Budget Support mechanism and World Bank? Venue: Hotel La Palm
16.00	Transport to Embassy	
16.15	Meeting Embassy Staff	Venue: Danish Embassy
17.00-19.00	Reception by URU at Danish Ambassador's residence	Meeting Danish nationals, relevant Government representatives and development partners.
19.00 +	Transport to Hotel	
Tuesday 1 December	Activity	Objective/issues
6.30 – 8.00	Check out from La Palm and breakfast (t)	
8.00	Departure for field visit to Volta Region	
10.00-11.00	Visit to West African Fish project at Lake Volta (t)	Briefing by Anders Nielsen and Martin Rømer. West African Fish is an example of successful col-

		laboration between a Danish and a Ghanaian company with a positive impact on local employment, technology transfer, local infrastructure development and food security.
11.00-12.00	Light lunch (t)	Have a taste of the fresh Telapia with some pasta salad.
12.00	Departure for Kpando district	
13.30-14.00	Meeting with District Office in Kpando	Meet key persons in Kpando district office – courtesy visit.
14.00	Departure for Agudzi Village in Kpando district	
14.30-16.00	Visit to rural feeder roads project and to water and sanitation projects accompanied by locally elected members of District Assemblies	How improved water and sanitation facilities and rural roads improve living conditions in the communities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to old water source (pond) • Traditional drumming and dancing
16.00	Departure for Ho	

17.00-18.00	Meeting with the Volta Regional Minister and the Chairman of Steering Committee for Local Service Delivery and Governance Programme (t) at the Regional Coordinating Council in the regional capital Ho	Briefing on challenges in Ghana's decentralisation process where Denmark is a leading development partner.
18.00	Transport to Chances Hotel	
18.15-19.00	Check in at Chances Hotel in Ho	
20.00	Dinner with Volta Regional Minister, Chairman of Steering Committee, local Chiefs and members of District Assemblies (t)	Challenges to priority setting and management of development projects with elected members of District Assemblies.
Wednesday 2 December 09	Activity	Objective/issues
7.00-8.00	Check out of Chances hotel	
8.00 -9.30	Breakfast meeting with civil society and members of local community based organisations. Briefing from two of the organisations.	Discuss the role of civil society in policy setting and monitoring of local government. Venue: Chances Hotel
9.30	Departure for field visit	
11.00-12.00	Visit to Christian Health Association of Ghana Clinic Sct. Andrews (Accompanied by DG Ministry of Health, CHRAG chairman, and other CHRAG, WHO)	Briefing with Christian Health Association, a private health organisation which supplements public health services. Discuss fragmentation of development partner assistance in the health sector to which DK provides Sector Budget Support.
12.00	Departure for Tema	

12.45-14.15	Visit to Mærsk Ghana (t)	Discuss Danish enterprises in Ghana and future perspectives/expectations for private sector development. Sandwiches and soft drinks will be offered.
14.15	Departure for Accra/ La	
15.15-16.15	Visit to District Magistrate Court Building In need of refurbishment (Accompanied by Sandra Thomsen, Director Judicial Service)	Discuss how Alternative Dispute Resolution methods have improved access to justice in Ghana. Brief on plans for Danish budget support to the Judicial Service, subject to development of a strategic plan.
16.15	Departure for Artists Alliance (t)	Familiarise with Ghanaian art Artists Alliance is a Gallery which promotes Ghanaian modern artist. The gallery also has a very impressive selection of traditional art (masks, beads, kente)
17.45	Departure for Hotel La Palm	
Evening	Free	Possibility to hear African Music Venue: Alliance Francaise
Thursday 3 December 2009	Activity	Objective/issues
	Breakfast at hotel	
8.40	Departure to Parliament	
9.00	Meeting with Speaker of Parliament Joyce Adeline Bamford-Addo	Discuss the role of Ghanaian Parliament vis-a-vis the executive
9.15	Meeting with Ghanaian Parliament Foreign Affairs Committee	Discuss the role of Parliament in the budgeting process, including how information about development assistance is received and debated
10.15	Departure for Osu Castle (Christiansborg)	
10.30	Meeting with Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Chris Kpodo	Discuss Ghana's foreign policy and role in the region

11.00	Audience with Vice President John Mahama	Discuss the new government's agenda with regard to improving governance /democracy
12.00	Departure for Hotel La Palm	
12.30-13.30	Lunch at La Palm Hosted by Ghanaian Parliament Foreign Affairs Committee	
14.00 – 16.00	Meeting with Ministry of Finance and the National Planning Commission on future Danish Development Strategy	Discuss the new Danish Strategy for Development cooperation. Presentation of new Ghana Development Strategy Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDCP Regina Adutwum • MoFEP, Prof. Kusi Venue: La Palm
16.00	Check out of hotel, pick up of suitcases Naser Khader and Karsten Lauritzen	Check out from hotel; Naser Khader and Karsten Lauritzen
20.30	Departure to Airport Naser Khader and Karsten Lauritzen	
19.00	African evening in town with food and live music	
Friday 4 December 2009	Activity	Objective/issues
8.30	Check out of Hotel	
9.15	Departure for Kofi Annan International Peace Keeping Training Centre	

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10.30	Departure for Osu	
10.45	Guided tour of Christiansborg Castle (Osu)	Danish presence in Ghana since 1650
12.00	Departure for Embassy	
12.30	Danish Ambassador host lunch for representatives of Danish and local NGOs/civil society	Discuss Accra Agenda for Action and how to involve civil society in the development process. Venue: Ambassador's residence
14.30	Departure for Osu or La Palm	
	Tour of old Osu	See historic houses from the Danish presence in Ghana
16.00	Pick up of suitcases Check out of hotel	La Palm
20.30	Departure for Airport	
22.00	Departure with KLM	