



Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration



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GHANA LAUNCHES NATIONAL ECOSOCC CHAPTER

**Theme: Mobilising and Providing Technical Support towards
Africa's Agenda 2063: The Role of National ECOSOCC Chapter**

Venue: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration
Date: August 30, 2016

Keynote Speaker: Hon. Deputy Minister, Emmanuel Bombande
Foreign Affairs & Regional Integration

Guest of Honour: Her Excellency, Ambassador Pavelyn Tendai Musaka
Zimbabwe
Dean of the Diplomatic Corps

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Ghana launches its National ECOSOC Chapter-August 30, 2016



African Group of Diplomatic Corps, Minister, DPO, and NEC members

Ghana on August 30, 2016, was numbered among the committee of African countries to have established its National ECOSOC Chapter under the leadership of the Deputy Presiding Officer, Samuel Confidence Dotse in close collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration as a discharge of the mandate bestowed on the 2nd ECOSOC Permanent General by the Executive Council Decision 869 during their 26th Ordinary Session in January, 2015



Hon. Emmanuel Bombande, Deputy Minister, Foreign Affairs & Regional Integration

Delivering his keynote address, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration Honourable Emmanuel Bombande expressed his appreciation to the Office of the Deputy Presiding Officer for the tenacious work done to ensure the establishment of the

national chapter.

Speaking under the theme “Mobilising and Providing Technical Support Towards Africa’s Agenda 2063: The role of National ECOSOC Chapter” Hon. Bombande referred to NEC members as relevant stakeholders who must use their experience to support the reverse of the paradox of Africa being rich but poor. Hon. Bombande further encouraged members to play an active role in ensuring that AU policies, programmes as well as Agenda 2063 forms an integral part of national development process.

Pledging NEC members of the Ministry’s support in delivering their mandate bestowed on them by the Executive Council, Hon. Emmanuel Bombande called on NEC members to be assertive and professional in the discharge of their duties.



Her Excellency, Ambassador Pavelyn Tendai Musaka

The Guest of Honour, Her Excellency, Ambassador Pavelyn Tendai Musaka, Zimbabwean Ambassador to Ghana and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps was full of praise and urged ECOSOCC to concentrate on youth development because the Agenda 2063 belongs to the youth. She further charged the NEC members to own the process and work towards the realisation of the aspirations and goals of African Union.



Deputy Presiding Officer, Samuel Dotse

In his welcome remarks, the Deputy Presiding Officer, Samuel Dotse indicated that the Economic, Social and Cultural Council is a critical organ to Africa's development because Civil Society Organizations have the potential to catapult the growth and development of a society to higher levels. He stressed that the mandate of ECOSOCC and thus the NEC is to provide advisory opinion and conduct studies where necessary to the organs of the African Union.

The DPO envisaged that the chapter will be active in charting the future of the Continent and Ghana and assured the government of Ghana of ECOSOCC working in partnership with the parliament of Ghana to domesticate AU policies and programmes through the National ECOSOCC Chapter.

Chairman of the occasion and Executive Director of West African Network for Peace building, Chukwuemeka Eze, alluded to the fact that modest gains have been made, however challenges still persist and thus urged NEC members to work assiduously to achieve the vision of the founding fathers of the OAU now African Union.



Deputy Minister & DPO congratulating NEC Members

Twenty-four (24) organisations formed the national ECOSOCC chapter with the expectation that more organisations will have the opportunity to become members at the next call for application. Organisations forming the chapter span from civil society organisations, private sector, the media, and other professional bodies.

The programme which took place at the conference room of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration saw in attendance some members of the African Group of the Diplomatic Corps including Ambassadors from Guinea, Niger, Togo, Burkina Faso, and Namibia, the government of Ghana was represented by the Chief Director, Directors and Deputies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration.



A cross-section of participants



In a plenary session, DPO, Samuel Dotse and Tsonam Akpeloo walked participants through the statutes of ECOSOCC which included the objectives, structure, eligibility criteria, and the composition of ECOSOCC.

From left: Tsonam, Chukwuemeka Eze & DPO Dotse



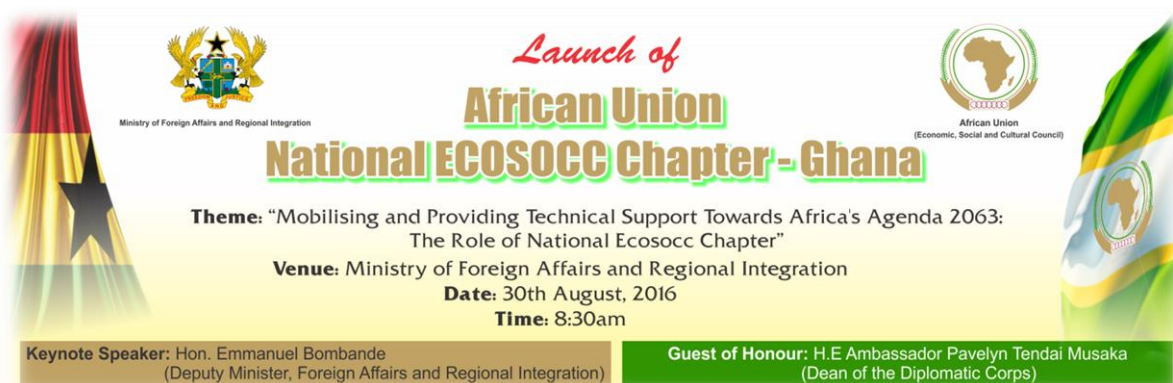
The Director of Africa Bureau, Eric Owusu Boateng at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration also presented on the Agenda 2063 and the First ten year flagship programme of the African Union.

Issues on Diaspora remittance, its advantages and challenges were also delved into by an officer of the diaspora bureau of the Ministry.

Eric Owusu Boateng, Director AU Bureau

List of NEC members

1. Earth Service
2. Avid Media Consult
3. Intervention Forum
4. Abibiman Foundation
5. Strategic Youth Network
6. Resource Link Foundation
7. Hope for Future Generations
8. Private Enterprise Federation
9. Civil Society Coalition On Land
10. Climate Action Network-Ghana
11. Youth Harvest Foundation Ghana
12. Muslim Family Counselling Service
13. Save our Environment Foundation
14. Rural Environmental Care Association
15. Global Green Environmental Network
16. Community and Family Aid Foundation
17. Ghana National Chamber of Commerce
18. Climate Change Resource Center- Ghana
19. Ghana Center for Democratic Development
20. Jaksally Social Development and Trust Limited
21. Environmental Protection Association of Ghana
22. Center For Community Livelihood Development
23. Center for Environmental Journalism & Reporting
24. Defense Against Aids, Poverty and Under-Development



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