



Recommitment Joint Declaration of Economic and Cultural Cooperation Republic of Ghana and State of Michigan

WHEREAS, in 1995, the President of the Republic of Ghana and the Governor of the State of Michigan entered into a Joint Declaration of Economic and Cultural Cooperation between the Republic of Ghana and State of Michigan.

WHEREAS, since that time, the goals of the Joint Declaration have been pursued, including the investment in the Takoradi Power Station, a thermal power station consisting of three power plants operated by the Volta River Authority of Ghana.

WHEREAS, many of the citizens of Michigan look to the Republic of Ghana for the roots of their ethnic heritage.

WHEREAS, over the years, the Eastern Region of Ghana has worked closely with the Sister-cities Program in Lansing, Michigan and with many prominent people from Michigan including students and faculty at many of Michigan's universities and physicians at many of Michigan's hospitals.

WHEREAS, His Excellency John Dramani Mahama, the President of the Republic of Ghana, and The Honorable Rick Snyder, Governor of the State of Michigan, United States of America desire to enhance the productive relationship existing between the Republic of Ghana and the State of Michigan, United States of America.

WHEREAS, the challenge of stimulating economic growth and creating jobs for their citizens are of the highest concern to both the President and the Governor.

WHEREAS, the Minister of Education of Ghana has expressed an interest in working with the Michigan Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish a dual diploma international school whereby students in both Michigan and Ghana could participate, through residencies and online learning, in a high quality international secondary school with a particular focus on the culture of Ghana.

WHEREAS, Ambassador Victor Emmanuel Smith has visited Michigan as a representative of the President of Ghana.

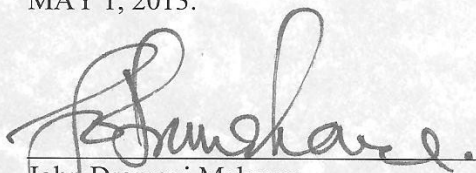
WHEREAS, the President and the Governor wish to memorialize the relationship between the Republic of Ghana and the State of Michigan and to recommit to the Joint Declaration of Economic and Cultural Cooperation.

NOW, THEREFOR, THE PRESIDENT AND THE GOVERNOR HEREBY PRESENT THIS RECOMMITMENT TO THE JOINT DECLARATION:

1. The President and the Governor encourage the peoples of the Republic of Ghana and of the State of Michigan to continue the development of cultural and economic ties
2. The President and the Governor encourage Ghanaian and Michigan businesses to participate in trade expositions and missions that promote trade, investment, and strategic alliances between the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and North America.
3. The President and the Governor will ask their respective staffs to work cooperatively to include Ghanaians in the work of the "Global Michigan" project.
4. The President and the Governor encourage Ghanaian and Michigan businesses to work together, through their respective economic development agencies, to identify and facilitate opportunities for the trade of goods and services between the Republic of Ghana and the State of Michigan, and to establish joint ventures aimed at upgrading the infrastructure of the Republic of Ghana.
5. The President and the Governor recognize the importance of the efforts to meet the global needs for energy and an adequate electrification program and commend the efforts by Michigan-based private power generation companies to support power sector development in the Republic of Ghana. Furthermore, in response to the President's commitment to encouraging independent power producers to participate in alleviating electricity supply constraints in the Republic of Ghana, the Governor acknowledges and encourages Africa Energy Counselors, a Michigan-based company, to work with the Republic of Ghana's power sector in the development of Ghana's energy and natural gas resources.
6. The President and the Governor recognize the tremendous assets of Michigan's great medical schools that provide an array of doctors, nursing, pharmacological, medical clinicians and research personnel. These institutions and professionals are dedicated to augmenting the realm of scientific knowledge not only in Michigan, but also throughout the World. The President and the Governor encourage joint efforts to address public health concerns in Ghana, including cooperative advanced medical education programs for Ghanaian physicians through distance learning programs to remote settings via accessible satellite and telecommunications systems.

7. The President and the Governor will encourage their education officials to pursue potential dual diploma programs in secondary education.
8. A copy of this Recommitment, Joint Declaration of Economic and Cultural Cooperation, Republic of Ghana and State of Michigan shall be filed with the Office of the Great Seal, State of Michigan.

EXECUTED BY THE PRESIDENT IN THE CITY OF ACCRA, REPUBLIC OF GHANA AND BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE CITY OF LANSING, STATE OF MICHIGAN, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF MAY 1, 2013.



John Dramani Mahama
President of the Republic of Ghana



Rick Snyder
Governor of the State of Michigan