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Germany and Ghana: A Strong Partnership for the Future

Ghana and Germany have been close partners since 1957. We have many joint achievements to be proud of. Our cooperation has had an impact on Ghana's social and economic development in various areas. But more importantly, both countries are still looking in the same direction: Whilst Ghana decided to move “**beyond aid**”, Germany vouched to strengthen **African ownership** and to put the days of “aid” and of “donors and recipients” behind us. Our joint starting points are the **UN-Sustainable Development Goals** and the **African Union's Agenda 2063**. We also found common ground on how to get there.

The G20 “**Compact with Africa**” Initiative aims at fostering **private sector investments** in African countries to promote economic growth and the **promotion of jobs**.

Under Germany's G20 Presidency in 2017, Ghana was one of the first countries to join the initiative. Ghana committed to substantial improvements of the macro, business and financing frameworks to become more attractive for private investment. Germany has decided to strengthen its cooperation with Ghana to support the country in achieving the vision of “Ghana beyond Aid”. To imbue the “Compact with Africa” initiative with life, Germany and Ghana entered into a “Reform- and Investment Partnership” that focuses on renewable energy and energy efficiency. Together with international organizations and bilateral partners from the G20 and beyond, Germany will support Ghana's reform agenda and advertise investment opportunities to private investors.

» *The excellent relations between Germany and Ghana have enormous potential. Ghana and Germany share the same values and Ghana is an anchor of stability in West Africa. Our Reform- and Investment Partnership leads the way into the future.* «

German Ambassador, Christoph Retzlaff, December 2018.



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German Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier visiting a public-private partnership on vocational training.



