











EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SPEECH

A very good morning to you all and welcome to this year's Ghana Social Enterprise Forum.

The Deputy Minister of food and Agriculture and member of parliament for Manso Adubia Constituency, Honourable Yaw Frimpong Addo, directors of various public and government institutions, board chair, board members and members of Social Enterprise Ghana, investors, friends from academia, media, ladies and gentlemen. We at Social Enterprise Ghana are grateful to you for making time to participate in our conference.

The Ghana Social Enterprise Forum, is a platform that brings together various stakeholders and elements in Ghana's social enterprise ecosystem together for stock taking, brainstorming and learning sessions, dialogue with policy makers and thought leadership sessions coupled with exhibitions, deal rooms and networking to enable us develop new action points necessary for championing organisations that promote impact and profit.

This year's Ghana Social Enterprise Forum, which has taken an industry approach for the first time, and on the theme: Agribusiness Innovation: A Game Changer in Food Systems for Shared Prosperity" is at the background of our research report with support from GIZ AgriBiz and conducted by Prof Ernest Asamoah on the State of Agribusiness Social Enterprises in Ghana.

It generally points to the number of Social Enterprises in Ghana as being around 120,000 contributing about \$2.6 billion to Ghana's GDP and providing employment to more than 800,000 individuals.

It also identified major challenges that affect social enterprises in the agribusiness sector including access to market, access to investment, poor infrastructure, absence of programmes and policies tailored to the needs of social enterprises and disadvantaged communities etc.

Over the period, we have worked with various partners to promote policy change, develop agribusiness skills, cultivate new markets and drive investment to members and participants in our programmes especially in climate-smart agribusiness. We are grateful to World University Services Canada through whose support we have trained and supported about 200 women, refugees and people with disabilities to start and grow their climate smart agribusinesses.

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Thanks to Australian Aid and KGL Foundation for supporting the provision of start-up kits to over 80 people with disabilities. Thanks to USAID Feed the Future Ghana Trade and Investment Activities for your support in training our hubs to improve their business development service provision to agribusinesses, and of course to GIZ AgriBiz, British Council, Star Ghana Foundation and Accra Technical University for your continuous support in our policy engagement, training, research and member support.

For us, the discussion and question that our panel discussions and presentations would seek to answer is how we can use agribusiness as a tool for promoting prosperity beyond it just being a food security issue. How do agribusinesses collaborate with the Government on its Planting for Food and Jobs.

We shall have thought leadership discussions from movers and shakers in the agribusiness sector to share new thoughts around developing transformative and change makers in the agribusiness space, how government agencies can position their institutions to deliver timely services to agribusiness ventures, then we would showcase some of the innovative agribusiness operations and get to see the hubs and enterprise support organisations that are supporting in driving the impact, and of course, we will discuss how we can make investment and finance work for the farmers and the agribusiness owners.

There would be presentations on how we can position Ghana as an agribusiness export country and rebrand the whole industry to make it interesting for young people. Ongoing would be a deals room at the top for investors and entrepreneurs to meet and the exhibition at the backyard.

Going into next year, Social Enterprise Ghana with its 50 hubs and training centres would be involved in the development of 5,000 young people each year, with technical and vocational skills in the agricultural sector for dignified and fulfilling jobs in Ghana.

Friends, to make it work and make this country prosperous through shared prosperity in agribusiness, we need to come to table with our skills, might, money and time. There is no longer time for blame games or political maneuvering and indignant resignation.

Let us make our country great and strong and we can do this through innovating the agribusiness sector.

Welcome to the Ghana Social Enterprise Forum and Enjoy your stay.

Thank you all.





Social Enterprise Ghana (SE Ghana) is the national network for high-impact social entrepreneurs, hubs, accelerators, impact investors, and enterprise support organizations in Ghana.

Social Enterprise Ghana has a current membership of about 900 organizations operating in diverse sectors of climatesmart agribusiness, circular economy, health services, inclusive financial services, TVET, and education.

SE Ghana advocates for business-friendly policies for social enterprises and supports members with training, research, access to skills, access to the market, access to technology and access to finance.

WHO WE ARE

OUR MISSION

To advocate for business-friendly environment for social enterprises and support the development of a strong social enterprise ecosystem through training, research, access to skills and talent, access to market, access to technology and access to finance.

OUR VISION

To see a strengthened social enterprise ecosystem in Ghana for shared prosperity and impact.

KEY ACTIVITIES

TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

We organize events and training programs which are centered around improving startups and entrepreneurs as well as equipping the youth and vulnerable with skills to start their business

INNOVATION & LEARNING EVENTS

Connect social entrepreneurs
to learn from each
other's experiences
and partner in scaling their
innovations through country
and regional face- to -face meetings
and an on-line network

ADVOCACY

Build awareness and advocate for policies and programs that promote social entrepreneurship by drawing in funders, government and other stakeholders

ACCESS TO MARKET AND FINANCE

Fundraise for early stage social entrepreneurs locally and internationally to fill in the funding gap and build a portfolio of sustainable social ventures.
Social enterprise Ghana also increase market access among their beneficiaries by providing them with advice and training, as well as, direct access to customers.

RESEARCH

Conduct research to broaden understanding of the social enterprise landscape nationally and tell the stories and aggregate the impact of social entrepreneurs

POLICY

Build awareness and advocate for policies and programs that promote social entrepreneurship by drawing in funders, government and other stakeholders

OUR CURRENT STATE

OVER

1,100

MEMBERS

OVER

16

REGIONAL HUBS

OVER 50,000

PEOPLE REACHED

OVER

42

PARTNERS

OVER

1,600

WOMEN & PWD LED ENTERPRISES SUPPORTED

OVER

15

COLLABORATED WITH

OVER

7

PROJECTS ORGANISED

LEGAL SERVICES
TRAINING FOR INCLUSIVE
MSMEs









GREEN INVEST START-UP AWARDS

INVESTING IN WOMEN IN GREEN VENTURES (AUSTRALIAN AID)









AGRIBIZ PROJECT (Research Validation)

COACHING AND TRAINING FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISE GHANA BY SPARKASSEN STIFTTUNG









DEVELOPING INCLUSIVE CHAMPIONS FOR IMPACT (TOT SESSION) USAID-GTI





OVERVIEW OF PROJECTS Freen Invest Start Up Awards

Social Enterprise Ghana with support from KGL Foundation, World University Service of Canada and Global Affairs Canada has awarded young women, refugees and persons with disabilities with start-up kits to start their businesses after their green entrepreneurship training.







INVESTING IN WOMEN IN GREEN VENTURES

AUSTRALIAN AID

Social Enterprise Ghana with support from Australian Aid has provided 40 young women, refugees, green entrepreneurs and Persons with Disabilities with startup kits to start their businesses and over 80 women green entrepreneurs have benefited from continuous BDS support to improve their skills in entrepreneurship. Also, 16 BDS providers were also trained to improve the services they offer to MSMEs.











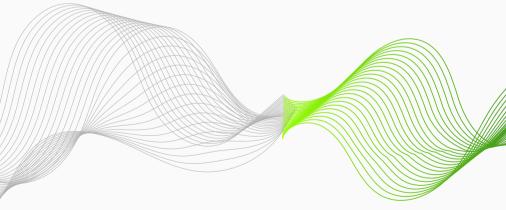












AGRIBIZ PROJECT

RESEARCH VALIDATION WORKSHOP

Social Enterprise Ghana with support from GIZ Agribiz organized a workshop validation on the State of Social Enterprise AgriBusinesses in Ghana.



Social Enterprise Ghana

PARTNERS WITH GERMAN (SPARKASSEN STIFTTUNG) TO ORGANISE BUSINESS COACHING TRAINING FOR ITS 16 HUBS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Social Enterprise Ghana and German Sparkassen Stiftung organized a 5 days training Workshop to its Hubs and Partners in Micro-business Coaching.



DEVELOPING INCLUSIVE CHAMPIONS FOR IMPACT (TOT SESSION) -USAID-GTI

Training of Trainer (TOT) Sessions for 16 Inclusive BDS Providers/Hubs to support Export Oriented Inclusive MSMEs in the agribusiness value chains.















DEVELOPING INCLUSIVE CHAMPIONS FOR IMPACT

USAID-GTI

Social Enterprise Ghana as part of its USAID Ghana
Trade and Investment Activities funded project
"Developing Inclusive Champions for Impact:
Capacity Building for Inclusive MSMEs and BDS
Providers for Job Creation for Vulnerable
Communities" has provided a 5 day training to young
girls, refugees and persons with disabilities in Nethouse
Vegetable Production, Financial Literacy,
Bookkeeping and E-Commerce.





GHANA SOCIAL ENTERPRISE FORUM 2023









Social Enterprise Ghana organized its annual conference, Ghana Social Enterprise Forum 2023.

The event brought together Social Entrepreneurs, Hub Owners, Policy makers, Researchers and various Stakeholders in the Social Enterprise ecosystem.



The Ghana Social Enterprise Forum under the theme "Agribusiness Innovation: A Game Changer in Food Systems For Shared Prosperity" was graced the Deputy Minister of Food by Agriculture(Crops), Honorable Yaw Frimpong Addo as the Keynote Speaker and excellent panelists that discussed various ways of promoting an innovative agribusiness sector prosperity.













SOME VISITS FROM SOME OF OUR PARTNERS

















THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS



THANK YOU TO OUR HUBS

















































































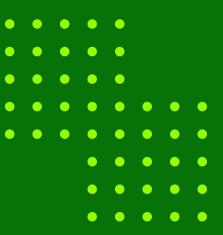












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