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UNITED PROGRESSIVE PARTY MANIFESTO

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INTRODUCTION

The sense of purpose and urgency of the UPP brought to national development has essentially been missing since 2015. It's time we restore it. The citizens can wait no longer.

This manifesto answers to our peoples cry for a new covenant in Ghana. We believe that the state has a binding commitment to use its power to promote high rate of economic growth and development as well as to ensure that the wealth thereof is shared equitably and equally among Ghanaians – North, south, East, and West.

We aspire to work together with all Ghanaians to create a prosperous, just, caring and united society where there is adequate food and shelter for as well as ample opportunities for every Ghanaian to develop his or her potential to the fullest. We shall instill in our people a culture of discipline and excellence, respect for law and order compassion towards one another, and the idea that we are one people with a common destiny/identity.

This policy document reflects the views and intentions of the UNITED PROGRESSIVE PARTY (UPP) on various development issues of domestic and international importance. They cover the following broad areas of development, namely;

- A. Social Policies
- B. Economic Policies
- C. proactive Governance

Within these policy areas, the party has identified priority areas that it will address immediately after it is elected into office.

These areas are;

1. Job creation with the launching of Rapid and Consistent Employment Programme (RACEP) aimed at developing the skill of all Ghanaians primarily the youth.
2. Essential social service such as providing affordable housing, water, electricity, food, transport and sanitation.
3. Public safety in other words combatting the armed robbery menace, the rise in sexual violence against women and children, and the fatalities on our road.
4. Managing our natural resources, the UPP intends to review and /or repeal/ renegotiate all contracts which are not in the best interest of the country. By this, we intend to maximize our long-term earnings to the benefit of our people.

Our overall development policies are informed by the Party's ideology of AKWASI ADDAI ODIKE, whose three main principles are;

1. Self-determination: We must re assert control over our natural resources and exercise national interest for the sustainable and equitable development of our country.
2. Social justice: The state has moral and constitutional duty to promote equal opportunity and equitable rewards for all Ghanaians, irrespective of age, gender, ethnic, religious, political or background.
3. Pan Africanism: We must work with Africans at home and abroad to find the common problems of racism, poverty, exploitation and under development.

The implementation of policies proposed herein will be based on a series of medium-term plans to be developed by the UPP government when given the opportunity to lead the nation. These plans will reflect both the party's ideology and the directive principles of state policy, which constitute a national vision agreed by all Ghanaian in the 1992 constitution.



AKWASI ADDAI ODIKE

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE MESSAGE

Fellow Ghanaians, well-wishers, the international Community and members of the United Progressive Party. I am humbly presenting myself for the Presidency in the 2020 Presidential Election in Ghana to contribute my quota to the Socio-Economic Transformation of Ghana.

The whole Economy of Ghana is in mess and it is about time Ghanaians cast their vote for a practical, seasoned and well experienced businessman to change the face of governance in Ghana.

The level of the economy of this Country has retrogressed massively and it is only a businessman who knows how to create something out of nothing that will be able to transform this retrogressed economy.

Successive leaders have done their part, some did well while others, too, have largely disappointed Ghanaians. The good citizens of this country are suffering due to high cost of living and unstable prices of goods and services as a result of poor governance.

Private Sector businesses are collapsing due to high inflationary rates, huge cost of production, and unpredictability of the fluctuating local currency against major trading currencies, energy crisis, corruption and mismanagement.

Respectfully, vote for me in the 2020 Presidential Election so that together we can transform the Economy by actively focusing on the Private Sector Development.



MESSAGE FROM THE PARTY

Ghanaians have tried leaders and Political Parties since Independence at the Presidency but due to their Lack of 'Proper Concept of Private Sector Development and creation of wealth through the provision of sustainable jobs', such leaders have failed to change the economic fortunes of Ghana.

Ghana is a great country with great human capital and natural resources, and yet there is high rate of poverty is with people are struggling to survive.

The sovereignty and first national asset of any country is her people, and they make their own history in the process of laboring to control and appropriate nature.

The UPP shall, therefore, relate to the Ghanaian people drawn from across the length and breath of our national territory as productive beings and not as ethnic or racial entities.

The people shall constitute the resilient and ultimate base of all policies of the party. The UPP vision is to build a just and prosperous society on the basis of a strong and diversified economy in a democratic environment.

Our party is a profound democratic one, rooted in the belief that individuals can only reach the fullest of their potentials in a society that is built upon the value of liberty, equality, and solidarity.

Only through creating material and cultural bonds of solidarity across racial, gender, age and class lines can true equality of opportunity be achieved.

The UPP's vision for Ghana in one generation is to become a high middle-income country in a society that is just safe, caring, united and prosperous, where democratic and economic governance is devolved to the local level. We believe our nation should be built on a set values that will ensure the birth of a new citizen who places the interest of the nation above self and the creation of a community that is fair for all.

Agriculture, Technology and Industrialization which are the backbone of most advanced economies in the world are under duress in Ghana. the economy of Ghana on the whole has struggled to sustain itself under past successive Governments.

There is an issue of corruption lack of proper accountability and mismanagement of the affairs of governance right from the top decision making and policy drafting body to the implementing institutions.

There is lack of predictability and sustainability of the cedi, the cedi has consistently depreciated and remained unstable to all the major trading currencies and this has largely affected business in Ghana, especially, the Private Sector. The depreciation of the cedi has very serious negative effect on the price of goods and services in Ghana.

The whole economy of Ghana is in a mess coupled with high inflation, high public debts to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) ratio, Salary and contract Arrears. Ghanaians are yearning for a total Economic Independence and we strongly believe that such Economic Empowerment can be achieved by United Progressive Party Government.

The United Progressive Party strongly shares the view of the UPP Election Campaign 2020: **CHALLENGING THE STATUS QUO TO GENERATE SUSTAINABLE JOBS AND WEALTH** (*Era of Private Sector Development*).

THE NATIONAL POLICY AGENDA

The UPP government when elected to power will move a motion to parliament to make the national development agenda a law that will ensure steady and constant growth of governance and the economy. We will also ensure that manifestos are in line with the objectives if the national policy agenda that will help contribute to achieving the set goal and objectives for the whole country.



We will support the national development planning committee to ensure effective national planning. To this, will we support the 40 years development plan.

Digitization of All The Facets Of The Economy

We will digitize all sectors of the economy to hook all state institutions into a system that works. This will contribute to eradicating corrupt practices and identify all activities in the country to synchronize the country to the rest of the world's data base. By this, all businesses would be identified and fixed into the tax net and also identify how all the institutions can provide data for national development. This will flash out shady deeds and provide transparency in the country.

Private Sector should be empowered by Government to become the beacon of jobs and wealth creation in Ghana. United Progressive Party share the view that in contemporary governance "Government has no business to do business" but rather to facilitate businesses through Private Sector Empowerment and we believe that this is the time for Private Sector Development.

The purpose of this social contract is to rebuild, restructure and strengthen the Private Sector to play its core function as the engine for economic growth In Ghana.

This social contract proposed by the United Progressive Party (UPP) for the 2020 General Election and beyond is a masterpiece that would serve as a guide for the liberation of Ghanaians from economic hardships.

This National Development Plan document is the collection of ideas and strategies towards the building of an All-inclusive Governance for Economic Empowerment.

This Manifesto will be fully and successfully implemented within the 4 years period and we will carefully review it after every year to introduce fresh and innovative ideas, policies and programmes to address the contemporary challenges and socio-economic demands of Ghanaians.

The UPP Government will restore investors' confidence, and ensure total transformation of the economy. Millions of jobs and wealth will be created to solve the issues relative to high cost of living and high rate of unemployment in the country. The micro and macro indicators of the economy will be prudently managed to equitable listor of the nation's cake and avoid waste. There shall absolutely be No tolerance for Corruption and Wastage of Financial Resources under UPP Government and this can be achieved by:

1. Reviewing the existing anti-corruption laws and institute a special Anti-Corruption Agency to sanction corrupt Public office holders and Government Appointers.
2. Embarking on house cleaning exercise and massive Judicial Reforms.
3. Prevention of the payment of Judgment Debts.
4. Retrieving all Government stolen monies and properties both home and overseas from appointers under UPP Government and past Governments, and initiate criminal action against such appointee.
5. Ensuring All-inclusive Governance as the backbone under UPP Government, totally refrain from appointments based on tribal, ethnocentric and regional nepotism. We passionately appeal to you to support the United Progressive Party (UPP) by voting for our Presidential Candidate and Parliamentary candidates in the 2020 General Elections:

A vote and support for United Progressive Party is a vote and support for the Private Sector Development and sustainable jobs.

(1). Economy

The economic growth of Ghana has been decelerating. Private Sector Businesses are collapsing and investor confidence has dwindled massively. The budget deficit has been at double digit with a stockpile of salary and contract arrears.

The reckless spending, excessive borrowing, corruption, mismanagement and resources wastage has contributed to the unprecedented rise of the Public Debts under successive Government

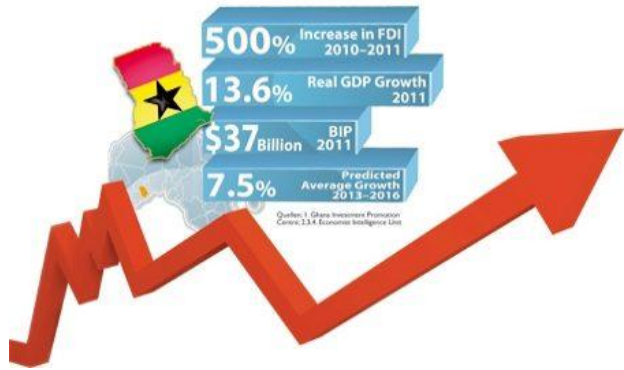
The cedi has seen rapid depreciation against every single major trading currency. Unemployment is on the ascendency, high Inflation and high cost of living has been the order of the day.

The decline in the growth of the manufacturing and agricultural sectors is clear signs that the productive sector of the economy is failing. We cannot transform the economy of Ghana to bring prosperity to Ghanaian by just largely depending on exporting raw natural resources and import manufactured goods. Value Addition should be the order of the day if truly we desire to transform the economy of Ghana. The United Progressive Party Government shall focus on championing the production of value-added goods and services for local consumption and for export.

My government will use conventional economic policies that will control the fiscal monetary policy control, supply money, keep inflation within single digit and reduce the rate of borrowing to a single digit.

The economy would be pivoted on the private sector development and equip the private sector to take its core function as the engine for the growth of the economy.

We are going to run an export driven economy to rake in more foreign currencies to stabilize the economy



UPP Government shall transform the economy of Ghana by:



PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

We will adopt aggressive and innovative home-grown strategies and policies while maintaining macro-stability through efficient and prudent management of the indicators of the economy UPP Government will rapidly increase growth rate to 20% per annum and the Private Sector of the economy specifically our UPP Election Campaign 2020: **CHALLENGING THE STATUS QUO TO GENERATE SUSTAINABLE JOBS AND WEALTH** (*Era of Private Sector Development.*)

Indigenous businesses are very critical to this growth agenda. The following strategies shall be adopted by UPP Government to make the Private Sector the real engine for economic empowerment.

1. Review the existing investment laws and the Ghana Free Zones Act to enable Ghanaian businesses participate at all levels of the economy.
2. Support indigenous companies and SMEs with an access fund to become more competitive locally and globally. This access fund shall be known as Indigenous.
3. Private Sector Support Fund. This will create billion dollar wealthy businesses.
4. Sustainability and predictability of the cedi will be the hallmark of UPP Government. This will help stability of price of goods and services. We will change the face of the economy from import base to export base economy. Capital flights and money laundering will be controlled effectively and efficiently in order to stabilize the Cedi against major trading currencies Contracts will be largely awarded to Ghanaian own businesses to safeguard Capital Retention in Ghana Foreign cash inflows will be directed to sustainable long term investments.

5. Inflation rate will be reduced to 3.5% within the first four years of UPP Government. The objective of the 3.5% single digit inflation is to ensure price stability and the creation of perfect business environment for the private Sector businesses to flourish and promote accelerated jobs and wealth creation in Ghana. The 3.5% rate inflation target will promote high levels of real wages labor productivity, and effective Public Sector Planning and Private Sector businesses management.
6. High domestic borrowing crowds out the Private Sector and collapses businesses thereby increasing high rate of unemployment. We will reduce the Policy Rate of the Bank of Ghana to about 4%. This will reduce policy Rate of the Bank of Ghana to about 4%. This will compel the commercial banks and other financial institutions to further reduce their interest rate. Our Government will reduce excessive borrowing from the Bank of Ghana largely on internally generated funds for development. This will help to reduce the pressure on the national reserve and further prevent the competition with the private sector for loans on the domestic market.
7. UPP Government will work towards an efficient and effective domestic banking system and domestic capital market which are the vital pillars of the Private Sector businesses.
8. To ensure reliable supply of electricity to the Private Sector of the economy, Government through private partnership will adopt an Energy Mix Policy Strategy. The UPP Government will facilitate the total privatization of Electricity Supply (power generation, distribution and transmission).
9. Strengthening the capital and money markets by encouraging partnership and investments in the domestic markets. This will enhance investments mobilization in the Private Sector.
10. The current tax policy will be reviewed. We will identify businesses that are taxable and comforted businesses that are burden by high tax. Corporate tax will be further reduced to 10% and more especially in the case of the manufacturing industries, corporate tax will be at 6%.
11. UPP Government will help the Private Sector businesses to reduce production and overhead costs by further reducing water and electricity tariffs for the Private companies. This will enable the Private companies maximize profit, increase capacity and employ more workers to help the country reduce unemployment drastically.
12. Through Private Partnership and the Bank. UPP Government will institute a special Pension Scheme for all Private Sector Workers and the operators of Small and Medium Sized enterprises (SMEs)
13. UPP Government will review the laws of Bankruptcy and land-title to make the market-based exchange title deeds easier for mortgage-related lending.

(2) CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE

1. Reckless spending on Government programs which do not affect the wellbeing of Ghanaians positively will be eliminated to avoid waste of resources, corruption and mismanagement.
2. UPP Government will legally recover all illegally paid monies in the names of judgment and settlement debts.
3. We will review the Procurement Act to improve accountability, probity and transparency of the operations and management of the Act in order to reduce waste and make Government expenditure more efficient and effective.

(3) TAX REFORMS

1. UPP Government will comprehensively review the existing tax laws of Ghana to eliminate distortions and control waste of financial resources.
2. The tax net will be widened to maximize revenues for jobs and wealth creation.
3. In order to improve revenue mobilization and collection, the working conditions of revenue collectors will be reviewed to make them more efficient and transparent to the state.
4. The Ghana Revenue Authority will be fully resourced and strengthened to tax evaders.

(4) MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL PUBLIC DEPARTMENTS

1. UPP Government will ensure proper decentralization to reduce the powers of Government Agencies and Ministries to work within their budgets as well as ensure proper check and balances especially at the Local Government level.
2. About 85% of all Government contracts will be awarded at Local Government level. This approach will help to address the issue of shoddy works and control excessive invoicing. UPP Government will ensure value for money and the day-to-day administration and implementation of Government programmes and policies at the Local Government level.
3. We will implement transparent policies that will enforce all Sector Ministries, Government Agencies and Departments that collect revenue and fees for the State to strictly and duly deposit their collections into the Consolidated Fund for accelerated growth, jobs and wealth creation.

AGRICULTURE



Agriculture is the backbone or life wire of any vibrant driven economy in the world. In Ghana about 60% of the total populations are farmers but they are the most affected people with chronic economic hardship and poverty

It is only modernization and mechanization of Agriculture that can propel Ghana from a lower middle income to a higher middle-income status, in order to motivate all farmers. Pension Scheme and scholarship scheme will be institute for famers and their respective children.

The vision of UPP Government for the Agriculture Sector will principally focus on mechanization, modernization and cottage industries. UPP Government through Private Partnership will ensure the provision of potable drinking water, electricity, good roads, schools and hospital to all major farming communities, town and villages in Ghana.

Our comprehensive programmes and policies in the Agricultural Sector will largely generate million jobs per annum and increase the revenue mobilization of Ghana. UPP Government will implement the following programmes and policies to transform the Agriculture Sector to create jobs and wealth.

UPP Election Campaign 2020

Era of Private Sector Development for Jobs and Wealth Creation

GREENING GHANA WITH COCOA IN THE URBAN-RURAL COMMUNITIES

COCOA PLANTATION PROGRAM

1. UPP Government will brand Ghana with Cocoa trees both the rural areas and the urban centers. As part of greening Ghana agenda, cocoa will be used to replace normal flowers in publican Private Institution, Tertiary Institutions, Schools, Homes, principal streets and identifiable areas where cocoa can grow successfully. The services of the unemployed youth will be engaged for this exercise and the employed youth would be accordingly paid with allowances and monthly salary. This policy is intended to raise cocoa production to ten (10) million metric tons within the period of the 10 years national development plan implementation. The full implementation of the concept of Urban-rural Cocoa Planting Programme will generate about two (2) million jobs per annum.
2. Viable cocoa beans (that is high yielding and disease-resistant plants) will be introduced into the urban-rural cocoa planting programme
3. Free mass cocoa spraying and free distribution of fertilizers will be instituted for cocoa farmers to increase cocoa production and yield.
4. AS part of measures to further reduce high unemployment rate in Ghana, through Private Partnerships, cottage industries will be established in all cocoa growing areas fully utilize the cocoa beans and its accessory products every year, the UPP Government will establish 20 cocoa processing plants across the District of Ghana. This policy framework will create a chain of employment opportunities for Ghanaians.
5. Special Scholarship Scheme will be instituted for Youth in Urban-rural Cocoa Planting Programme to further their education.
6. Active cocoa farmers and farm workers will receive monthly allowances from UPP Government.

YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE

UPP Government will champion Private Sector participation in the Agriculture Sector by facilitating the entry of educated, semi-educated and uneducated youth in commercial farming by helping to improve their access to lands, capital irrigation facilities and farm machinery and implements.

UPP Government will make farming the most lucrative profession for the youth. We will set up youth in the agriculture Sector.

Rice and cereals production

1. Rice and Cereals Production will be given special attention by UPP Government to satisfy the domestic and global markets
2. Commercialization of maize, millet and other cereal crops will generate about fifty (50) million metric tons per annum for local consumption and global markets. Food Security will be achieved under UPP Government. The capacity of Rice production will increase in Ghana to reduce the importation of rice drastically to save the billions of dollars used for the importation of rice.
3. Through Private Partnership Cottage, industries will be set up to Process, store and add value to the production of rice, maize and all other cereal crops across the Districts of Ghana. This approach will help to generate jobs and create wealth.

Cassava, plantain and other cash crops

1. Cassava, Plantain, Cocoyam and other Cash Crops will be given attention by the UPP Government, Special fund will be set up to support farmers in the cultivation of cassava plantain, cocoyam and other readily accessible cash crops.
2. Cottage industries will be established by UPP Government across all the Districts of Ghana to process, store and add value to the production of cassava, plantain, cocoyam and other cash crops.
3. Through Private Partnerships, special companies will be established to produce Cassava, chips, Plantain Chips, and Cocoyam chips for local consumption and for exports. This concept will create millions of jobs thereby bringing prosperity to Ghanaians.

Tomatoes and other vegetables

1. To prevent the importation of fresh tomatoes from Burkina Faso and tomatoes paste from other countries. Farmers will be empowered through modern methods of farming practices to increase production for local consumption and global markets.
2. Boreholes fixed with solar panel and pump machine will be constructed in all farms to assist tomatoes farmers to produce all year round tomatoes.
3. Viable tomatoes seedlings with low water content will be introduced to enhance the processing of tomatoes paste for local consumption and global markets.
4. We will introduce Greenhouse Technology to increase the yield of tomatoes for local consumption and global market.
5. The same method will be applied to the production of Garden Eggs, Onions, Okro, Pepper, Carrots, Lettuce and the rest of the vegetables.
6. Through Private Partnership, Cottage Industries will be established across the Districts to process, store and add value to the tomatoes and other vegetables. This

concept will create millions of jobs and, therefore, help to reduce unemployment and poverty in Ghana

AQUACULTURE

1. Non-traditional crops such as sheanut, Banana, Mangoes, Oranges, Pineapples, Cashew and other fruits will be increased in production for processing storage and value addition for local consumption and global markets.
2. Through Private Partnership, Cottage industries will be established to add value to the non-traditional crops and fruits to increase revenue generation to support the economy. This concept will help in creating jobs and wealth.
3. Cotton processing Plants will be available throughout the cotton growing zones in the country to process cotton into yarns for the local textile manufactures and global markets.

LIVESTOCK

1. The Government of the United Progressive party (UPP) in close collaboration with the Private Sector will promote poultry farming, cattle ranching and farming of small ruminants such as goats, sheep, pigs and bush meat.
2. We will provide livestock farmers with high yielding stocks and disease resistant breeds so that productivity of livestock will be maximized for local consumption and global markets.
3. To ensure prudent housing and animal healthcare delivery, more Veterinary Doctors and animal husbandry staff will be trained across the tertiary institutions in Ghana.

AGRICULTURE MARKETING

Agriculture is the backbone of our economy. My government will invest heavily in this sector. Agriculture is going to be transformed to Agro Business to attract the youth and foreign direct investments.

Commercial Farmers

Every district will have a commercial farm to be used as a scheme and center for out growers to adapt to modern techniques in commercial farming. Under this, up to 200 hectares of farms will be created by the private sector and supported by the government. The government will make deliberate policies to train Ghanaians on the modern farming method.

Boreholes will be constructed alongside with solar powered pumps. Also, machines and reservoirs will be provided to provide surface irrigation all year round. This scheme will be expanded to make it the new way farm method throughout the country.

Cocoa

Cocoa is the leading cash crop for the country and used for both expansion and value addition. Urban cocoa plantation will be introduced to brand the cities where cocoa can be grown. This program is to increase yield and also to use all available lands in our communities to be filled with cocoa trees. Some benefits will be to increase the production of cocoa and value addition as well as give oxygen for our consumption.

Free fertilizer for farmers

Pension for farmers

Scholarships for the wards

Agricultural machinery and inputs will be provided for the farmers at a subsidized prices.

All actions of the government to improve Agric and to make it attractive.

To make agriculture a business venture

To produce more food for local consumption and the surplus for export to rake in foreign currency to augment the deficit in our economy

To feed our industries with raw materials

1. Through Private Partnerships marketing companies will be instituted to promote and market all agricultural products in Ghana locally and globally to ensure greater consumption and revenue maximization.

AGRICULTURE MECHANIZATION AND MODERNIZATION

1. Construction of Irrigation dam in all farming communities especially in the Northern part of Ghana.
2. Purchase Tractors, Harvesters, Spraying Machines and other Agricultural machines for large scale farmers,
3. Through partnership with the Non-Government Organizations we will ensure free supply of Fertilizers, Seedlings, Chemicals and other farming equipment's to farmers.
4. Construction of storage facilities in all farming communities.
5. Allocate 50 percent of the national budget to Agriculture to ensure that maximum growth is achieved in the Agriculture Sector to feed our industrial and Manufacturing sector.

6. About 80 of the Foreign Direct investments will be channeled into modernization and mechanization of agriculture as well as value-addition.

FOOD SAFETY



The UPP Government will strengthen and fully resource the Ghana Standard Authority, and the Food and Drugs Authority to ensure that good sanitation and health standards are observed throughout the entire local food chain as well as the imported ones.

ENERGY



Energy is a very major requirement and a necessity to sustain domestic living and the industries, especially the manufacturing companies. Energy crisis in Ghana has contributed to the collapse of businesses. Unemployment, high cost of living and noise pollution, high inflation rate and depreciation of the cedi will be managed.

To solve the persistent energy crisis, UPP Government adopts and implements the following measures:

MEASURES

1. Invite private participation in the generation, transmission, distribution, metering and collection of revenues. Domestic and Global Investors will be encouraged to generate, transmit, distribute and collect their own tariffs without Government interference just like the telecommunications industry. This will create fair

competition which will bring efficiency, cost effectiveness and value for money to consumers.

2. Rural Electrification Projects will also be established across the country.
3. Nuclear Energy, Solar Energy and Wind Energy through Private Partnership will be harnessed to solve the problem.
4. Invite Domestic and Global investors to the oil and gas sector of the Energy to maximize profits, reduce financial wastage and ensure proper accountability and management of the oil and gas resource.
5. Towns, villages and communities around the oil and gas exploration areas will benefit from the provisions of social amenities, housing infrastructural developments etc.
6. We will review the existing oil and Gas laws to promote the interest of Ghanaians.
7. We will carefully review the Oil and Gas Contract Agreements so that Government through Indigenous Private Sector partnership will own all the shares in the Oil and Gas Sector of the economy.
8. The Tema Oil Refinery (TOR) and Volta Aluminum Company (VALCO) through Private Partnership will be revived and restructured to function in accordance with global standards.
9. We will carefully review all the institutions in the Energy Sector of the Economy.

TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT



1. The Government of United Progressive Party trade policy will focus on encouraging foreign direct investment to complement domestic investment. We will promote the export of manufactured and value-added products. We will equally increase the production of traditional and non-traditional exports products.
2. UPP Government mission abroad will be tasked to promote and showcase of made in Ghana goods Foreign mission will be tasked to promote Made in Ghana Goods at their various missions.
3. Artisans will be empowered to produce high quality goods to international standard.

4. Industrial machines will be imported by Government to be leased out to the manufacturing sector at relatively cheaper cost.
5. Soft loan and credit facilities will be given to manufacturing industries to promote value addition. This concept will help to empower manufacturing sector to expand, increase capacity and production for the global market to earn foreign currency to stabilize the cedi against the major trading currencies.
6. As part of massive jobs and wealth creation, through Private Partnership we will establish in each district, strategic Agro-base Industries.
7. We will carefully review the Ghana Industrial Holding Corporation (GIHOC) to involve Public-Private Sector Partnerships.
8. Through Private Partnerships, more advanced technological training and modern managerial leadership training will be organized for the local industries to boost production to ensure profit maximization.
9. Through Private Partnership we will establish Trade Fair Centers in all the Regional Capitals of Ghana to showcase made in Ghana goods periodically. This concept will help to increase patronage of made in Ghana goods and increase revenue generation.

EDUCATION



Education plays an integral role in the socio-economic growth of a country especially Technical, Vocational and Polytechnic Education.

The economy of Ghana lacks the requisite job skills and as part of measures to mitigate that deficiency, UPP Government will largely focus on Technical, Vocational and Polytechnic Education to train skillful workforce so that industrializing the economy will be much easier and it will also help to address the challenges of the middle men power of the economy, Technical, Vocational and Polytechnic Education will be virtually free.

2. The following Educational policies and programmes will be initiated by the UPP Government

- Ensure total eradication of school under trees
- The School feeding programme and the capitation grant will be improved and strengthened to cover all basic schools in Ghana
- The single spine Salary Structure and other condition of services for teachers will be reviewed to enhance the working conditions of teachers.
- The budget of the GETFUND will be strengthened to meet the infrastructure challenges of the educational system
- Remedial programmes will be instituted into the BECE to allow candidate who did not make it in the first attempt of the BECE to have another chance of passing the exams. The introduction of this policy will encourage students to attain the second cycle of education. Graduates of Senior High School, Technical and Vocational Schools will undergo Compulsory Military Training for two years as part of their National Service before they can qualify for the entry into the various Tertiary Institution. This concept will help to achieve self-discipline and spirit of patriotism in our graduates.
- Specialized Senior High Schools, Colleges, Polytechnics and Universities will be introduced to fully concentrate on specialized courses and programmes. This concept will ensure effective teacher Deployment, teacher monitoring and supervision as well as promotes higher quality academic standards.
- Special Practical Resources Centers will be established to train students in the Junior High School. This concept will help the student to gain considerable practical and skills-based knowledge.
- The Study of the Endowed Natural Resources of Ghana will be introduced into our educational curriculum as special examinable course from the Basic Education to the Tertiary level. This concept will help our graduates to know every detail about the countries natural resources and utilized them for the creation of jobs and wealth.
- Through Partnership with the stakeholders of Ghana Educational System we will carefully review the aggregate for the entry into the Tertiary Institutions to pursue Practical and Skills Based Programmes such as Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Pharmacy, and Medical Laboratory Technology. Laboratory Technology, Optometry, Nursing, Law, Engineering, Forensic Science, Biomedical Science, Physical Sciences and Biological Sciences etc. The reviewed aggregates shall range between 15-24 for all Practical and Skills Based Programmes.

Technical and vocational studies would be inculcated right from the primary schools to offer middle class man power. This will capture all the talents at the early stages and promote their individual talents to bear. Continuous assessment will form the highest portion of final

examinations and this will promote skill development. We are going to build one stop multipurpose science laboratory and workshops for every district which is going to be fully equipped with all the equipment needed for practical to expose our learners to know what they are learning. The learners must feel what they are being thought. “There is a saying that, he who feels it, knows it”. Learners will be bussed to and from their various towns. The facility would be a shared one.

Specialty schools

Specialty schools will be introduced to enhance teaching and learning. At the SHS level, schools will offer special courses for JSS graduates per their interest. Example, Opoku ware SHS will offer science related courses and their attention will be focused solely on that. Business SHS, Technical SHS, Arts SHS, Technology SHS to feed into the vacancy universities. The idea is to catch talents early and enhance their capabilities. When our wards are able to comprehend what they are thought, and feel it, the learning does not become work but a hobby.

Free SHS (includes private SHS)

Free senior high education will continue and all private high schools’ students will also benefit from the package. All students in Ghana both private and public, must enjoy the package. We will review some portions of the free Senior High School program. Especially, we will introduce a cut point to aggregate 24 to stimulate the Junior High School pupil to learn hard to benefit from the free Senior High School programs. Those who could not make it up to aggregate 24 would be asked to re-sit to obtain better grades.

Education Bank

We will establish educational banks to fund all issues in relation to education, this will help to enhance a smooth running of the schools’ projects and also keep proper records of funds for education.

Teachers Warfare

Teachers will be motivated by introducing RENT TO OWN housing schemes. This is to help them have a place to lay their heads whiles in service. Teachers posted to the rural areas would be given special allowances. Teachers would be partnered with assembly men and chiefs to ensure their warfare are taken care of.

Schools Supervisors

Schools supervisors would be given motor bikes and saloon cars to monitor all schools' activities. All children with special needs would be given a special attention either in public or in the private schools.

Security as a course

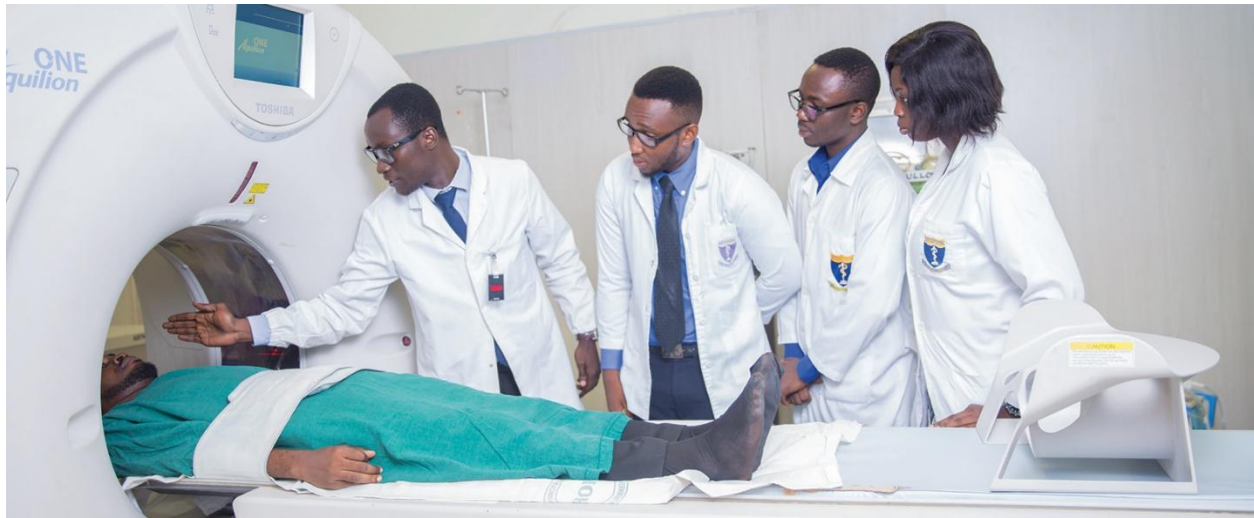
Security for all would be a core subject at the Junior High School level to give them personal security skills, interpersonal security skills and national security skills. This will make every child security conscious and thereby create a solid national security at all levels.

The course will be run through to the universities and within them, all the security agencies will be able to do their recruitment successfully without struggle. All trainings would be thought at that level.

Tertiary

Tertiary students, both private and public will have access to funds through the educational bank to fund their education. Also, teachers can access soft loans at the Bank of Education. We will enroll entrepreneurship as a compulsory course in all courses in the nation

HEALTH



Good and quality health is a basic human right and essential for sustained economic growth, social development and stability, the focus of the strategy and approach on health care delivery will be:

Making the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) to work to its fullest potential by the adoption of the following strategies:

The two and half percent deduction from the Value Added Tax (VAT) that is supposed to take care of the health needs of the people will not be lodged into the Consolidated Fund. The UPP Government through legislative Instrument and legal backing will create a special separate account to take care of the fund.

- Through Parliamentary vetting and subsequent approval, knowledgeable Fund Managers and Board of Directors will be appointed by UPP Government to manage the newly created special account devoid of Partisanship interference, The Fund Managers and the Board of Directors will be accountable to Parliament and the Government.
- The Chief Executive Officer and Departmental Heads of Hospitals and Polyclinics will be part of the daily management of the Fund to ensure proper utilization of the Fund.
- Periodic assessment, monitoring, evaluation and auditing of the Fund will be initiated through close collaboration with the Auditor General and the Public Accounts Committee of Parliament to control corruption, mismanagement and waste of financial resources. The two and half percent can be increased or decreased depending on very year's budget. The one-time premium will be introduced to Ghanaians on the scheme

- Biometric Health Insurance Card for all Ghanaians will be used to give accurate health history of all Ghanaians including new born babies. This system will equally delete the name of dead persons on the scheme.
1. UPP Government will ensure provision of better working conditions for health workers in the country without discrimination.
 2. Satellite Health Centers will be established within every 10 kilometers just to bring healthcare delivery at the door steps of the ordinary Ghanaian.
 3. We will review the admission requirements for the entry into Medical Schools and college of Allied Health Sciences to increase the training capacity of healthcare delivery workers. This concept will help to solve the deficit of Patients to Healthcare Delivery Workers Ratio.
 4. Mobile Clinics will be introduced to provide primary healthcare to Ghanaians in the rural and very remote areas.
 5. Through Private Partnership rapid response ambulance services will be available throughout all the healthcare centers. Through Private Partnership more funeral homes will be established across the country.
 6. Private Sector Participation in the mortuary services will be encouraged by the UPP Government.
 7. To control wastage of financial resources, corruption and mismanagement, an effective and efficient healthcare operations and information technology management will be introduced across all healthcare centers for the purpose of hospital data management.
 8. Certified herbal medicines and products by the Ghana Standard Board Authority, and Food and Drugs Authority will be prescribed alongside the orthodox medicine depending upon patients' preference treatment at all healthcare centers in Ghana.
 9. Psychiatric healthcare delivery will be promoted to provide better psychiatric care to patients.
 10. Free Maternal Healthcare delivery will be re-introduced.

Medicare

Our health care system has suffered in the hands of politicians for a long time. My government will replace NHIS to Medicare. Under Medicare, selected insurance companies will be mandated to take care of the registration of the people and issue a Medicare card. They will be the brochures of our health care needs just like other insurance cover. Their involvement will reduce corruption and also improve health care

Health Infrastructure

Health and infrastructural development will ensure every 5 kilometers interval will have a health care center to treat patients. This is to bring health care delivery to the door step of every Ghanaian. SSNNIT contributors will also be extended. More private enterprise owners will be made to contribute to pensions to enjoy all the schemes for contributors.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

UPP Government will promote good governance and socio-economic Transformation through the following initiatives:

1. In order to prevent corruption, UPP Government will introduce a policy to ensure full and successful implementation of the Procurement Act, Financial Administrative Act and Internal Audit Act to make the operations and administration of Government machinery, Ministries and Government machinery, Ministries and Government Agencies more transparent, accountable, effective and efficient.
2. We will promote All-inclusive Governance by appointing knowledgeable people from other Political Affiliations to our Government to prevent Winner-takes –all syndrome in Ghana.
3. UPP Government will strengthen and support Private Sector businesses to flourish 85% of Government contracts will be awarded to Ghanaian business owners, entrepreneurs, manufacturers and industrialists devoid of partisanship.
4. The Parliament and Judiciary will be strengthened and fully resourced to carry out their constitutional mandates. Better working conditions will be provided to the Member of Parliament, Parliamentary Staffs, the Judges and Judicial Staff.
5. The National Identification Authority (NIA) will be fully resources and strengthen to carry out their functions and the objectives it was established for.
6. Anti-corruption agencies, EOCO, BNI, CID and CHRAJ, will be empowered to functions properly without political interference.
7. The Right to information Act will be fully and successfully implemented.
8. UPP Government will closely collaborate with the Media Civil Society Organizations, Policy Think-Tanks and other Non-Governmental Organizations to help refine our policies, programmes, initiatives, projects and collectively champion the promotion of public interest.
9. The National Peace Council will be fully resourced and strengthened to promote peaceful co-existence as well as fully perform the core functions and purposes for which it was established for.
10. The Statutory Institutions such as the Electoral Commission, National Commission for Civil Education (NCCE, National Labour Commission, CHRAJ, National Media Commission, National Development Planning Commission, Fair Wages and Salary

Commission will be fully resourced and strengthened to perform their constitutional obligations. Better working conditions will be provided for the staffs of these institutions.

11. We will amend the constitution to separate the Attorney General Department from the Ministry of Justice.
12. UPP Government will enact laws to treat homosexuality bestiality and all other forms of unnatural carnal knowledge as the highest crime and the minimum and maximum penalty shall be 50 years imprisonment and death penalty will be abolished

Constitutional Review

After years of agitations for amendments of certain provisions of the 1992 constitution a constitutional review committee was established in 2010. The committee completed its work and submitted a report in December 2011 but no action has been taken on the implementation of the recommendations. A law suit challenging the constitutionality of the mandate of the committee was ruled in favor of the committee by the Supreme Court.

The UPP government will implement the recommendation of the constitutional review committee seeing that their effort does not go waste but rather useful and completed.

The laws of the country have two categories: those that require referenda for amendments because they are entrenched provisions in the 1992 constitution, and those that don't require referenda will be amended by parliament. Since those that require referenda needs to be gazetted for six months before referenda are held, our government will begin this process, a motion will be moved by my government to parliament to review some portions of the 1992 constitution to reduce the excessive powers given to the executive arm of government and transfer it to the people at the grass root. Thereby enhancing participatory democracy. Ministers appointed by the president from parliament will be abolished. Appointments of IGP by the sitting president will be abolished. The various police commissioners will be made to ballot for the IGP position. This is to reduce political interferences.

Chief justice would be elected by the judiciary service.

Electoral Commission will also elect their chair from their commissions.

Unicameral legislature will be constituted upper chamber. We are going to have both upper and lower chamber of parliament to replace the council of state to stop the rubber stamp parliament.

Elections MMDE/DCE: The elections of DCE/MMDE will be none partisan to make them serve the interest of their catchment area and not their political interest.

The president will pay taxes like any other citizen

Separating the minister of justice from the attorney general.

Affirming that separation of powers work without the interference of the president.

We will adhere to the provisions of the constitutions regarding chieftaincy by ensuring that it becomes a vital part of the new democratic culture of the country as well as play its part in national development. Chiefs will be given judicial powers to handle some cases that are cultural like, marriage disputes, family quarrels etc.

Repeal petroleum law and other natural resources legislations which are not in the best interest of the country.

Enhance the capacity of government to perform its functions. Enact any other laws that will enhance the quality of governance and overhaul the criminal justice system

LAW AND ORDER

UPP Government recognizes that peace and stability are prerequisites for rapid and sustained economic, social and cultural development.



MILITARY

1. UPP Government will restructure the military to build well-disciplined trained and highly motivated Armed Forces that will be accountable to civil authority.
2. Existing military policies will be reviewed to generally improve the working conditions of the Armed Forces of Ghana. Better Salary Structure will be instituted for the Armed Forces of Ghana.
3. We will set up machinery for evaluation of all military officers for the purpose of timely and prompt promotion of staffs
4. Special Military Fund will be instituted to take care of the families of dead soldier.
5. We will ensure provision of modern and fully facilitated barracks to the Armed Forces of Ghana.



6. We will equally fully resource and strengthen the Armed Forces of Ghana in the area of ICT, accommodation, transport facilities, equipment and remuneration to protect the Country from external and internal incursions.

POLICE SERVICE

The Police service is under duress coupled with extremely poor accommodation and poor working conditions. As part of measures to improve efficiency of the operations of the Police Service, the UPP Government will:

1. Review the structure and operations of the Police Service
2. Invest into building national powerful Police Service capable of carrying its mandate of enforcing law and order without abuse or discrimination against the citizenry.
3. Recruit, train and retain an adequate, effective, efficient and well-motivated Police personnel.
4. Ensure that the Inspector General of Police (IGP) is elected by the Police Administration through the casting of vote by all the staff or the Police Force. This will promote transparency and accountability devoid of Government and Political Interference.
5. We will equally fully resource and strengthen the Police Service of Ghana in the area of ICT, accommodation, transport facilities, equipment and remuneration to maintain internal law and order.



PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT



Prisons Service

1. We will put in place policies for rehabilitation and revitalization of the Prisons Service.
2. We will review the present laws regarding remand and introduce legislation that will improve the terms and conditions of prisoners.
3. We will renovate the infrastructure of the existing Prisons across the nation and establish modern Prisons facilities.
4. We will equally fully resource and strengthen the Prison Service of Ghana in the area of ICT, accommodation, transportation, equipment and remuneration to perform the functions effectively

SECURITY OF GENERAL PUBLIC AND PROPERTY

1. The security of the nation and the individual is a shared responsibility between the security forces and the citizenry. We will therefore embark on public education Ghanaians to be security conscious and to organize themselves for their own legitimate protection under clearly defined legal framework.
2. Through Private Partnership, adequate security will be provided to ensure total safety of every person's home and properties.

IMMIGRATION

1. The current laws and policies on immigration have been seriously abused to the extent that Ghana has become everybody's country making it difficult to know who is a citizen and who is not, and equally making it difficult to effectively control national security. As part of measure, to control this phenomenon, UPP Government will embark on the following initiatives.
2. Review the immigration naturalization and citizenship laws and policies to guarantee better security to Ghanaians and prevent the abuse of hospitality by foreigners.
3. Through Private Partnership millions of jobs will be created in Ghana under UPP Government so that Ghanaians will limit or cease from the seeking of greener pastures in other advanced countries.
4. The Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development in partnership with the National Identification Authority (NIA) will institute a proper address system for every household in Ghana and this concept will reduce the risk of borrowing, crime rate and make compilation of Voter's Register credible and much easier.
5. The immigration Department will be fully resourced and strengthened in the area of ICT, accommodation, transportation, equipment and remuneration to perform their functions effectively.

NATIONAL SECURITY

The National Security which comprises both the external Security and Internal Security will be strengthened and will enjoy massive innovation and improvement. The following initiatives will be taken to address the security challenges.

1. Sophisticated weapons and machines will be provided for the various security services and agencies to repel any internal and external security threat.
2. The Ghana Meteorological Department will be fully resourced.
3. Strengthening the Criminal Investigation Department and the Narcotics Control Board with the latest scientific and technology innovations to help combat crimes.
4. NADMO will equally be fully resourced and strengthened.

DECENTRALIZATION

UPP Government strongly believes that the power of the Executive is too much so we will seek to amend the constitution to reduce the powers of the Executive and transfer it to the people at the grassroots particularly the rural citizenry to also generate stakeholders' inputs and suggestions to Government proposed policy directives

This concept will help to champion the interest of participatory democracy and good governance. Hence the following policies will be implemented by the Government of United Progressive Party (UPP).

1. MMDCEs will be elected by the electorates.
2. Awarding of Government contracts will be done at the local level.
3. Every District Municipal and Metropolitan Assemblies will become semi-autonomous and the people will decide which projects, programmes or initiatives they will like to use their fund generated locally and from Central Government for.
4. UPP Government through Private Partnerships will encourage the communities at the District to provide service plots to enable Government to provide modern social amenities for the communities.

TRANSPORT

Transport in Ghana is accomplished by road, rail, air and water. The following intervention programmes will be initiated:



AVIATION

1. The UPP Government will construct International Airports in Takoradi, Ho and Kumasi.
2. To promote and enhance domestic flights, the existing local Airports will be upgraded and expanded.
3. Government through Private Partnership will purchase modern commercial aircrafts for the aviation industry.
4. The UPP Government will partner local airline companies for effective and affordable domestic air travel.
5. The Kotoka International Airport will be upgraded and expanded to world class standard.



MARITIME

1. Through Private Partnerships modern ships, boats and safeguard equipment's will be acquired by UPP Government to address the challenges of water transportation. The ports and Harbours will be expanded and upgraded to meet the demands of patrons and would standard.



RAILWAY

1. Through Private Partnership Electronic and Magnetic transport will be acquired by UPP Government to resurrect the rail transport sector.
2. Additional railway, roads, railway lines and train stations will be constructed by the UPP administration through partnership with the Private Sector to facilitate economic development.
3. Through Private partnership Tram-trains (diesel-powered trains) will be introduced to reduce congestion and improve traffic control and management.



ROAD

1. All the uncompleted roads across the country will be completed by the UPP Government and also construct a number of contemporary roads to solve the economic challenges associated with transport.
2. New buses will be acquired for the Metro Mass Transit Company (MMT) and State Transport Corporation (STC).



3. Invest in road infrastructure not only by upgrading the principal road networks but also improving the condition of roads in the rural and agricultural communities.
4. Reverse the years of neglect of the country's feeder road network through a programme of upgrading and maintenance.
5. Through Private Partnership satellite vehicle terminals will be constructed for commercial vehicle users and drivers. This concept will help to reduce unnecessary congestion on our roads.
6. The DVLA will be fully resourced and strengthened to function effectively and efficiently. The DVLA will equally be encouraged to partner with the Private Sector to reduce the workload of the DVLA.
7. Invite private participation in the construction and maintenance and maintenance of roads. Through the policy of Construct, Operate and Transfer, the Private Sector will be encouraged to construct roads and collect tolls for a specific determined number of years before Government will takes over. This concept will help Government to reduce excessive borrowing for the construction of roads.

HOUSING



There would be massive infrastructural projects under the scheme, RENT TO OWN. Pension contributors for 10 years and above would be given a housing unit and accumulated deductions used as mortgage to secure it. Monthly payment as repayment to offset the rest to make the house fully their own.

The government will partner private developers to deliver those housing units whiles off takers' agreement will be made for their purchase.

Farmers and lower income business owners will be encouraged to register and work to the scheme. These houses will be in both urban and peri urban communities. By this scheme, the 2.7 million housing clericity would be eliminated.

1. *As matter of urgency, the UPP Government will address the over one million housing deficits in the country, UPP Government through secured funding will establish state-owned estates and also expand the existing state-owned estates.*
2. The Private Sector will be assisted by Government to put up affordable housing for the various classes of income earners.
3. To bridge the rural-urban migration, houses with social amenities will be constructed in the country's villages and rural areas.
4. Through private Partnership UPP Government will complete the affordable housing projects started by the NPP administration and also initiate new ultramodern housing projects to meet the demands of Ghanaians at very affordable prices.
5. Empower the Ghana Real Estate Developers Association and other stakeholders in the housing industry to provide low-cost technologies for building high-quality and high-capacity homes and apartments across the country.
6. Promote the development of the mortgage industry to increase the rate of home ownership in the country.
7. Work with the Ghana Institute of Engineers and other relevant private and public bodies to improve the standards and quality in the construction industry.

WATER AND SANITATION

The Government of United Progressive Party will ensure a total transformation in the water and Sanitation Sector of the economy through the following initiatives:



ACCESSIBILITY TO POTABLE DRINKING

Invite private participation in the generation, transmission, distribution, metering and collection of revenues just like the telecommunications industry.

1. Through Private Partnerships we will build new water dams and upgrade the existing water dams in order to ensure regular supply of water to our urban cities and rural areas.
2. Boreholes will be constructed in villages and rural areas across the country. These boreholes will have a proper distribution network to ensure frequent and consistent water distribution to all household. This concept will be held to reduce stress and prevent unnecessary queuing for water at borehole points.

WATER HARVESTING

Water reservoirs will be constructed across the Country to harvest rainwater for future use and this can also, in turn, reduce flooding and promote agricultural activities in terms of irrigation.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM AND SEA DEFENSE PROJECT

1. Ultra-modern covered-up drainage system in cities, towns, and communities will be constructed
2. Through Private Partnerships, we will construct Sea defense projects across all the coastal belt of Ghana to combat the ravaging waves of the sea. The UPP Government will ensure that Ghana is free from filth. Pragmatic measures and policies will be put in place to ensure total eradication of rubbish and filth from our environment through partnership with Waste Control and Management Companies, our major cities will be free from dirt.
 1. State-owned waste companies shall also be established to support the efforts of the private waste companies.
 2. Free distribution of waste bins to house will be paramount
 3. We will ensure that bio-fuel biogas are generated from waste for domestic purposes.

RECYCLE OF WASTE

As part of efforts to control waste and also create jobs and employment opportunities for Ghanaians, Recycle Waste Companies will be set up across the country to recycle solid and liquid waste. These recycled wastes can be used to produce compost/ manure/ fertilizers for agricultural activities and also biodegradable products can be obtained from the recycled waste.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

1. Through Legislative Instrument and legal backing, the Environmental Protection Agency will be transformed to environmental Protection Authority to handle and issues concerning environment and sanitation.
2. The Environmental Protection Authority will be given legal backing to sanction and prosecute citizens who involve in environmental land degradation, all forms of pollution, improper littering, public urinating and defecation, deforestation and poor sanitation practices in all household.

3. The EPA will be fully resourced to fulfill its constitutional obligation and perform additional responsibilities through collaboration with the Forestry Commission and the District, Municipal and Metropolitan Assemblies.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Youth empowerment is a very important area the UPP Government will do everything possible to achieve this vision. The most effective way of ensuring our country's successful future is through the engagement and involvement of the youth. UPP Government will ensure the full implementation of the following programmes:

1. Set up an enterprising-initiative fund to be known as Youth Empowerment Fund (YEF) to nurture and support the youth to start up their own ventures.
2. Establishment of Business Advisory and Jobs Centers in all Districts, Municipal and Metropolitan Assemblies.

This concept will help to introduce the youth to new business opportunities, business ideas and provide them with special entrepreneurship skill training, professional advice and financing for business development.

3. Fully resource the National Youth Council to address the challenges confronting the youth.
4. Existing National Youth Programmes and policies will be reviewed to address issues of youth unemployment in Ghana.
5. The National Service Scheme will be restructured to meet contemporary demands.

SOCIAL SECURITY AND GENDER EMPOWERMENT

Social intervention programmes and policies will be initiated to address the social challenges faced by this country. The following measures will be introduced:

1. Empower Social Welfare Agencies and NGOs to spearhead the efforts to shift the focus from welfare to genuine development without political patronage.
2. Ensure a comprehensive state policy and set up Vulnerability fund to cover all persons who are at special risk in society including:
 - I. Disabled
 - II. Aged
 - III. Orphans
 - IV. Widows
3. Ensure fully and successful implementation of the Disability Act.
4. Ensure provision of skills Development Training for the vulnerable in society.

CARING FOR THE AGED

Article 37(2) (b) of the 1992 constitution enjoins government to take measures to protect various social groups, including the aged.

The UPP government will empower all relevant state institutions to ensure that all sectors including civil society organizations, participate adequately in caring for the aged in Ghana. (Our agriculture policy deals with income security for farmers and fishermen in old age).

PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

Despite the passage of disability Act, 2006 (Act 715), the disabled -PWDs-in Ghana continues to face serious discrimination and institutional impediment to their efforts to contribute to national development. Physical access to building, including government ones remains limited.

The UPP will introduce a number of interventions that are designed to give full effects and impetus to the Disability Act and the UN Convention on the rights of persons with Disabilities are fully implemented with the spread light. We shall go further to ensure that the dignity of PWDs is protected and enhanced. We shall leave no stone unturned.

The UPP pledges to do the following;

1. Enhance and adequately fund the national council of persons with Disabilities.
2. Decentralize the activities of the national council of persons with Disabilities to improve access to and quality of service at the local level.
3. Institute the right to free education: PWDs will be given free education at public institutions, and the required resources, materials and facilities will be given to ensure unhindered access and facilitate their education.
4. District assessment centers will be established and /or properly resourced to among other things early childhood detection of Disability. Under the NHIS, health care for PWDs with certain health conditions or illnesses will be free.
5. All public employers would be legislated to ensure that at least 5.0 percent of their workforce are PWDs. National Employment Centres will also have special Disability desks.
6. The UPP will increase the disability common fund allocation to 5% and ensure its timely payable into separate account for this purpose.
7. Establish community base rehabilitation and employment support centers for the disabled as a means of enhancing their skills and capacity.
8. Transportation shall be made progressively free for PWDs.

9. The UPP will ensure that PWDs in need of personal assistant will be provided them free.
10. Parent of children with disabilities will be provided with both legal and economic support.
11. Women with disabilities will be given special attention due to their additional challenges as women and as women with disabilities.

TOURISM

Tourism is the fastest growing sector in the world. Tourism has the potential to raise more funds to transform the country. Successive government has not put tourism as their source to rake in revenue for development. Steps to develop all identified tourist sites to attract tourist to patronize them;



Internal tourism;

Schools and colleges as well as public institutions will be mandated to visit tourist sites twice in a year. All major roads to our tourist sites will be constructed to open up those sites. We will mobilize and organize festivals in conjunction with traditional authorities to promote cultural activities and, thereby, attract tourist. All these are going to create jobs in our country. International advertisement on CNN and other networks will provide destination to tourists in Ghana.

Tourism will also be a course in our educational curriculum from JSS upwards. We shall reduce the taxes at the various hospitality industries to make them attractive for patronage. All these sites would be clean at all times. Food venders will be given training to make their products more appealing and attractive

UPP Government will embark on the following initiatives and programmes.

1. Through Private Partnerships we will establish Entertainment Centers, Theaters, Parks and Gardens as well as other Recreational Facilities in all the regional capitals of Ghana.

2. Offer financial technical and managerial support for all the national cultural events to ensure the highest quality of cultural products including food, entertainment, and theatre production.
3. Through Private Partnerships, we will ensure provision of successful tour operations, establishment of hotels and guest houses across the entire tourist destination in Ghana.
4. We will fully resource and strengthen Ghana Tourism Authority, Ghana Wildlife Authority, the Forestry Commission and other ecological agencies to perform effectively and efficiently.
5. Through Private Partnership, we will properly transform the zoo into safari just like in South Africa in all the District. This will help the country to generate about 5 billion dollars per annum to support the socio-economic transformation of Ghana.
6. Through Private Partnership and close collaboration with the Chieftaincy Institution we will introduce and promote Cultural and Internal Tourism in Ghana. Under this policy, we will organize regional and District Cultural and Made in Ghana Goods will be displayed during the cultural festivals.
7. Diasporas Homecoming Festivals will be instituted through Private Partnership Local Foods and Dishes will be compulsorily used for these activities.
8. The full and successful implementation of Cultural and Internal Tourism as well as Diasporas Homecoming Festivals will help Ghana to generate about 10 billion dollars per annum to support socio-economic transformation and infrastructural development. Millions of jobs will be created under these tourism policies.
9. We will institute Creative Arts Supports Fund to assist Musicians Composers, Sound Engineers, and Comedians, Ghana film and Entertainment Industry as well as the entire Creative Arts Industry. This concept will help them to compete fairly locally and globally.

CHIEFTANCY AND LAND REFORMS

1. The Land Tenure System will be reformed in such a way that Chiefs, Traditional Authorities, Land Owners will partner Government and the Private Sector in real estate development, commercial farming, tourism, and establishment of markets, schools, hospitals, industries and recreational facilities.
2. We will ban the purchase of Government lands and sanction Government appointees and individuals who illegally involve in the sales and purchase of Government lands
3. The Lands Commission will be fully resourced and strengthened to function effectively and efficiently.



4. The UPP Government will partner Custodians of Lands to provide service plots to real estate developers and individuals. Through this partnership, Government will ensure provision of water, electricity, internet facilities, telecommunications, facilities, markets, schools, hospitals, shopping malls, security and other social amenities to lands before the Custodians of these lands can sell to individuals and real estate developers. The type of house or building to be constructed on these service plots will be determined and approved by Government.
5. The UPP Government will closely collaborate with the Chieftaincy institution to help solve land litigation issues and other minor cases through Alternative Dispute Resolution so that the pressure on the Judiciary will be reduced.
6. Government will partner Custodians of Farm Lands to have proper land titles so that they can use their lands as collateral for loans and credit facilities.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



A country with vast natural resources but lacks technology will forever remain stagnant in terms of economic growth. As part of efforts to make Ghana an industrialized and technology driven economy, much emphasis will be placed on the improvement and promotion of science and technology education.

The following measures will be put in place to ensure the promotion and advancement of science and technology:

1. Provide scholarship schemes to science, technical and mathematics students from the Senior high School level up to the tertiary.
2. Science programmes in the Polytechnics, the Technical institutes and the Universities will be carefully reviewed.
3. Ensure Accessibility of free internet by Ghanaians.
4. Provide support to Private Companies who involved in IT businesses through Private Partnership with Apostle Dr. Kwadwo Sarfo and Suame Magazine Industrial Development Organization (SMIDO) we will embark on local manufacturing of Vehicles. Aircrafts, Ships, Trains, Boats, Computers and other industrial machines in Ghana for local and global markets.
5. We will equip other science and Technological Inventors to achieve this objective.

MODERNIZATION OF THE CAPITAL CITIES

As part of UPP Government Policy to make Ghana the beacon of Regional Capital beautification we will embark on the following initiatives to achieve this objective:

1. The National Capital Town will be relocated from Accra to around Kintampo Top-notch facilities, massive infrastructure, innovative and very powerful technologies will be used to develop the new Nation Capital Town of Ghana. The relocation of the seat of Government from Accra is very necessary because Accra is very close to the sea and it makes the Seat of Government very vulnerable to external military incursions and perennial flooding. In contemporary governance, the Seat of Government for most countries is located in the middle of the country for the purpose of Military Intelligence. Accra will be restructured and re-engineered into a commercial capital Town but around Kintampo shall be the seat of Government. Through this development concept, millions of jobs will be created to address the issues of high rate of unemployment
2. Through Private Partnership, thousands of Office Complexes will be established in all the sixteen Regional Capitals to lease to companies and private individuals.
3. Modern underground drainage systems will be constructed in all the sixteen Regional Capitals
4. Through Private Partnership we will develop the beaches and the coastal belt of Ghana to a world class beaches and resorts.
5. The Greening Ghana Project will equally be successfully implemented.
6. All access to roads within the sixteen Regional Capitals will be properly constructed
7. Through private Partnership we will construct ultra-modern market facilities in all the District, Municipal and Metropolitan Assemblies. This will help to reduce the pressure on the few established markets complex in Ghana.

8. Through Private Partnership we will introduce police of Rotational Markets System to help reduce congestion, restrict market services and increase revenue generation in all Districts Municipal and Metropolitan Assemblies.
9. By Parliamentary approval we will institute a policy of National Infrastructure Modernization, through this policy we will partner with the Private Sector to demolish all below standard housing facilities and infrastructure, and construct ultra-modern infrastructure and facilities to replace the demolished ones.

REGIONAL AND CONTINENTAL INTEGRATION

In a rapidly changing global environment, active engagement with the global community is inevitable. As such, the UPP Government will pursue a foreign policy that will promote the interests of Ghanaians and these Policies will include:

1. Promotes trade and industrial relationship with other countries by seeking extended market access for Ghana's goods and services.
2. Promote Inter-African trade; Collaborate with AU, UN, ECOWAS, EU and all the approved charters to promote peace, security and stability around the world.
3. Ensure smooth diplomatic relationship with all the embassies and diplomats internally and externally
4. Establish Ghana Mission Centers and Embassies in Countries where we are lacking and ensure a very smooth diplomatic relationship with these Countries.

SPORTS



Sport is a major contributor to a healthy and productive society.

It is a core component of youth and national development. It is also a source of national pride and identity.

Through sports, our citizenry will have an opportunity to perform on the world stage and in the process win recognition for the nation.

The following policy initiatives will be introduced to improve the Sport Sector of the country.

1. Invest in the Physical Infrastructure for sports. These will include the construction of major facilities to promote important and non-traditional sporting disciplines such as lawn tennis, swimming, water polo, basketball, baseball and squash etc.
2. Strengthened the National Sport Authority (NSA) to formulate national sports policies and also to ensure that the various sporting disciplines, sporting clubs and physical and properties are constructed, managed, sustained and maintain construction of community stadia in all Districts.

MINING



The mining sector plays an important role in the national economic growth. The country benefits revenue generation from this sector. The following measures will be taken with the view of solving the problems affecting Mining Sector and our local communities:

1. The salt Mining Industry will be supported by Government to achieve full scale commercial production for export and local consumption, loans and credit facilities will be given to individuals in the salt industry. We will improve the existing technologies to increase production of salt to satisfy the Oil and Gas Industry, as well as for local consumption and global market. Through Private Partnership, we will make Ghana the leading exporter of salt within the sub-Region.
2. We will revamp the operations of the local small-scale mining and reduce the menace of illegal galamsey and enforce regulations on illegal mining.
3. We will ban foreign nationals from engaging in galamsey

4. We will Strengthen environmental regulations and pursue afforestation programmes to preserve mined-out-lands
5. Existing land and degraded mined-out sites will be reclaimed through the Technology of Land Reclamation, and as part of greening Ghana Cocoa will be planted in these areas.
6. Through Private Partnership, modern facilities and infrastructure will be provided for the mining communities.
7. Through Private Partnership, Mining Processing, Plants will be established in all mining communities to add value to the mining products for the regional and global markets.

PUBLIC SECTOR REFORMS

UPP Government will strengthen the Labour laws and also address concerns of the various labour unions in the country. We will embark on the following Public Sector Reform programmes to transform the Public Service:

1. Draw up a code of conduct for Public servants in order to reduce the resource wastage and corruption in the Public Sector of the economy.
2. Formulate and implement a Human Resource Development Policy for the Public Service.
3. Encourage and support Public Servants to enable them to pursue further education and on the Jobs training at all levels.
4. Strengthened the capacity of the Public Services Commission to manage the Public Service more effectively.
5. Improve the physical conditions including massive infrastructural developments in the Public sector of the economy.
6. Review the Package of benefits and working conditions that can be used to motivate Public sector workers.
7. We will introduce a compulsory Sabbatical for Public Sector workers at all levels.

PRIVATE SECTOR REFORMS

1. *UPP Government will provide loans and credit facilities to traders, farmers, Commercial drivers, garages, businessmen and other individuals, firms, co-operations, companies and institutions in the informal and private sector of the economy.*
2. UPP Government will also partner any private entity to achieve joint partnership developmental projects and also ensures tax reforms, mobilization and collection in the informal sector of the economy.

EMPOWERING WOMEN; AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The UPP records on combatting political exclusion of women has not being matched by any political party in our history. We pledge to continue this tradition of ensuring political space for all women in the struggle to liberate the country from poverty. Our agenda for gender equity will, therefore, be pursued on these fronts;

1. Tackle aggressively the root causes of discrimination against women from childhood (inter-generational gender discrimination).
2. Use affirmative action policies to address current discrimination against women in all spheres of national life.
3. Uphold the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. (CSW) 2030. Agenda for sustainable development.
4. Create a conducive environment for gender responsive implementation of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development through passing and implementing enabling laws and policies, building solid institutional infrastructure, providing financial resources, strengthening participation mechanisms, and investing in sex disaggregated data to guide national action.
5. Intensify efforts to remove discrimination against girls, and by extension women, at all levels of the educational system through increasing resources to the relevant public and non-public institutions.
6. Declare the growing incidence of teenage pregnancy, especially statutory rape against young girls, many of them still in basic school as a national epidemic and set up a task force to investigate the causes and proposed lasting solutions.
7. Enforcing the Affirmative
8. Actions of Policy to deal with current discrimination against women in various aspects of national life.