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COMSATS to promote science & technology

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ISLAMABAD—The Consultative Committee of the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) has reiterated its pledge to support the organization's Science & Technology programmes and activities during its third meeting.

According to a news release issued here on Tuesday the meeting was inaugurated by the Ghanaian Minister for Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation, H.E. Mr. Mahama Awariga, while the Federal Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of Pakistan, Mr. Fazal Abbas Maken, chaired the meeting in his capacity as the Chairperson Consultative Committee. The meeting, hosted by Ghanaian Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI), was attended by the representatives of COMSATS' Focal Points in 16 Member States, namely China, Egypt, Ghana, Iran, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Nigeria, Palestine, Philippines, Pakistan, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tunisia, Uganda and Zimbabwe, as well as Turkey.

Speaking at the inaugural session of the one-day meeting, Mr. Maken expressed pleasure on the strong role being played by COMSATS for South-South Cooperation in various sectors of Science and Technology. He strongly urged the members of the Consultative Committee to sufficiently support COMSATS' Centers of Excellence in their respective countries for them to play their due roles in the national development agendas of

Member States. Mr. Awariga formally inaugurated the meeting with his expression of pleasure for hosting the Consultative Committee Meeting that was to be followed by the meeting of COMSATS' Heads of States-level Commission, convened by the President of Ghana, H.E. Dr. John Dramani Mahama. He stated that Ghana places science, technology and innovation (ST&I) development high on its priority list, which is expected to contribute to the country's social and economic growth, as well as improve the quality of life of its people.

Earlier during the inaugural ceremony, the Executive Director COMSATS, Dr. I. E. Qureshi, highlighted the functions of COMSATS' statutory bodies as well as the significance of the two meetings, while the Chief Director MESTI, Ms. Salimata Abdul-Salam, extended warm welcome to the foreign participants and country delegates. In addition to key deliberations of statutory importance, matters relating to new initiatives for enhancing COMSATS' role in facilitating scientific cooperation among Member States; and enhanced role of COMSATS' Focal Ministries and government departments in Member States to garner necessary financial support for the organization's international programmes through Annual Membership Contributions and COMSATS Endowment Fund. A key component of the meeting deliberation comprised of Country Statements, which covered their governments' stances on S&T-led sustainable development and recommendations for enhancing the effectiveness of COMSATS' programmes and activities in its Member States.

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Support for COMSATS S&T initiatives pledged

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ISLAMABAD

The Consultative Committee of the COMSATS has reiterated its pledge to support the organization's S&T programmes and activities.

The commitment was made during the committee's 3rd meeting held in Accra, Ghana, says a press note issued here by the Comsats headquarters yesterday.

The meeting was inaugurated by Ghanaian Minister for Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation, Mahama Ayariga, while Federal Secretary Science and Technology from Pakistan, Fazal Abbas Maken, chaired the meeting.

The representatives of COMSATS' Focal Points in 16 member states, namely China, Egypt, Ghana, Iran, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Nigeria, Palestine, Philippines, Pakistan, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tunisia,

Uganda and Zimbabwe, as well as Turkey attended the meeting.

Speaking at the inaugural session, Abbas Maken expressed satisfaction on the strong role being played by COMSATS for South-South Cooperation in various sectors of science and technology.

He strongly urged the members of the Consultative Committee to sufficiently support COMSATS' Centers of Excellence in their respective countries to play their due role in the national development agendas of the member states.

In his remarks, Ayariga stated that Ghana places science, technology and innovation development high on its priority list, which is expected to contribute to the country's social and economic growth, as well as improve the quality of life of its people.

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Consultative committee reaffirms its support to COMSATS

Staff Report

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Ghanaian Minister for Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation Mahama Ayariga inaugurated the meeting while Pakistan's Ministry of Science and Technology Federal Secretary Fazal Abbas Maken chaired the meeting in his capacity as the Chairperson Consultative Committee. The representatives of COMSATS' Focal Points in 16 member states namely China, Egypt, Ghana, Iran, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Nigeria, Palestine, Philippines, Pakistan, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tunisia, Uganda and Zimbabwe, as well as Turkey attended the meeting.

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COMSATS CC PLEDGES TO STRENGTHEN S&T COORDINATION

By [Ahsan Jamil](#) Posted on October 28, 2015 | [Comments \(0\)](#)

STAFF REPORT ISB: The Consultative Committee of the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) emphasized its promise to strengthen the association's S&T projects and exercises amid its third Meeting held in Accra, Ghana, on 26th October 2015.

Fazal Abbas Maken, Secretary Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST) led the meeting as Chairperson Consultative Committee. He communicated delight on the robust part being played by COMSATS for South-South Cooperation in different segments of Science and Technology. He unequivocally asked the individuals from the Consultative Committee to adequately bolster COMSATS' Centers of Excellence in their particular nations for them to assume their due parts in the national improvement plans of Member States.

Executive Director COMSATS, Dr. I. E. Qureshi, highlighted the elements of COMSATS' statutory bodies and in addition the essentialness of the two gatherings, while the

Chief Director MESTI, Salimata Abdul-Salam, stretched out warm welcome to the remote members and nation delegates.

The meeting, facilitated by Ghanaian Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI), was attended by the representatives of COMSATS' Focal Points in 16 Member States, to be specific China, Egypt, Ghana, Iran, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Nigeria, Palestine, Philippines, Pakistan, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tunisia, Uganda and Zimbabwe, and in addition Turkey.



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IT: (Support for COMSATS S&T Agenda vowed)

By PPI News Agency

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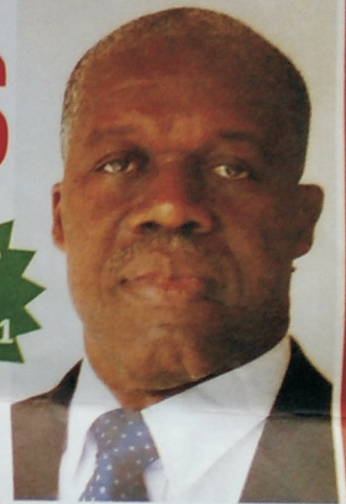
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National Household Registry Launched

By Nii Adotei Addo

Nana Oye Lithur, Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection has said at the National Launch of the first Household Registry in Africa, that the Ghana National Household Registry is the fulcrum around which social protection interventions evolve and also answers perceived political, religious or tribal bias.

According to her, social protection is a tool to reduce poverty and cited the provision of free healthcare services provided Ghanaians since independence in 1957 when Dr. Nkrumah initiated the project.

She indicated that the practice could not be sustained due to the fact that the programme was solely financed from tax revenues since government has to focus on other sectors of the economy that equally required financial support.

She touched on the 1965 nationwide social security scheme, the Provident Fund Scheme, the Pension Scheme in 1991 with the three benefits of old age pension, invalidity pension and death-survivors payment.

To help alleviate poverty and protect the people from natural and economic shocks, Nana Oye said the government has decided on two strategies, the National Social Protection Strategy (NSPS) and the Growth and Poverty Reduction Strategy (GPRS-II) among others with several new measures, adding that fragmentation duplication and gaps between various programmes have not helped to achieve maximum results.

According to her, individually established registries, it was realized, brought about lack of coordination in targeting beneficiaries and devoid of standardization hence the need for the National Household Registry.

Nana Oye reiterated that the establishment of a Single Household Registry is, therefore, meant to eliminate the duplicating efforts and

their associated cost. She further indicated that methods used to select beneficiaries will be rationalized and the registry will also improve coordination among programmes.

The Minister was optimistic that with the policy, legal and institutional arrangements as well as the targeting unit firmly in place; social protection in Ghana is ready to single-handedly contribute to the elimination of all forms of poverty.

She said the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) presents Ghana another

opportunity to score another first-to "end poverty in all its forms everywhere" adding that the competition is more with our own vision than with other countries to achieve targets we have set for ourselves to eliminate the 8.4 percent of our population said to be extremely poor out of that condition.

Extolling some of the benefits that have accrued, Nana Oye said social protection is contributing to increased enrollment in schools, improved access to health care, and

is improving opportunities to end poverty.

She said the government of the NDC is living by its mandate as a Social Democratic government and is determined to ensure that every Ghanaian lives a life of dignity with the help of Social Protection.

The project which the minister said is nationally implemented was designed following an extensive stakeholder consultation process led by the Government of Ghana in

partnership with the World Bank, DIFD and the UNICEF and brought together the Ministries of Finance, Gender, Children and Social Protection, Local Government and Rural Development, Education and Health.

The project was launched by H.E. Kwesi Amissah Arthur, Vice President of the Republic of Ghana.

Ghana Hosts COMSATS Conference

The Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI) will from 26th to 28th October 2015, host the 3rd General Meeting of the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) and the 3rd Meeting of COMSATS Consultative Committee at the La Palm Royal Beach Hotel in Accra.

This was contained in a press release issued by Mr. Zakari Musah, the Public Relations Officer of the Ministry on behalf of the sector Minister, the Hon Mahama Agyariga.

COMSATS, which is currently chaired by His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Ghana, John Dramani Mahama, is playing a leading role in promoting sustainable development in the South.

COMSATS was established in 1994 as an inter-governmental organization based in Islamabad. It presently has 23 countries in three continents as member states, namely Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The Commission seeks to achieve Sustainable Development of member countries through the use of Science and Technology and also serves as a platform to mutually identify common developmental problems and in turn, devise appropriate technical solutions.

It is important to note that the fast evolving world calls for stronger cooperation among the developing countries to not only catch up with the development in the North but to also keep pace with the rapid scientific and technological advancements taking place around the globe.

It is for this reason that the Ministry is making Science, Technology and Innovation the foundation of Ghana's socio-economic development and the main thrust behind the government's Better Ghana Agenda.

The Government of Ghana is committed to COMSATS' cause and would continue to play its due role in all its programmes and activities.

Various member countries are expected to participate in these important meetings including Ghana, China, Colombia, Kazakhstan, Egypt, Nigeria, Palestine, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Sudan, Turkey, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

Prez Mahama Commends Military Cadets

By William Sarpong

President John Dramani Mahama has commended young Cadets who have offered to dedicate their lives to the service of the nation's security.

President Mahama applauded the Cadets when he joined the graduation parade of Regular Career Course 55 and Short Service Commission and Special Duties Course 53 at the Ghana Military Academy, in Accra.

President Mahama, every year, attends the pass out of graduation officer-cadets at the Ghana Military Academy.

Addressing the Cadets, he pointed out that with the kind of standard of training and discipline given to the graduates by the Arm Forces, he is optimistic that they would put up their best to protect the nation.

The Armed Forces, according to the President, have a tradition that all Ghanaians are proud that Ghanaian troops were the first peacekeepers that were deployed to Congo, adding that they are also the longest deployment to ever serve in Lebanon.

Ghanaian soldiers, he said, have always ensured the safety of the territorial borders of the nation and reminded the graduates to behave professionally and display high sense of morality.

The Ghana Armed Forces, he said, has displayed high sense of professionalism over the years and have managed themselves with the limited resources.

According to the President, Government has purchased logistics including new aircrafts and helicopters etc. to improve the capacity of the military both for peacekeeping and domestic security.

The NDC Government, he stated, over the years has been able to supply the contingents with their needs to enable them carry out their duties effectively.

Procurement processes, he said, are currently ongoing to rehabilitate military houses in the barracks all over the country.

The emerging new form of security threat in the world, President Mahama pointed out, should be one of the things that the Military should now take serious and put measures to confront them.

He congratulated the graduation cadet for their sacrifice and service to mother Ghana.

Awards and prizes were presented to deserving graduates including the Air Force Cadet who placed first in the order of merit of the Regular Career Course 55.

And to Midshipman adjudged the best in Naval Warfare and Operations from the Regular Career Course 55; Army Cadet who placed first in the order of merit of the short service commission/Special Duties Course 53.

Others are Officer Cadet adjudged best in Academic studies Regular Career Course 55, Officer Cadet adjudged best in Military Studies in the Regular Career Course 55; Best Allied Cadet in the Regular Career Course 55.

Award was also further given to the female Cadet adjudged best in the Regular Career Course 55; to Female Cadet adjudged the best in the Short SERVICE Commission/Special Duties Course 53; to best all round Officer Cadet in the Regular Career Course 55.