



OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE, (OGP)

**PRESENTATION TO STAKEHOLDERS AT THE
LAUNCH/INCEPTION MEETING ON THE
CO-CREATION OF STMA OGP LAP 2018-2020**

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BACKGROUND

- The Open Government Partnership (OGP) is an international voluntary initiative that seeks to secure concrete commitments from government to the people to promote **transparency, accountability, active citizen participation** and **the use of technology and innovation to strengthen governance.**



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- Ghana signed onto the OGP at its formal launch in September 2011.
- Eight founding member countries namely, Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Norway, Philippines, South Africa, United Kingdom and the United States endorsed an Open Government Declaration and announced their country action plans.

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- ➔ From 2011 to date, OGP members have grown from 8 to 76 participating countries. Ten out of the 76 countries are from Africa, these are: Ghana, Nigeria, Burkina-Faso, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Malawi, South Africa, Tunisia, and Tanzania.
- ➔ By this gesture, these countries have committed to improving the lives of their citizens through an open, transparent and accountable governance.



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- Ghana's membership on the OGP demonstrates our desire to further deepen open governance and participatory democracy in practice, thus enhancing the principles of good governance.
- This singular step has tremendously added to the already soaring international image of the Country.

STRUCTURE OF THE OGP

- The OGP is conceived and designed as a multi-stakeholder initiative that requires state-civil society collaboration. The collaborative spirit of the initiative finds expression in its governance arrangements.
- At the global level OGP is governed by a steering committee comprising representatives of government and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). This same structure exists in almost all OGP member countries.

GHANA'S COMMITMENTS UNDER THE OGP

- Ghana's commitment to the OGP and indeed the commitment of all OGP member countries is captured in the national action plan (NAP) implemented every two years.
- The NAP elaborates concrete assurances addressing the five OGP grand challenges but tailored to each country context.



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- The NAP may build on existing open government reforms, identify new steps to complete on-going reforms, or initiate action in an entirely new area. Ghana has so far implemented the first and the second action plans and developed the third action plan and submitted it in October 2017.
- The specific commitments made by Ghana to promote the key pillars of OGP and the achievements are listed in Table 1.

TABLE 1

NATIONAL ACTION PLAN: 2016-2017

Action Points (Themes)	Nature of Commitment	Achievements	Remarks
Theme 1: Transparency	1.1. Open Contracting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly online publication of all contracts by the Public Procurement Authority The Public Investment Division took steps to monitor contract execution by submitting the Public Private Partnership Bill to Parliament Amendment of the Company's Act to broaden disclosure of Beneficial Ownership Passage of the Petroleum Bill in August 2016 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of six commitments were made in the second action plan. None of the six commitments were completed. Ghana made substantial progress in only one out of the six commitments
	1.2. Pass the RTI Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Series of engagements were held with Parliament on the Bill; Bill was reviewed with all amendments included 	
	1.3. Citizen Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of District Assemblies have established Client Service Units to field complaints about public service The NCCE conducted adult education and sensitization programmes at the District level 	
Theme 2: Accountability	2.1. Fiscal Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Finance (MoF) held series of meetings with civil society and government stakeholders to discuss the content of the Bill 	
	2.2. Revenue management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mineral Development Fund Bill was passed in February 2016. 	
Theme 3: Technology and innovation	3.1. Open Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NITA upgraded the Open Data portal to a new portal, open (DKAN) version 	

OGP'S CONTRIBUTION TO GOVERNMENT'S PRIORITY AREAS.

- The OGP Initiative is designed to provide a platform for domestic reformers who are committed to making their government more open, accountable and responsive to citizens, as such, the initiative acts as a stimulus to existing or ongoing open government reforms.
- It is not intended to reinvent the wheel or compel governments to implement unrealistic reforms.



**OGP SUBNATIONAL PILOT PROGRAM/
OGP LOCAL PROGRAM**

BABKGROUND OF THE PILOT PROGRAM

- In 2015, the OGP Steering Committee approved of the piloting of the OGP at the subnational level designed to more proactively involve subnational governments in the initiative.
- The program targeted subnational governments with committed political and working level reformers, and engaged and energetic partners in civil society, to take part in the pilot program designed to advance open government reform and therefore called for expression of interest across the globe.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PLOT PROGRAM

- ▶ To foster more diverse political leadership and commitment from different levels of government to OGP and to hold governments for accountable at a local level, where many citizens are directly accessing services and information.
- ▶ To learn how OGP can best support subnational governments in making their regions more open, accountable and responsive to their citizens and determine the best structure for subnational participation in OGP
- ▶ To discover and promote new innovative open governments techniques and practices emerging at the subnational level around the world
- ▶ To create practical opportunities for subnational governments to learn from each other, share experiences, and build upon government work of their counterparts.
- ▶ To support and empower subnational government reformers with technical expertise and inspiration and create the right conditions and incentives for them to make concrete commitments to open government.
- ▶ To broaden and deepen participation of civil society organisations (CSOs) in OGP.

SUBNATIONAL SELECTED

- The deadline for submission of expression of interest was 28th Feb. 2016 out of 75 applications received, Fifteen subnational governments, including STMA, were competitively selected to participate in the program after an assessments by the OGP Steering Committee.
- 14 April 2016 **Press Release: Fifteen Local Governments Chosen for International Open Government Partnership Pilot Program**
- WASHINGTON, DC- The Open Government Partnership (OGP) announced 15 subnational governments from around the world chosen to participate in a new pilot program, established to promote more transparent, accountable, open government at a local level.

QUALIFIED 15 CITIES

city	country	continent
Austin	U.S.A	North America
Ontario	Canada	North America
Jalisco	Mexico	North America
Buenos Aires	Argentina	South America
La Libertad	Peru	South America
Sau Paulo	Brazil	South America
Elgeyo-Marakwet County	Kenya	Africa
Kigoma Ujiji Municipal Council	Tanzania	Africa
Sekondi-Takoradi Metropolitan	Ghana	Africa
Madrid	Spain	Europe
Paris	France	Europe
Scotland	UK	Europe
Tbilisi	Georgia	Europe
Bojonegoro	Indonesia	Asia
Seoul	South Korea	Asia

ADDITION OF 5 MORE CITIES IN 2018 TO THE OGP LOCAL PROGRAM

- After a successful Subnational pilot program implementation in 2017, the OGP Local Program was institutionalized and 5 more subnational governments have been selected across the globe competitively and added to the 15 pioneers' cities.

city	country	continent
Kaduna State	Nigeria	Africa
Basque Country	Spain	Europe
Lasi	Romania	Europe
Narino	Columbia	South America
South Cotabato	Philippines	Asia

PRICIPATION OF STMA IN THE OGP SUBNATIONAL PILOT PROGRAM

- **As a requirement for participating in the pilot program, STMA with technical from Reboot developed specific commitments in partnership with Non-Governmental Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, Chiefs, Religious Leaders, Trade Associations, Media, Assembly Members and Unit Committee Members in the form of an Action Plan in 2016.**
- At the co-creation stage, the vision of STMA for the OGP was developed by the various stakeholders as “Our future STMA: builds for sustainability; and commands the trust and confidence of the citizens”
- The Action Plan was implemented from January to 31st December, 2017.

STMA at the Global stage in Paris –December 2016



STMA participated in Global Workshop in Washington DC, July 2017



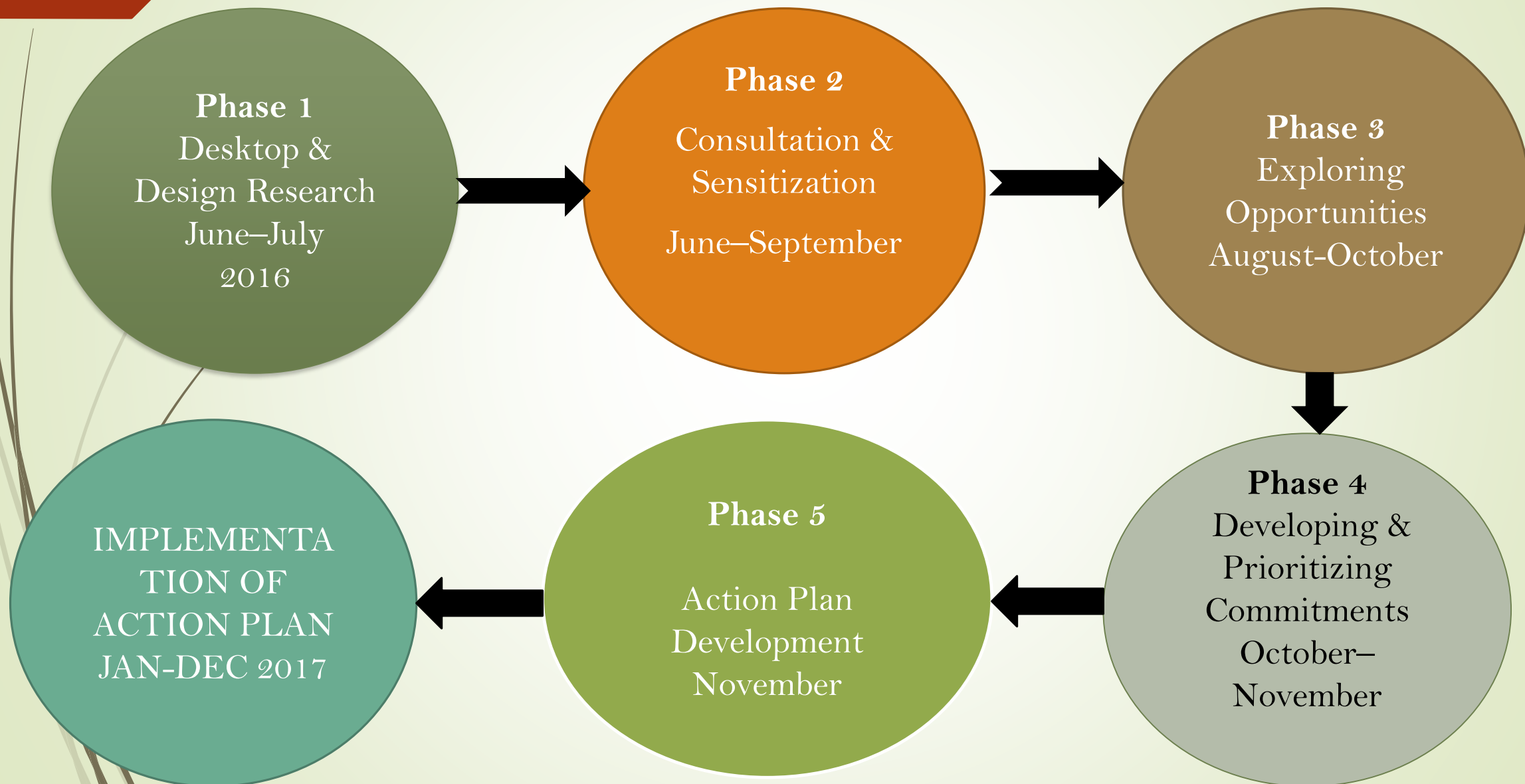
Participation in OGP Local Program Regional Workshop in Elgeyo-Marakwet County, Kenya



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CO-CREATION OF 2017 STMA ACION PLAN PROCESS JOURNEY





REVIEW OF 2017 STMA'S OGP ACTION PLAN

**END OF TERM
PROGRESS MADE**



COMMITMENT 1

Description of commitment	Main Objective/Focus	Description of the results
<p>Generate a government-supported, community-led watch system to elevate safety across the metropolis. The STMA would partner with the Police and some key stakeholders (Traditional leaders, Assembly members etc) to undertake community mapping, form, train and equip community members who wish to volunteer to raise security levels across the Metropolis. This would go hand-in-hand with the provision of street lights by the Assembly to illuminate streets and other accesses as well as create night-time visibility to prevent the creation of havens for miscreants.</p>	<p>Main Objective: To bring together key stakeholders to elevate safety across the Metropolis.</p> <p>Focus area of commitment Sensitization, repair and installation of Street Lights to enhance night-time visibility, dissemination of Information and implementation of the community-led watch systems in communities.</p> <p>Completion level: Substantial</p>	<p>Engaged key stakeholders in the formation of community watch committees. Formed one (1) community watch committee and also trained and deployed Sixty-one (61) volunteers by the Police Service to support community policing. Existing Neighbourhood Watch Committees have also been strengthened by linking them up to the Police.</p> <p>To elevate public safety at night, STMA in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy procured and installed 546 sodium street light bulbs which have been changed to LED bulbs. 3,250 sodium streetlight bulbs have been maintained and 9,200 meters of armoured cables have also been replaced.</p>

COMMITMENT 2: PUBLIC SERVICE

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<p>Develop a new model of collaboration between STMA and landlords to increase the coverage of household toilets (and move away from public toilet usage as stated in updated STMA bylaws). The partnership with Landlords in the provision of household toilet facilities is part of a broader strategy to solicit citizens' involvement and contribution in the provision of basic services.</p>	<p>Main Objective: To build a strong partnership with Landlord/ Resident Associations in the provision of household toilet facilities.</p> <p>Focus area of commitment : Partnership (develop model of collaboration), citizen participation, sensitization on the need for household toilets.</p> <p>Completion level: Substantial</p>	<p>Engaged with landlords and other key stakeholders on how to increase the household toilets coverage in our various communities. STMA has developed model of collaboration and financing in delivering of household toilets in partnership with key stakeholders. Registration of households for the pilot phase ongoing.</p>

COMMITMENT 3: FISCAL TRANSPARENCY

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<p>Create a localised standard operating procedure for streamlining financial records management and sharing. STMA would come out with a disaggregated financial records format that would be simple, easy to understand and analyze. This would respond to the needs and expectations of citizens on how generated revenue and external inflows are expended.</p>	<p>Main Objective: To build citizens trust and confidence in resource allocation and utilization and also strengthen fiscal transparency and accountability.</p> <p>Focus area of commitment : Streamlining financial records management and sharing to meet the expectations of citizens on how generated revenue and external inflows are expended</p> <p>Completion level: Limited</p>	<p>With this commitment, Sekondi-Takoradi needed a technical assistance and The Engineer Room (an international organisation based in the USA that helps activists, organisations, and other social change agents make the most of data and technology to increase impacts). The Engineer Room assisted STMA to develop user cases on financial data sharing and also engaged Assembly Officers.</p> <p>Operating procedure/ guidelines on format and time of delivery of financial information and collection of feedback is being developed</p>

COMMITMENT 4: FISCAL TRANSPARENCY

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<p>Partner with private sector associations to kick-start a systematic and participatory way of engaging with large businesses in setting fees (in international terms taxes) that they pay to the Metropolitan Assembly. The Metropolitan Assembly will engage the leadership of the private sector associations; AGI and STCCI to develop a strategy and engagement work plan for fixing fees.</p>	<p>Main Objective: To promote inclusiveness, openness and participation in fixing of fees to build the trust of businesses in government contribute to enhancing local revenue generation.</p> <p>Focus area of commitment Involvement of the Private Sector (Sekondi-Takoradi Chamber of Commerce and Industry –STCCI and Association of Ghana Industries - AGI) Participation in Fee Fixing</p> <p>Completion level:</p>	<p>Engaged the two associations (STCCI & AGI) to understand their membership structure and categorised them for the Fee Fixing process in addition to a work plan.</p> <p>the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development (MLGRD) has developed Fee Fixing Resolution guidelines (guidelines for the charging of fees for the provision of services and facilities and granting of licences and permits by the MMDAs)</p> <p>The chairman of the STCCI has now been appointed by the Assembly to serve on both Metropolitan Development Planning Sub-committee and the Works Sub-Committee respectively which in the past was not so. In this way, issues affecting the private sector are made on the floor of the Assembly for urgent redress.</p> <p>Both AGI and STCCI (Private sector) are now members of the Metropolitan Planning</p>

COMMITMENT 5: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Description of commitment	Main Objective/Focus	Description of the results
<p>Build a participatory planning process – from needs assessment, to site selection, to project design – of infrastructure development projects. The Metropolitan Assembly will engage a pilot set of four communities across the four Sub Metropolitan areas within STMA to leverage the existing Time with Community platform to do so.</p>	<p>Main Objective: To ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels and also promote community ownership of developmental projects.</p> <p>Focus area of commitment Citizen’s Participation in Local Governance</p> <p>Completion level: Completed</p>	<p>Held Community needs assessment forums at the four sub metros level and also in the pilot communities. With active involvement of the citizens, a Community Based Health Planning System project was designed and site selection process completed.</p> <p>The Assembly with funding (MPs share of the District Assembly Common Fund) from the Member of Parliament of Essikado-Ketan has completed a CHPS compound (Community Health Planning System) for one of the pilot community, Diabenekrom.</p>



WAY FORWARD

SUBMISSION OF OGP IDEAS/CONTRIBUTION

The OGP principals requires at the Co-creation stage, the participating Countries/Cities solicit ideas from the citizen



Ideas may relate direct or indirect but not limited to:

- ▶ i) service delivery e.g. improved accessibility, quality, equity, efficiency of public services etc.
- ▶ ii) operations and functionality of service delivery instruments e.g. facility management, information systems, service charters, information desks, climate change initiatives etc.
- ▶ iii) effective planning and budgeting e.g. citizens consultative approaches, cost-effectiveness, transparent & accountable management of county funds, open procurement and project implementation management, access to and role of service data in planning and budgeting etc.
- ▶ iv) government communications and information to citizens e.g. timely publishing of budgets and related policy documents, generation of user-friendly citizens budgets and policy information, citizens – government interaction platforms etc.

DESCRIPTIVE SCHEDULE FOR IDEAS ASSESSMENT

- Submissions are will start today, however the first review and specifically for providing basis for developing STMA OGP LAP II will be closed by July 27, 2018.
- Conduct community engagement workshops on ideas for the 2018-2020 OGP Action Plan in 11 communities and one session with vulnerable groups. From July 25-31, 2018
- Final review of submissions and shortlisting of 10 most exciting, impactful, feasible and transformative ideas expected by August 2, 2018.
- 9. The above final 10 will be subjected to technical review against their feasibility, ambitiousness, demonstration of transformation of citizens' lives and, demonstration of availability of support to achieve it.



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- 10. The final 10 will be packaged and subsequently subjected to citizen ratification and prioritization during a one-day workshop to validate the draft 2018-2020 OGP Local Action Plan by August 13, 2018.
- 11. The top and final five most ambitious, transformative and high feasibility ideas from the 10 priority areas will then form basis for developing the county's OGP LAP II between August 15 - 24, 2018 final submission to OGP Secretariat by August 31, 2018.

CONCLUSION

- The OGP initiative affords STMA and the whole country (Ghana) the opportunity to stay the course of governance reforms, deepen its fledgling democratic culture, document achievements accordingly and share experiences with the international community.
- The success of the initiative will count for much in branding STMA and the state as a true democratic, where citizens' right to know, and to participate in governance is respected. This will no doubt contribute to making the STMA an attractive investment destination.



THANK YOU
FOR YOUR ATTENTION.