# THE $19^{TH}$ MEETING OF THE CDM DNA FORUM ANNOUNCING THE $19^{TH}$ AFRICA CLIMATE WEEK IN ACCRA GHANA

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#### Acknowledgement

On behalf of my Executive Director, I would like to thank the UNFCCC Secretariat for allowing Ghana to host the 19th meeting of the of Africa Climate Week in March, 2019

#### Objective of regional Climate Week

Regional climate is to provide a multipurpose platform for interaction of different stakeholders in relation to climate action at the regional level in terms supporting negotiations, improve technical capacity, increase awareness and facilitate sharing of knowledge that promotes implementation of NDCs and the Paris Agreement. It is also part of the programme to host at least one-day high level/ Ministerial session per week per region.

#### **Country Efforts**

Over the years Ghana has also undertaken giant steps in various climate action in the West Africa sub region. Below are some few highlights:

- Ghana has responded to the UN declaration for "Sustainable Energy for All by 2030" by preparing a national action plan on sustainable energy by 2030. This is a vehicle of our "energy for all agenda".
- The push for renewable energy is high on our energy for all agenda. We have enacted a Renewable Energy Act (Act 832) and established a Feed-intariff scheme with financing vehicle - Renewable Energy Fund.

- In 2014, the cabinet approved Ghana's National Climate Change Policy which is our flagship for addressing climate change.
- Ghana has completed the preparation and submission of its Third National Communication, National Greenhouse Inventory Report and Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC and subsequently gone through the international consultation and analysis (ICA).
- We are currently preparing our Forth National Communication and the BUR2

- Other documents prepared and submitted to the UNFCCC in fulfilment of its obligations under the Conventions and these include our National Communications, Biennial Update Reports, Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs) and Technology Needs Assessment (TNAs).
- Ghana sees finance as an essential part of the whole NDC process. The scope of finance to address mitigation, adaptation, technology transfer and development in developing countries and should not solely be mitigation focused.
- Ghana holds the view that the NDCs should cover mitigation, adaptation, finance technology, capacity building transparency and agrees with the common position of Africa.

## **Experience Sharing**

- Ghana will like to share her rich experience with other sister countries in the sub-region.
- The Africa Climate week is an appropriate platform to share such experience
- The week will provide a good opportunity for Ghana to show her investment drive to other countries in the sub-region and Africa as

#### whole

On behalf of my Executive Director and my own behalf I would like to announce that the Government and people of Ghana have accepted to host the 2019 Africa Climate Week.

## THANK YOU