

Launch of EU Support to Ghana Anti-Corruption, Rule of Law and Accountability
Programme (Ghana-ARAP)
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Your Excellencies, Ambassadors of EU countries
Members of Parliament
Representative of the Minister for Finance
Representative of FIIAPP
Heads/Representatives of Anti-Corruption and Law Enforcement Agencies
Distinguished Development Partners
The Media
Distinguished Invited Guests
Ladies and Gentlemen

I am pleased to welcome you to the launch of the EU Support to the Ghana Anti-Corruption, Rule of Law and Accountability Programme, for short, Ghana-ARAP.

Two years ago, our Parliament adopted the National Anti-Corruption Action Plan (NACAP) as the nation's blue print for fighting corruption in the country over the next ten years.

The primary objective of NACAP is to contextualize and mobilize efforts and resources of stakeholders, including Government, public sector institutions, individuals, civil society, private sector and the media, to prevent and fight corruption through the promotion of high ethics and integrity and the vigorous enforcement of applicable laws.

Since its adoption, efforts have been made to ensure effective implementation, including the establishment of the High Level Implementation Committee, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee, as well as developing M&E Plan and tools for tracking progress of implementation. The maiden progress report on its implementation was issued on December 9 2015.

The success of NACAP can be threatened by under-resourcing and weakening of capacity of key governance and accountability institutions who play key role in the fight against corruption. The more reason why the Plan insist on mobilization of efforts and resources of all stakeholders.

The support we about to launch today, is being provided by EU to assist in the implementation of NACAP and to promote good governance and compliance with the rule of law and improve accountability in the country.

The Ghana-ARAP has two interlinked key results areas:

- i) Enhancing accountability and a reducing corruption and increased environmental governance, and
- ii) Enhancing Compliance with and respect for the rule of law, particularly in the areas of accountability and anti-corruption.

It is expected that the support will benefit and improve the capacity of the implementing/beneficiary institutions including the Ghana Police Service, CHRAJ, Attorney-General, the Judicial Service, the NCCE and STAR Ghana to stamp out corruption in Ghana.

On behalf of the beneficiary institutions, I commend the EU for the support, which is timely.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I thank you for joining us for important ceremony.

God Bless our Homeland Ghana and the EU Community.