



Launch of the update of Ghana's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

Dear participants,

I thank MESTI, the Hon. Minister Prof. Kwabena Frimpong-Boateng and Director Mrs. Asare Bediako for the invitation to this event of the update of Ghana's nationally determined contributions (NDCs).

Ghana and Switzerland are both countries engaging for a robust implementation of the Paris Agreement. Switzerland highly appreciates the alliance between our countries in the international climate change negotiations under the United Nations as well as in other forums.

We highly honor the 60 years of diplomatic relations between Ghana and Switzerland which we celebrate in 2020 and the historic State Visit of the President of the Republic, H.E. Nana Dankwa Akufo-Addo earlier this year to Switzerland. It was the first State Visit of a leader from Sub-Saharan African state to my country and the topic of climate change was a very prominent one during the official discussions.

Let me express my satisfaction that Ghana and Switzerland will co-chair the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) for the next 2 years, with Mr. Peter Dery co-chairing the CCAC for Ghana side. The coalition is committed to improving air quality and protecting the climate through actions to reduce short-lived climate pollutants.

The Paris Agreement requires all Parties to formulate nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and to step up ambition over time. It fosters cooperation between Parties to increase global ambition and it obliges its Parties to ensure environmental integrity and sustainable development.

I would like to congratulate Ghana on launching today the update of its NDCs, ever more so that this process was completed in the midst of a pandemic. This shows great leadership by Ghana as an advanced country on the African continent in this regard. We count on Ghana to live this leadership and communicate the NDC to the Paris Agreement by the end of this year.

Ghana is not only updating its NDCs. Ghana also contributes to an immediate and robust implementation of the Paris Agreement by preparing a bilateral agreement with Switzerland under its Article 6. That cooperation will lead to additional emission reductions which will benefit Ghana, Switzerland as well as the global climate.

Just as the emission reductions under this cooperation will go beyond Ghana's NDCs, the underlying financial means will be additional to Switzerland's international climate finance. With such solid set up, the cooperation will allow enhanced ambition in the global effort to mitigate climate change. It is a pleasure to have Ghana as pioneer partner in such cooperation.

It is a pleasure for the Swiss Embassy to participate at these discussions and let me use this opportunity to thank MESTI for the excellent progress we had so far in developing this collaboration. We hope to conclude our cooperation agreement under Article 6 this current year.

Thank you very much and we are looking forward to a fruitful exchange.

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