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BRIEF HISTORY OF GHANA GOVERNMENT'S ACTIVITIES IN THE ECONOMIC SECTOR

- ✘ Colonial Times (prior to Independence 1957): Exploitation of Timber and Minerals
- ✘ Kwame Nkrumah 1957 -1966: Import substitution was the objective of setting up of State Industries (Food Processing, Cocoa, Alcohol, Pharmaceuticals, Textiles, Construction, Trade, Farms, Banking and Insurance etc.)
- ✘ Military Regime 1966 - 1969: State Industries poorly managed by Military Officers. Mistrust of Private Sector begins.

BRIEF HISTORY OF GHANA GOVERNMENT'S ACTIVITIES IN THE ECONOMIC SECTOR (CONTD)

- ✘ Kofi A Busia 1969 -1972: Divestiture of State Industries to Private Sector begins (recommended by World Bank) Association of Ghanaian Manufacturers established. Chamber of Commerce becomes active.
- ✘ Military Regimes 1972 -1979: Divestiture of State Industries continues. Private Sector focuses on Trade as Imports increase.
- ✘ Hilla Limann 1979 -1981: Attempts to support Private Sector with Loans to SME's backed by World Bank.

BRIEF HISTORY OF GHANA GOVERNMENT'S ACTIVITIES IN THE ECONOMIC SECTOR (CONTD)

- ✘ Military Regime 1981 -1992: Divestiture increases, mainly to foreign Private Sector. Mistrust of Private Sector manifests in open hostility. State crowds out Private Sector in access to Credit. World Bank support evidenced by small loans programmes to SME's while IFC offers loans above \$500,000.00

PRIVATE SECTOR UNDER THE FOURTH REPUBLIC FROM 1992 TO DATE

- ✘ Private Sector beginning to be recognised as " Engine of Growth".
- ✘ 1993 onward - Government beginning to dialogue with Private Sector through Private Enterprise Foundation and Association of Ghana Industries.
- ✘ 1994 Mobitel, first cell phone company to invest in Ghana

PRIVATE SECTOR UNDER THE FOURTH REPUBLIC FROM 1992 TO DATE (CONTD)

- ✘ 1996 Bank of Ghana liberalizes the Financial Sector moderately
- ✘ 1999 Commercial Courts established on a trial basis
- ✘ 2000 Establishment of Private Sector Ministry, Economic Advisory Council & Export Development and Investment Fund
- ✘ 2004 MOU's signed with Private Sector
- ✘ 2009 Government's Private Sector Development Strategy II

PRIVATE SECTOR UNDER THE FOURTH REPUBLIC FROM 1992 TO DATE (CONTD)

- ✘ 2009 Public Private Partnership Policy implemented inviting Private Sector to Partner Government in investing in Infrastructure
- ✘ 2010 Medium Term Agriculture Sector Investment Plan Steering Committee (CAADP Country Team) inaugurated
- ✘ 2010 Preparation Stage of Ghana Commercial Agriculture Project(GCAP) by Ministry of Food and Agriculture in consultation with Private Sector begins

EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC, PRIVATE SECTOR CO-OPERATION

THE AGRI BUSINESS SUPPORT DIVISION

- ✘ Provide data and statistics to facilitate the preparation of Business Plans and identify business opportunities
- ✘ Address challenges identified by Private Sector operators
- ✘ Facilitate interventions required of Ministries, Departments and Agencies

EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC, PRIVATE SECTOR CO-OPERATION (CONTD)

THE AGRI BUSINESS SUPPORT DIVISION (contd)

- ✘ Provide information on local and international markets, trade pacts (especially WTO),etc.
- ✘ Identify specific training needs of farmers and other stakeholders and establish linkages with trainers or available training programs
- ✘ Facilitate the activities of local and foreign investors in the Agricultural Sector, referred by Ghana Investment Center

EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC, PRIVATE SECTOR CO-OPERATION (CONTD)

THE AGRICULTURE, PUBLIC, PRIVATE DIALOGUE FORUM (APPDF)

- ✘ An expanded platform offered by the METASIP Steering Committee
- ✘ Consists of The Chief Director and other officials of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, representatives of GFAP, FBO's, Private Sector Associations, input dealers, and consultants

EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC, PRIVATE SECTOR CO-OPERATION (CONTD)

AGRICULTURE, PUBLIC, PRIVATE DIALOGUE FORUM (APPDF) - contd

- ✘ Provides an arena for all agriculture stakeholders to collectively discuss and address constraints in the sector.
- ✘ Serve as a platform for regular dialogue and collaboration between public and private stakeholders in policy design, implementation and monitoring
- ✘ Recipient of solutions and proposals provided by the SAKSS nodes through the METASIP Steering Committee.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A VIABLE AND VIBRANT PRIVATE SECTOR

- ✘ Recognition by Government
- ✘ Presence of strong, independent Private Sector associations
- ✘ An enabling environment
- ✘ Good governance - a stable politico-social system
- ✘ An educated, well informed, skilled and entrepreneurial human resource base

CONCLUSION

- ✘ Government vs Private Sector Relationship
 - formerly hostile
 - currently cordial
- ✘ Government actively promoting private sector initiatives



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