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National Dialogue on Electoral Area Development and Collaborative Local Governance

A National Development Platform for Dialogue, Collaboration and Local Action

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The [Organising Institution/Consortium] is pleased to announce the development of the National Dialogue on Electoral Area Development and Collaborative Local Governance, a non-partisan, inclusive and development-focused platform designed to strengthen collaboration among citizens, local government, traditional leadership, the private sector, civil society, development partners, academia and the media.

Under the proposed theme:

« “From Electoral Areas to Development: Strengthening Collaborative Local Governance for Inclusive Community Development,” »

the National Dialogue will create space for stakeholders to examine local development challenges, exchange practical ideas, identify opportunities for collaboration and contribute to a stronger culture of citizen participation and institutional accountability.

Why the National Dialogue Matters

Development ultimately takes place in communities. National policies, public investments and development programmes must therefore connect effectively with the realities, priorities and aspirations of citizens at the local level.

The electoral area represents an important interface between citizens, local representatives, local government structures, traditional authorities and other development actors. Yet, local development outcomes can be weakened when communication, coordination, participation, resource mobilisation and accountability are insufficient.

The National Dialogue seeks to contribute to addressing this challenge by encouraging a more collaborative approach to local development.

The platform will explore how:

- citizens can participate more meaningfully in local development;
- local authorities and communities can strengthen collaboration;
- traditional leadership can contribute to inclusive community development;
- businesses can support local economic development and community initiatives;
- young people can participate in shaping the future of their communities;
- civil society and the media can strengthen public accountability;
- and evidence can inform local governance and development practice.

A Programme, Not Simply an Event

The National Dialogue is being developed as a broader programme for 2026–2028, with a focus on:

1. National dialogue and stakeholder engagement;
2. Regional and local consultations;
3. Evidence gathering and documentation;
4. Collaborative problem-solving;
5. Partnership development;
6. Monitoring, learning and follow-up;
7. Recommendations for the wider 2027–2030 local governance and development conversation.

Its engagement approach will be guided by six principles:

«Listen → Understand → Dialogue → Design → Act → Learn»

The intention is to move beyond speeches and declarations towards practical recommendations, institutional commitments, partnerships and sustained action.

Key Areas of Focus

The Dialogue will explore a range of interconnected themes, including:

- Electoral Area Development;
- Collaborative Local Governance;
- Local Economic Development;
- Community Infrastructure and Services;
- Youth and Local Development;
- Accountability and Citizen Participation;
- Traditional Leadership and Community Development;
- Public–Private–Community Partnerships;
- Inclusive and Sustainable Community Development.

An Invitation to Participate

The organisers invite relevant institutions and stakeholders to contribute to the development of the platform, including:

- central and local government institutions;
- Regional Coordinating Councils and MMDAs;
- traditional authorities;
- private-sector organisations;
- civil society organisations;
- development partners;
- universities and research institutions;
- professional bodies;
- youth and community organisations;

- media organisations;
- and citizens across Ghana.

Participation may take the form of technical expertise, research, institutional engagement, community mobilisation, media support, financial investment, logistics, knowledge contribution or other relevant resources.

The organisers emphasise that the National Dialogue is not being established as a partisan political platform or as a conventional sponsor-seeking event. It is intended to serve as a national development platform through which institutions and citizens can contribute to strengthening collaborative local development.

The Role of the Media

The media will be encouraged to serve as a strategic public-interest partner by helping to:

- educate citizens on local governance;
- amplify community voices;
- facilitate informed public dialogue;
- investigate and report on development concerns;
- document local innovations and challenges;
- communicate the outcomes of the Dialogue;
- and follow up on commitments and actions.

The media's role will extend beyond reporting the event to helping the wider public understand, participate in and follow through on the national conversation.

Expected Outcomes

The National Dialogue seeks to generate:

- a National Dialogue Report;
- stakeholder recommendations;
- local development case studies;
- policy and practice briefs;

- documented community priorities;
- institutional and stakeholder commitments;
- partnership opportunities;
- local innovation stories;
- and a framework for continued engagement and accountability.

Statement from the Organisers

« “The development of Ghana cannot be sustained by government alone. It requires meaningful collaboration among citizens, local authorities, traditional leaders, businesses, civil society, development partners, the media and other stakeholders. The National Dialogue is intended to create a credible space where these actors can listen to one another, understand local realities, design practical responses and contribute to lasting development.” »

About the National Dialogue

The National Dialogue on Electoral Area Development and Collaborative Local Governance is a proposed non-partisan national development platform focused on strengthening citizen participation, local governance collaboration, community development and practical partnerships across Ghana.

Further information concerning the programme, participation opportunities, dates, venues and partnership arrangements will be communicated through official channels.

Media and General Enquiries

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