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2019 begins with HCCGH membership at 31



Warm welcome to the new members—Austria, Bulgaria, Hungary, Latvia & Uruguay

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More members to join soon - New Zealand and Ukraine

Ms Nicholina Annor-Adjei



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Govt unveils \$70m turbines for bridge power project



The government, in collaboration with the Hungary government, unveiled a 70-million-dollar General Electric (GE) turbines built in Hungary for the first stage of the 400-megawatt bridge power project in Tema, the biggest power plant in the country after the Bui Dam, providing a significant portion of the country generating capacity with more than 400 megawatt of efficient and combined cycle power. The Deputy Minister said the phase two of the project would add over 200 megawatt through four GE LM6000 gas turbines and one purpose-built GE steam in a combined cycle gas turbine

Mr Andras Szabo, the Ambassador of Hungary to Ghana, said Hungary's role in the bridge power project was part of the Central European Nation's commitment to trade and development with Ghana to advance its goals for industrialization, leading to the creation of jobs. He said recognizing the great potential of mutual benefits in 2016, Hungary re-opened its embassy in Ghana after a 30-year absence, adding that a priority task of the embassy was to stimulate the exchange of information and to deepen cooperation between the two countries in energy and infrastructure among other things. Mr Yofi Grant, the Chief Executive Officer of Ghana Investment Promotion Centre, said the initiative formed part of government's a "Ghana Beyond Aid" agenda through constructive partnership.

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Government committed to preserving Ghana's stability, democracy — Akufo-Addo



President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo has stressed the commitment of his government to preserve the reputation of Ghana as a democratic, peaceful and stable country. He said it was the only way to inspire confidence in the economy to the rest of the world. “We continue to consolidate our reputation as a democratic, peaceful and stable country and I assure you that my government will continue to do everything possible to preserve this hard-won reputation to inspire confidence in our country and its economy,” he stated. In that regard, President Akufo-Addo said: “We have, through the implementation of the government’s coordinated programmes for economic and social development policy, sought to create the conditions necessary to make our country an attractive investment destination.” “We have also restored discipline in the management of the economy; we have guaranteed access to education and health care for all and we are becoming increasingly self-sufficient in the production of food,” he said during his annual greetings to the Diplo-

matic Corps & Honorary Consuls. That, according to the President, was a determination to show that Ghana could emulate the successes of others and emerge as a modern prosperous nation, noting that that could be achieved through the disciplined management of public finances, which he described as an important element in constructing the platform for prosperity. **Flagship programmes**

This year, he said, the government would intensify the implementation of its flagship programmes such as the One District, One Factory (IDIF) initiative and roll out a comprehensive infrastructural project.

International relations On Ghana’s relations with the rest of the world, President Akufo-Addo said he was committed to the objectives of Ghana’s foreign policy, which is founded on the values of respect for individual liberties and human rights, the rule of law and the principles of democratic accountability. He expressed delight at the visits by many foreign dignitaries to the country last year and said those visits resulted in the signing of several memoranda of Understanding (MoU) on investment cooperation between Ghana and the respective countries. He mentioned, for instance, the visit by the German Chancellor, Angela Merkel, to Ghana, which resulted in the signing of an agreement between Ghana’s Ministry of Trade and Industry and Volkswagen of Germany to establish a vehicle assembling plant in Ghana to serve the West African market. “The decision by Sino Truck of China, Nissan of Japan and Siemens to set up shops in Ghana also signifies the positive outcomes of our relations with the global investment community,” the President added. President Akufo-Addo used the occasion to invite the diplomatic community to the commemoration of the “Year of Return” to be hosted in the country this year to symbolise the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first West African slaves in the USA.

Foreign Minister

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration, Ms Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey, for her part, said Ghana witnessed the expansion of its diplomatic reach from Africa to Asia, the Middle East, Europe and America, resulting in the establishment of three resident diplomatic missions at the ambassadorial level in Kuwait City in Kuwait, Doha in Qatar and Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates last year. “Our newest mission in Oslo, Norway, is now open, while preparations are advanced to operationalize two consulate generals in Guanzhou, China, and Port Louis in Mauritius this year,” she said.

Dean of Diplomatic Corps

The Ambassador of Cote d’Ivoire and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Mr Bernard Ehui Kotoan, was happy about the stability Ghana continued to enjoy under President Akufo-Addo and commended him for his role in the fight against corruption, as well as for efforts at arresting smuggling and other unwarranted practices in the sub-region. He lauded the collaboration between the First Lady, Mrs Rebecca Akufo-Addo, and the wife of the Vice-President, Mrs Samira Bawumia, to deal with child trafficking in the region.

A presentation about Women in Diplomacy Committee at the 12th General Assembly of FICAC by Gönül Eken, Chairperson of Women in Diplomacy Committee of FICAC



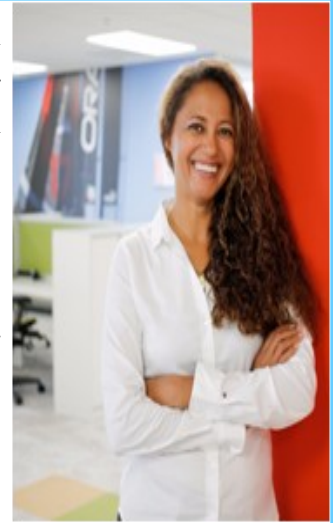
21st century brings lots of fresh challenges into the diplomatic world. The increasing use of social media, mobile apps and other technology are changing the way diplomacy works. The rate of refugees is growing irresistible in that are already over-populated cities. Climate change is destroying lands, and inhabitants, evidently more devastating than war. The economic crisis is forcing the balance of the Global world. New challenges require new negotiating solutions provided by fresh insight from relatively new candidates.

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Regina Rosemary Orthner studied Architecture at the University of Technology in Graz, Austria and at the University of Bath, UK and graduated in 2000 with distinction. After University, she co-founded OOA Austria in 2003 and OOA Ghana in 2006 together with Martin.

Rosemary is specialized in Project Management and Coordination, Contract Administration, Programming / Planning and Food Services Design.

Her knowledge and understanding of both cultures, being born and raised in Ghana in her family's Construction Company and her education and architectural practice in Austria, are key factors for her successful collaboration with both international and local clients and partners.



EDGE "Excellence in Design for Greater Efficiencies" As part of our ongoing commitment to sustainable architecture in Ghana, Orthner Orthner & Associates (OOA) is partnering with IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, on accelerating the adoption of green building practices in countries such as Ghana. OOA has always nurtured a culture of sustainable architecture within our organization. Most of our projects, including the Offices for the World Bank Group / IFC along the Independence Avenue, incorporate green building practices.

Rosemary is also the **"Honorary Consul of Austria"** and the **"Austrian Foreign Trade Representative" to Ghana.** Since October 16, 2018 the consulate has reopened in the office of OOA in East Legon She is assisted by her husband, Martin Orthner as Vice Consul!



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Bringing women into diplomacy is a symbol of hope and modernization for the 21st century. Why are women necessary in diplomacy? When regarding the skill of negotiation, women have proven themselves to be capable of deciding what is in their best interest whilst making moral judgments that are rational. As the process of engaging in negotiations requires patience, cooperation, careful listening, and mutual understanding for maintaining peace, the willingness to negotiate and hammer out solutions is an innate trait in women. As FICAC, we have obviously realized that women are not well represented in senior diplomatic positions. Diplomats must be able to represent the whole of society without gender inequality. If diplomacy is supposed to reflect all of society! **Why does gender hierarchy exist in diplomacy? What are women currently doing in overcoming gender hierarchy? How can management promote better representation of women in diplomacy?** As Phumzile Mlambo-Ngucka, the Executive Director of UN Women said ; "We have to be making sure that we get the rest of the society to buy in. Because it is not the women who must change, it is the society that must change. When blaming women for not doing anything, the women are the ones who have tried the hardest and the society has not changed." The female political leaders such as Margaret Thatcher and Theresa May in the United Kingdom, Mrs. Vigdis Finnbogadóttir in Iceland, Chancellor Angela Merkel in Germany, Madeleine Albright and Condoleezza Rice in the United States have gained more visibility in the political and diplomatic fields in particular through their professional achievements. In time Corazon C. Aquino of the Philippines, Sheikh Hasina Wajed of Bangladesh, Megawati Sukarnoputri of Indonesia, Tsai Ing-wen of Republic of China, Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga of Sri Lanka, Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan, Bidhya Devi Bhandari of Nepal and many other women diplomats and leaders took places in Asia. Albeit, The number of women serving in the diplomatic field increased over the past decade, but these changes were more common in the West than the rest of the world. We have visual messages from Female diplomats and leaders who have highly difficult positions and good negotiating skills. They answered the following questions which outlines the aim of our strategy; ***What does it mean to be a Diplomat? What are the challenges and advantages? How do you see the status of Women Diplomats in the next decade?***

Hon Hilton John Mitchell, CEO of Jonmoore International with Board and CEO of Ecobank

Twenty Years of Driving Ghana's Transport & Logistics Industry



REWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

While pursuing its vision to be a leader in the West African sub-region for transport and project logistics, road haulage and affiliated services, Jonmoore's efforts have gained recognition through numerous awards. These include Ghana Oil and Gas Awards for Oil and Gas Service Company of the Year (Lifting) for 2016 and 2017, and Oil and Gas Service Company of the Year 2018. From the Ghana Shippers Awards, Jonmoore was awarded the Project and Heavy Lift Forwarder of the Year in 2017 and 2018. In December 2018, Jonmoore was also awarded the Best Haulage Company of the Year 2017 by the Ghana Logistics & Transport Awards (GLOTA)



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HCCGH was represented by Dean, Deputy Dean & other members

Hungary opens Consulate in Kumasi

The inauguration ceremony of the Honorary Consulate of Hungary in Kumasi Ghana took place on Monday, 11th February 2019 at Asokwa Residential Area in Kumasi, Ashanti Region.

The welcome addresses were given by H.E Andras Szabo, Ambassador of Hungary and H.E Istvan Joo, Deputy State Secretary for Export Development.

Also in attendance were Nana Baffour Adjei Fosu (Otumfo Anantahene); Mr. Simon Osei-Mensah, (Ashanti Regional Minister); Kumasi City Mayor, Mr. Osei Assibey Antwi, Carmel Mouhtiseb (Hon. Consul of Latvia in Ghana); members of the Ghana Hungarian Business Council, members of the Attorney Generals Department, members of the Ghana Police Service, members of the Ghana Bar Association and many dignitaries.





Marianna Gavriel Honorary Consul of the Republic of Cyprus in Ghana

Marianna was born in Cyprus on 27th July 1966 and left to Greece in September 1974 after the Turkish invasion, as a refugee. She studied Economics in Athens and has a son Antonis who was born in 1992. Since 2007 she has been working and living in Sub-Saharan Africa and particularly in Ghana. She is an international business leader with a proven record in building and managing high performing organizations in the sectors of energy, high-end technology and telecommunications. With strong roots in Sales, Business Development and General Management her professional experience involves senior roles both as an entrepreneur and as a consultant in private and public sector and C-level roles in Europe and Emerging Markets. In August 10th, 2015, as recognition of her professional achievements and humanitarian contribution, the Republic of Cyprus assigned her as the Honorary Consul in Accra-Ghana. Since then she is a member of HCCGH, holding the positions as Chairman Public Affairs and Social Responsibility (2016-2017) and Member of Committee for GoG Relations (2018-2020). She is a member of FICAC since 2015 and an activist for poverty reduction and environment preservation. She is a member of the Othodox Metropolis of Ghana. Business Experience as follows:

2016 – present MYTILINEOS HOLDINGS S.A. Director, West Africa -Consulting Mytilineos Group and building key government and customer relations, screening potential business deals, analyzing market strategies, building market position by locating, developing and negotiating business deals she coordinates and cooperates on behalf of the Company with the internal and external service providers and business partners.

2013 –2016 ALUMIL GHANA LTD Partner - Director—Holding the position of Director in Alumil Ghana Ltd a leading European manufacturer of aluminum profile systems and solutions for the construction sector.

2013 – present CYMAR REAL ESTATES LTD Partner & Director- Acquiring, constructing and managing properties in Ghana.

2007 – present CRAMONI TRADING LTD Partner & Managing Director- Holding the position of Managing Director of Cramoni Trading Ltd, a company specialized in Telecom EPC Projects for Mobile Telephony Providers. Operating through Cramoni Trading Ltd □ subsidiaries in five countries (CYPRUS, GREECE, GHANA, GUINEA Conakry, RWANDA).

1997 - 2007 CABLE LINK (HELLAS) SA Managing Director- Holding the position of Managing Director of Cable Link (Hellas) S.A. (2005 -2007) and of Business Development Manager (1997-2005), a company specialized in ICT & European R&D Projects.Technologies of Passive Networking, Fiber Optics, Active Networks CISCO Certified, EMC, HP, Dell, Fleet Management, Triple Play. Total revenue 22 M €

EDUCATION & LANGUAGES- BA in Economics Kapodistriako University of Athens – Greece (1984)**Greek** (Native) - **English** (Fluent RHW) - **French** (Good RHW) Several Seminars and Workshops

SPECIAL INTERESTS Environment Strategies and Socioeconomic Impact , History of Nations Technology Attributes of World Transformation

Discussing the concept of Hon Consuls - An interview with Hon A Yared , Consul of Peru

Describing Honorary Consuls, Hon. Yared indicated that they are not career diplomats but persons designated by a foreign government (sending/representing state) to primarily look after affairs of their citizens and bilateral relations such as trade, education, cultural, economy and others in another country (receiving/host state). Though honorary consuls are recognized under international law and the Vienna Convention, they are distinct from diplomats in terms of their functions, immunities and privileges.

In wrapping up the interview, Hon. Yared further stated that “I can say on authority that all the members of the Honorary Consular Corps of Ghana are happy to serve both our sending states and our beloved country, Ghana. Gaining recognition from the Ghana Government and support is necessary and I am working hard to achieve these objectives. The prospects are great and the future of Peru - Ghana relations looks very bright



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Our heartiest congratulations on your achievement.

Marianna Gavriel

Honorary Consul of the Republic of Cyprus , MD of Mytilineos Group, Contractor for the **IPP IAmanti @ Aboadze** and **IPP Bridge Power Tema**



Another year Is sure a reason to celebrate !

January has been a month of celebrations. ...

We wish all the members who celebrated and are yet to celebrate their birthdays this quarter..

May you be gifted with life's biggest joys & never - ending bliss



01 Jan - Hon Consul of Bulgaria

24 Jan—Hon Consul of Estonia

04 Jan—Hon Consul of Latvia

25 Jan—Hon Consul of Austria

12 Jan—Hon Consul of Mauritius

26 Jan—Hon Consul of Mexico

18 Jan—Hon Consul of Serbia

21 Mar—Hon Consul of Portugal

31 Mar—Hon Consul of Jordan

Freedom in our mind, faith in the words , pride in our souls, Let' s salute the nation

Haiti	01 Jan	Estonia	24 Feb
Botswana	06 Mar	Mauritius	12 Mar
Hungary	15 Mar	Ireland	17 Mar
Serbia	27 Mar		



NEWS

SAVE THE DATES! FICAC ASIAN CONGRESS IN COLOMBO, SRI LANKA, 16-19 OCTOBER, 2019

In Nov 2018—

Turkish Consular Corps Association organized four days trip to South East Turkish cities Hatay/Antioch - Gaziantep-Adıyaman and Şanlıurfa. Consuls visited the Hatay Archeological museum, The Habib-u Neccar Mosque and St. Pierre Church



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