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Tano North MP Gideon Boako supports 2,000 SHS entrants with prospectus items

Dr. Gideon Boako, the Member of Parliament (MP) for Tano North constituency in the Ahafo region has stated unequivocally that what happened on Thursday, 17th September, 2026, in Tano North was not just an act of kindness. It was a long-held dream come true.

According to him, this dream was greatly influenced by his own background — as a young boy whose dreams were held hostage by poverty and lack of resources. Something that nearly prevented him from going to Senior High School (SHS).

Dr. Gideon pointed out that thankfully, with the support of family and destiny-changers and by God's abundant grace, "I survived the difficulties from Bomaa to Bechem Pressec and became who I am today". He posted on his Facebook page that "what I did yesterday, by the grace of God, was to give back to my younger brothers and sisters in multiples of what others did for me years ago.

The chop boxes, exercise books, school bags, and calculators given to the over 2,000 SHS entrants were just my little token to the students and their families. My prayer is that the good Lord who blesses the little to make it bigger for generations will bless these young ones to realize their dreams and become a blessing to others', he explained.

Dr. Gideon Boako also announced the MP's scholarship scheme for tertiary students in the constituency, further extending his educational support to students beyond the SHS level.

The Tano North MP observed that it was such an honour to have H.E. Samira Bawumia presents to support this important initiative and put smiles on the faces of our young brothers and sisters. I extend my sincere appreciation to Nananom, the clergy, and all distinguished dignitaries who graced the occasion with their presence and support. Your participation made the event even more meaningful.

To our dear students: May these items support you as you begin this exciting new chapter. Keep learning, dream big, and make Tano North proud! #AmansanBoafo #ChristIsTheReason #gboakoScholar2026.

Speaking at the event, Hajia Samira Bawumia pledged her unflinching support to the students and encouraged them to prioritise their education and personal development. She also urged parents to support their children in whatever little ways they can, complementing the assistance provided by the MP.

Parents and students expressed their profound gratitude to Dr. Gideon Boako and Hajia Samira Bawumia for the intervention, noting that the support would help ease the financial burden associated with preparing their children for SHS.

The initiative forms part of Dr. Gideon Boako's broader commitment to making education more accessible and supporting the educational aspirations of young people across the Tano North Constituency.

Source: Dr. Gideon Boako & Samira Bawumia



H.E. Samira Bawumia & Dr. Gideon Boako making presentation to one of the beneficiaries' students



Students with their donated items

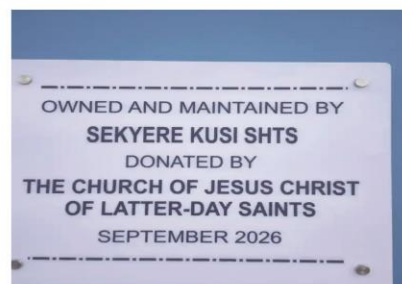


Stakeholders urged to support Sekyere Kusi SHS to admit more students

Teachers of Sekyere Kusi Senior High Technical School in the Sekyere Kumawu District of the Ashanti Region are calling on stakeholders to support the school with adequate infrastructure to enable it to admit more students.

Sekyere Kusi Senior High Technical Headmaster, Nana Obremong Nkrumah Agyei II, made the appeal during the commissioning of an ultra-modern toilet facility constructed for the school by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Bishop Samuel Akwasi Boateng, Bishop for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, said the gesture forms part of the church's corporate social responsibility to support the community.

Obuoahiakuma Osei Onin Pobi II, Chief of Sekyere Kontonkyi, expressed gratitude to the church and called on other institutions and individuals to come to their aid.



Nuclear Power Ghana trains media professionals on "responsible AI in journalism"

Source: Isaac Amoah

Over seventy (70) media professionals across the country have been trained on how to use artificial intelligence (AI) responsibly in journalism in a two-day virtual workshop organised by Nuclear Power Ghana (NPA), in partnership with the Ghana Journalists Association (GJA), Ghana News Agency (GNA), Private Newspaper and Online News Association of Ghana (PRINPAG), and other stakeholders.

The workshop which was on the theme "Responsible AI in Journalism: Strengthening Speed, Accuracy, Ethics and Risk Communication in the Nuclear Landscape" was held from Thursday, September 17, to Friday, September 18, 2026, via Microsoft Teams.

Facilitators of the virtual workshop included Javier Farias, consultant, strategic communication/IAEA expert; Zakaria Tanko Musah, ESQ, lecturer, UniMAC & private legal practitioner, as well as Dr. Charles Nii Ayiku Ayiku, General Manager, External Communications, Electricity Company of Ghana (ECG).

Speaking on the topic "AI as a Technology and a Media Tool in Report-

ing", Dr. Ayiku Ayiku said "the question is no longer whether journalists will use AI. The question is whether they will use it responsibly enough to preserve accuracy, accountability and public trust."

He, therefore, stressed the importance of the topic because every newsroom now has AI in it, whether or not the newsroom has decided to use AI.

According to him, nuclear reporting raises the cost of getting it wrong, adding that nuclear rumours travel faster than regulators, and now they arrive fully illustrated.

He reminded media professionals that nuclear journalism is not just technical reporting, but rather risk communication carried out in public under deadline, with consequences for behaviour.

He observed that AI is being applied or actively explored across nuclear operations, science, and oversight.

On where AI fits in the reporting process, he mentioned research, analyses, verification, interviews, writing, editing, publishing, and monitoring.

On what journalists must never outsource, he mentioned nine responsibilities that stay with a human being

who can be named, questioned and held accountable. The responsibilities he listed included editorial judgment, source protection, verification of facts, attribution, fairness and right of reply, interpreting sensitive evidence as well as decisions that risk harm.

He indicated that even though AI can assist judgment, it must never become the source of judgment.

On his part, Communications & Stakeholder Engagement expert, Javier Farias, who made a presentation on the topic "Nuclear Risk Communication & Public Assurance," stated that hazards and risks are related, but not identical.

According to him, hazard is anything that has the potential to cause harm, while risk is the probability or likelihood that harm will occur as a result of exposure to a hazard.

He said risk perception is subjective and mainly related to feelings about radiation.

Farias said radiation risk perception is a well-studied subject: they follow consistent patterns and rationales. Perceptions follow consistent patterns, but their expression may vary with culture or time.

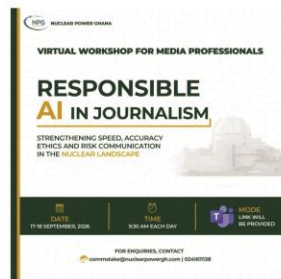
The stakeholder engagement expert said the public think differently about radiation risks than experts, adding

that the public perceive and respond to risky situations based on emotions in addition to facts.

According to him, what matters most is how those facts feel. He said emotions could play a bigger role in the way people perceive risks than reason and rational thinking. He added that nuclear risk communication carries a heavier burden.

He emphasised that nuclear risk communication needed to treat fears as facts, not simple anxieties. He said understanding emotional risk perception factors helps communicators to express empathy and respect.

This, according to him, would help build trust, adding that trust is built before you need it.



Ahafo Ano South West DCE dies in less than a week after MP for the area survives road traffic accident

The District Chief Executive for Ahafo Ano South West in the Ashanti Region, Abubakar Sedik, has passed away.

According to the local assembly, the DCE died on Sunday evening, 20th September, 2026, after stakeholders met with the Minister for Local Government, Chieftaincy and Religious Affairs, Mahama Ayariga, in Kumasi.

"Rest well, Hon. Abubakar Sedik. You served your people with a good heart," read a Facebook post by the Assembly.

The Minister for Local Government was in Kumasi to engage stakeholders on the completion of the Kejetia

Phase Two Redevelopment project.

Mr. Sedik reportedly fell ill after returning to Mankranso from the meeting but could not survive.

In the past week, his district has been in the news spotlight after he was accused of spearheading an attempt to demolish a school facility at Mankranso to pave the way for the construction of a 24-hour economy market.

An allegation Mr. Sedik denied.

He was the NDC parliamentary candidate for the area in the 2024 elections.

The Ashanti Regional Minister has also expressed profound sadness

over the sudden passing of Abubakar Sedik, District Chief Executive (DCE) for the Ahafo Ano South West District, following his brief illness.

The Minister described his passing as a great loss to his family, the people of Ahafo Ano South West, his colleagues, the Ashanti Region, and the Government as a whole.

The Ashanti Regional Minister extended his deepest condolences to the bereaved family, loved ones, colleagues, and constituents of the late DCE, praying that God grants them strength and comfort during this difficult period. He further prayed for peaceful repose "Rest well, Hon. DCE," he said.

Source: Kofi Adu Domfeh



Abubakar Sedik

Jachiehene & police initiate move to curb reckless riding of tricycles

The Chief of Jachie in the Bosomtwe District of the Ashanti Region, Baffour Kwaku Amoateng IV, has partnered with the Ghana Police Service to regulate the use of motorcycles and tricycles in the community.

The move comes in the wake of underage riders of motorcycles and tricycles flooding the area, leading residents to lament and compelling the Jachiehene and the Police Service to meet them for a dialogue to find a solution to the issue.

Some concerned residents had been lamenting the reckless riding of Pragma motorcycles and tricycles within the community, which kept resulting in accidents and serious injuries to some residents.

Apart from the reckless riding, they also lamented excessive honking and other forms of noise disturbing the peace of residents at night.

These concerns were raised last Thursday at Jachie during a community durbar organised by the Jachiehene in collaboration with the Ghana Police Service to iron out issues relating to the operations of the tricycle and motorcycle users in the community.

Present at the function were some parents, the tricycle and motorcycle riders, owners of the tricycles, the Police, among others.

Speaking at the durbar, Baffour Kwaku Amoateng IV warned that persons below the legally permitted age, when caught riding motorcycles, would face the full rigours of the law.

He then urged the Police to strive to ensure that sanity prevailed on roads and in the community for the people to live in peace to undertake their day-to-day activities.

Baffour Amoateng IV appealed to parents to properly advise and monitor their wards, urging them to take advantage of educational opportunities rather than seeking quick money through motorcycle riding.

He stressed that nobody would be given preferential treatment in the enforcement of the directive.

Chief Inspector Jacob Tetteh, the station officer for the Jachie Police Station, also assured residents that the Police would strictly enforce the law, particularly against persons below the legally permitted age who are found riding motorcycles.

He appealed to the residents to volunteer information to the police at all times when they found the behaviour of any citizen suspicious or found anyone committing any form of crime. Various speakers at the function urged parents, motorcycle owners, and riders to cooperate with the measures to promote safety and maintain peace within Jachie.

Background

Following the cheap cost and the flexible nature of the use of the tricycles and motorbikes have made it expedient for some residents in the Bosomtwe District, especially Jachie, to patronise them.

However, the lack of supervision and regulation of the bikes has led to the riders in the community flouting the laws governing their operations, attracting numerous complaints from some residents in the community.

The dialogue initiated by Jachiehene was to sensitise the various stakeholders who use the bikes to be abreast of what was expected of them as owners, parents, riders, and users as well.

Source: Felix A. Baidoo



Baffour Kwaku Amoateng IV speaking at the event



AfroMedia invites African Filmmakers & Media Professionals to "Athar" award

As part of its efforts to support creative talents and strengthen the role of media and art in documenting stories of development and positive change across the African continent, Pan African Initiative on Media and Journalism (AfroMedia) Invites African journalists, media professionals, and filmmakers to participate in the "Athar" Short and Documentary Film Award, launched by Misr El Kheir Foundation to celebrate cinematic works that highlight development issues, sustainability, and inspiring humanitarian initiatives.

The award provides African creators with an opportunity to present their works that reflect community stories, success experiences, and innovative solutions in the social, environmental, and economic fields. This highlights the power of visual storytelling as a tool for awareness, creating impact, and promoting dialogue toward a more sustainable future.

The "Athar" Award Invites African Participation From:
Journalists and media professionals.
Young and amateur filmmakers.
Media and film students.
Small production companies.
Institutions and organizations documenting their development projects.

Participation Criteria:

The film must have been produced within the last three years.
The film duration must be no less than two minutes and not more than 20 minutes.
The film must address topics related to development or sustainability in the social, environmental, or economic fields.
The filmed materials must be original or used with legal permissions.
Accepted categories include documentaries, short fiction films, and animated films.

Arabic or English subtitles must be provided for films not in Arabic.

The film is not required to have received its first screening at a film festival, the social, environmental, or economic fields.

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The "Athar" Award is based on the belief that African development stories deserve to be told, and that media and art represent bridges capable of sharing inspiring experiences, raising awareness of common issues, and highlighting models that create real change within communities.

Misr El Kheir Foundation is one of the largest national organizations in Africa. Since its establishment in 2007, it has worked to achieve sustainable development and build the capacities of individuals and institutions.

Submission through FilmFreeway: <https://filmfreeway.com/FayoumInternationalFilmFestival>

Voice of Egypt... Voice of Africa



Stakeholders engaged on completion of Kumasi Kejetia Redevelopment phase II

The Ministry of Local Government, Chieftaincy and Religious Affairs, in collaboration with the Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly (KMA), held a stakeholders' engagement on the completion of the Kumasi Kejetia Redevelopment Project Phase II on Sunday, 20th September, 2026.

The engagement, held at the Phase II project site, brought together key stakeholders to discuss the progress of the project, funding, outstanding issues and the way forward towards its completion.

In his welcome address, the Mayor of Kumasi, Hon. Richard Ofori-Agyemang Boadi, said the completion of Phase II remains a priority for H.E. President John Dramani Mahama and the Sector Minister, Hon. Mahama Ayariga.

He disclosed that, following engagements with stakeholders and the Ministry of Finance, arrangements are being made for the contractors to return to site in October 2026.

According to the Mayor, completing the project will significantly ease pressure and congestion within Kumasi's Central Business District (CBD), while providing traders and other users with improved facilities.

The Mayor also highlighted concerns surrounding the payment of rents and premiums, noting that the original arrangement was for proceeds from Phase I to support the development of subsequent phases. However, inadequate revenue from Phase I has contributed to the need for additional government financing and, consequently, delays in completing the project.

The Ashanti Regional Minister, Hon. Dr. Frank Amoakohene, reaffirmed government's commitment to completing the project, describing Kejetia as a major commercial asset for Kumasi and the wider Ashanti Region. He assured traders and transport operators that government remains committed to ensuring they benefit from the completed facility.

On behalf of the Sector Minister, the Mayor disclosed that about GH¢89 million has so far been realised from Phase I, stressing that this remains inadequate to support the development as originally envisaged. He further indicated that going forward, the true value of shops and facilities would be reflected in their charges.

Stakeholders were also reminded that the initial five-year premium period has elapsed. Traders with outstanding premium payments have therefore been urged to settle their obligations by December 31, 2026, to avoid losing their shops due to non-payment.

Representing the Otumfuo Apagyahene, Oheneba Owusu Afriyie IV, noted that at the inception of Phase I, His Majesty Otumfuo Osei Tutu II was informed that proceeds from Phase I would help finance subsequent phases. He urged traders who owe premiums to fulfil their obligations.

He also called on government to adhere to the agreed rules and ensure fairness and transparency in the allocation of shops, stressing the importance of avoiding partisanship in the process.

He noted that Kumasi remains a major commercial hub and that the completion of Kejetia Phase II would further strengthen the city's position as a key centre for trade and commerce.

Consultant to the project, Mr. Tony Asare Yeboah of Avargade Design Services, also presented an overview of Phase II.

The Phase II development comprises four levels with 10,528 trading points, together with a range of supporting facilities, including:

- Ground Floor: 600-space parking area, transport facilities, bulk-breaking areas, warehouses, crèche, clinic, police post, banking facilities, fire post and administrative offices.

- First Floor: Counters and a traditional market comprising approximately 3,760 trading spaces.

- Second and Third Floors: Lockable shops and other ancillary facilities, comprising approximately 6,650 spaces.

There was an open Forum where stakeholders asked questions pertinent to them.

The engagement reaffirmed the commitment of stakeholders to finding a sustainable path towards the completion of the Kejetia Phase II project and unlocking its full economic potential for Kumasi and the Ashanti Region.

Source:KMA



Mr.Mahama Ayariga, Dr.Frank Amoakohene, King Zuba in a group photograph with stakeholders



Mahama Ayariga speaking at the event



Richard Ofori-Agyemang Boadi speaking at the event



Africa makes its mark at the Grand Final of Second International Student Championship Global HackAtom

More than 80 winners of national rounds from 15 countries around the world presented projects for the development of future "atomic cities" at the final – Africa held its own among both the winners and the jury.

From September 14 to 15, Ekaterinburg, Russia, hosted the final of the international student championship Global HackAtom. The event was held as part of the International Festival of Youth 2026 with the support of the state corporation Rosatom.

Grand-Final-of-the-Second-International-Student-Championship-Global-HackAtom.

It brought together more than 80 winners of national rounds from 15 countries, including South Africa, Namibia and Egypt. Finalists envisioned what future "atomic cities" might look like.

"The international Global HackAtom championship is a unique platform for young talent. With national rounds now spanning 15 countries and growing every year, it is becoming a truly global event, bringing together thousands of students from across the world – from Southeast Asia to Latin America. Hackathons give young people a unique chance to put their knowledge, skills and creativity to work on real problems facing major corporations and governments worldwide today.

Participants develop solutions in areas like sustainable development, digital transformation, energy efficiency and the integration of high-tech solutions into everyday life. I am confident the ideas these talented young people are coming up with are already laying the groundwork for the future – it is their fresh perspective and bold thinking that will shape the world of tomorrow," noted Rosatom Director General International Network Egor Kvyatkovskiy.

Over 20 hours, student teams built out their projects and prepared to present them. The championship jury, which included Yohannes Bimrew Simegn from Ethiopia, a member of Impact Team 2050 – an international youth advisory council under the Rosatom Director General Alexey Likhachev – praised the level of preparation the students brought to their projects.

The final's runner-up was Team University of Zululand from South Africa, which beat out most of the other participating countries with a concept for a comprehensive "atomic city" of the future to be built in southeastern Africa by 2050. The continent also picked up recognition in a special category: at the official awards ceremony, Namibia won a unique prize from the Obninsk Tech project – an invitation to attend the Obninsk Tech Summer School in 2027.

African teams' success at the final, together with an Ethiopian representative's seat on the jury, points to a bigger trend: nuclear energy is emerging as a strategic priority for African countries looking to address energy shortages and lay the groundwork for long-term economic growth. Interest in peaceful nuclear technology, workforce training and building homegrown scientific and technological capacity is growing across the continent. Countries are at different stages of that journey – some are just signing their first co-operation agreements, others are already mining uranium, and still others are building their own nuclear power plants.

Workforce development is getting particular attention. Students from a wide range of countries around the world study nuclear science at Rosatom's partner universities, with a significant share coming from African nations. Many of them go on to work in their home countries' nuclear industries after graduating. Several

initiatives support young people across the continent.

These include the Atoms Empowering Africa Video Contest, which has engaged young professionals in discussions on the peaceful use of nuclear technology since 2017, and the Icebreaker of Knowledge educational expedition to the North Pole. Dedicated training programmes are also underway – Rwanda, for instance, is training its own nuclear engineers, while Tanzania and Namibia are training geologists for the uranium industry. Young professionals joining forces around projects like these are becoming part of a growing international community in which Africa is playing an increasingly prominent role – giving its people a real stake in developing next-generation nuclear energy and its peaceful applications on the continent.

Reference:

Global HackAtom is an international student championship where participants tackle real-world nuclear indus-

try challenges within a 24-hour window. Now in its second edition, it runs in two stages: national selection rounds followed by a grand final in Russia. This year's national rounds spanned 15 countries across Asia, Latin America, Europe and Africa.

The championship is run by the state corporation Rosatom as part of Obninsk Tech, an international research and education centre, with the aim of building awareness of nuclear technology among young people. Obninsk Tech is an international hub for nuclear and related education, home to modern educational technology development, an exhibition space for export-oriented Russian high-tech products, and a venue for congresses, exhibitions and international schools.

Obninsk Tech Summer School is an international summer educational programme for foreign students, run as part of the Obninsk Tech project at the Obninsk Institute for Nuclear Power Engineering of the National Research Nuclear University MEPhI.



NamHack-Innovators-from-Namibia-scaled



NamHack Innovators from Namibia

Ghazaly Concludes the Egyptian National African Union Model Conference 2026

The Global Solidarity Network concluded the activities of the training program of the African Union Simulation Model, dedicated to students of the Schools of Excellence in Science and Technology (STEM). The program's lectures and training workshops were held throughout August 2026, with the participation of 120 male and female students from various governorates across Egypt.

The program featured a number of specialized training sessions aimed at introducing students to the nature of the African Union institutions, decision-making mechanisms, and cooperation frameworks among African countries. It also sought to enhance their awareness of contemporary issues and challenges facing the continent through an integrated educational experience that combined theoretical knowledge with practical application through the simulation model.

The program included three main tracks addressing Peace and Security, Intra-African Trade, and African Civil Society, with the participation of a distinguished group of experts and specialists in African affairs. The training content focused on understanding institutional mechanisms within the African Union and the role of various stakeholders in supporting development pathways and continental integration. The program was inaugurated with a lecture delivered by Ambassador Amr El Gawaly, Director of the Directorate of African Diaspora Organizations and Civil Society at the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa. The lecture addressed the economic role of the African diaspora in supporting development across the continent, providing participants with a comprehensive understanding of the nature of joint African action.

The Peace and Security Track addressed several issues related to conflict management, peacebuilding, and strengthening governance across Africa. Hassnaa Tammam, African Union Youth Ambassador for Peace – North Africa Region, delivered a session discussing concepts of conflict, violence, and peace. During a specialized session, Hager Azzouz reviewed the frameworks of both the African Governance Architecture (AGA) and the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA), highlighting their role in supporting stability and strengthening conflict prevention mechanisms. Dr. Heba Assem, a specialist in governance and peacebuilding at the African

Union Commission, discussed, during a session titled "Silencing the Guns... Building the Future: How Can Youth Contribute to Achieving the Vision of Agenda 2063?", the pivotal role of youth in supporting peace and development efforts and consolidating stability across the continent. Political researcher Ibrahim Tantawy also participated in the track's activities, addressing various African peace and security issues.

The Economic Track focused on opportunities for economic integration among African countries and the challenges facing African economies amid accelerating regional and international transformations. Dr. Mohamed Hassan Khodairy, a specialist in African economic affairs, delivered a session on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and its role in enhancing trade and economic integration among African countries. Dr. Samar El Bagoury, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of African Postgraduate Studies, discussed the resilience of African economies and their ability to face geopolitical repercussions. Dr. Raed Salama, Founder of Orbit Research and Economic Studies Company, reviewed the impact of current geopolitical developments on the global and African economies and their implications for supply chains across the continent.

The program also included a specialized module on the Economic, Social and Cultural Council of the African Union (ECOSOCC), aimed at introducing students to its role in enhancing the participation of civil society organizations and youth within the framework of joint African action, as well as understanding the mechanisms through which non-governmental actors contribute to supporting development and continental integration. Ambassador Mohamed Haroun, Vice President of the African Union Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC), delivered a session titled "Towards Conscious African Leadership: The Model of the African Union Economic, Social and Cultural Council." The session addressed the nature of the Council's work and its importance in strengthening societal dialogue across the continent. Farouk Deif, researcher at the Information and Decision Support Center of the Egyptian Cabinet and a specialist in African affairs, reviewed ECOSOCC's role in shaping Africa's future and enhancing the participation of various stakeholders in development-related issues.

Dr. Abdel Latif Gouda, a researcher specializing in international organizations, also delivered a session titled "Introduction to ECOSOCC Accreditation and NGOs' Participation," addressing mechanisms for accrediting civil society organizations and frameworks for their participation in institutions and mechanisms related to the African Union, highlighting the important role these organizations play in supporting institutional cooperation and strengthening partnerships among different components of African society.

Researcher and anthropologist Hassan Ghazaly, founder of the Global Solidarity Network, under which the African Union Simulation Model is implemented, stated that the program reflects the network's vision of enhancing Egyptian youth awareness of African issues and providing them with a deeper understanding of the challenges facing the continent and the mechanisms of collective action within African institutions. He explained that the model represents an integrated educational platform that provides youth with the opportunity to understand decision-making mechanisms within the African Union through a simulation experience combining academic knowledge and practical application, while promoting an African perspective that reflects the continent's own contexts, priorities, and realities, beyond perspectives that may not

fully capture Africa's unique characteristics.

Ghazaly added that the program seeks to equip participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to become active partners in issues of peace, development, and African integration by combining diplomatic, academic, and research expertise. This approach provides a unique experience that contributes to developing skills in dialogue, analysis, negotiation, vision-building, and position formulation. He noted that the model goes beyond providing information about the African Union and its institutions; rather, it aims to empower youth to recognize the shared challenges facing the continent and explore opportunities for cooperation and integration among African countries.

Ghazaly extended his congratulations to the model's team of researchers and students led by researcher and translator Mervat Sakr, African affairs researcher Abdullah Qazzaz, and Teyam Mohamed, President of the Students of STEM Schools for Science and Technology, for their efforts in overseeing the implementation of the program's activities and its various tracks. These efforts contributed to achieving its educational and training objectives and maximizing the participants' benefit from this experience.

The African Union Simulation Model, established in 2012, is one of the programs of the Global Solidarity Network. It aims to enhance Egyptian youth awareness of African collective action, introduce them to the institutions of the African Union and their mechanisms, and provide a training platform that combines academic knowledge with practical application through simulation, contributing to the development of young people's skills in dialogue, negotiation, and decision-making.



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MoMo Fintech Lab attracts over 990 entries from innovators across Ghana: Applications remain open until September 30

Media Release

Accra, Ghana, September 21, 2026 – MobileMoney Fintech LTD (MMFL) has received over 990 entries from innovators across Ghana for the 2026 MoMo Fintech Lab, signalling strong interest in developing practical solutions for the country's digital financial services sector. Applications remain open until September 30.

The nationwide innovation programme identifies, mentors, and supports innovators to turn technology-driven ideas into practical, commercially viable solutions that address everyday challenges, expand financial access, and strengthen Ghana's digital economy. Of the over 990 entries received, 56 per cent fall under Everyday Payments and Financial Access, the largest of the four innovation tracks. Business and Merchant Growth Tools accounts for 17 per cent, followed by Trust, Security and Digital Identity at 15 per cent, and Future of Finance and Connected Ecosystems at 12 per cent.

The entries span different stages of development: 374 submissions (37.8 per cent) are at the concept stage, 341 (34.4 per cent) are at the idea stage, 156 (15.8 per cent) are prototypes and 119 (12.0 per cent) are minimum viable products (MVPs). Regionally, Accra accounts for 63 per cent of entries, Kumasi 26 per cent and Tamale 11 per cent.

Commenting on the response, Shaibu Haruna, Chief Executive Officer of MobileMoney Fintech LTD, said, "The response so far is encouraging. Receiving nearly 1,000 submissions

demonstrates the depth of Ghana's innovative talent and the strong appetite to develop solutions to real-world challenges.

We are particularly encouraged by ideas that seek to make payments and financial services more accessible, support businesses and merchants, and strengthen the wider digital economy. We invite more innovators to apply before the September 30 deadline and bring forward ideas with the potential to create meaningful impact."

Following the application stage, selected applicants will take part in zonal bootcamps and hackathons in Tamale, Kumasi and Accra, where they will receive training and pitch their ideas to expert panels. Successful participants will then progress to a mentorship lab for further guidance and support to refine their solutions. The programme will culminate in a National Demo Day, where finalists will showcase their solutions and compete for cash awards of up to GHS100,000, as well as digital devices and other support to advance their work.

Beyond the awards, selected participants will gain technical, leadership and commercialization skills, mentorship, industry exposure and access to networks designed to help them develop scalable, sustainable solutions.

Innovators can apply free of charge through the MoMo App before September 30 by following these steps:

- Download or open the MoMo App.
- Log in with your MoMo number and PIN.
- Select the MoMo Fintech Lab

banner on the home page.

- Complete and submit the application form with your individual or team details.

Launched on August 12, the MoMo Fintech Lab identifies, mentors and supports innovators developing solutions that address everyday challenges and contributes to Ghana's digital financial services ecosystem.

The programme is organised in partnership with the Bank of Ghana, with support from ecosystem partners including GCB Bank, Hubtel, appsN-mobile, Zenith Bank, First National Bank, Blue Penguin, Korba, Fidelity Bank, Afrifanom (VaMiJo) and JUMO.

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