



THE GHANA INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (GIA-HED) CONFERENCE

A Public-Private Partnership with the
Government of Ghana through the
Ministry of Works and Housing

Venue: Accra International Conference Centre ●

Date: 27th – 29th July, 2017 ●

Time: 9am - 4pm ●

INTRODUCTION

Cities are not “just brick and mortar. They symbolise the dreams, aspirations and hopes of societies.
– *State of the World’s Cities 2008/2009.*

THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

According to United Nations reports, when the U. N. was founded in 1945, two thirds of the world’s population lived in rural areas. By the beginning of the second millennium, half of humanity, estimated at 6 billion people, live in cities. The population of Ghana has grown rapidly from about 6 million at independence to over 27 million; with the Greater Accra Metropolitan area holding over 4 million people.

The severe strain on housing, healthcare, commerce, employment, education, industry, recreation, transportation, energy and other basic human needs are aggravated by migration. Crime, deforestation, climate change, pollution, flooding, land degradation, disease wealth and poverty are often endemic in the cities.



The Ghana Institute of Architects, is mandated by the United Nations through its affiliation with the International Union of Architects, to uphold Human Rights Declarations which are relevant to the practice of Architecture; as well as the attainment of the Sustainment Development Goals (SDGs).



- The Basic Human Right to Shelter is of great concern in Ghana.
- Vision 2030 (SDGs) promote the improvement of the quality of life in communities and the construction of affordable housing in sustainable communities.

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The two-day Conference and three-day Exhibition is scheduled from 27th to 29th July 2017 at the Accra International Conference Centre. The theme for the conference is “The Architect - The Catalyst in National Development”.

The Honourable Minister S. Atta Akyea announced a partnership between the Ministry of Works and Housing and the Ghana Institute of Architects through the Municipal Metropolitan District Assemblies for economic growth on 26th April 2017. The partnership shall ensure the delivery of affordable housing within well-designed sustainable communities for ordinary Ghanaians.

Reasons to Participate in the GIA-HED Conference

- Become part of the public private partnership in support of Ghana's attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Get connected with motivated development professionals, manufacturers, researchers, educators, policy makers and investors;

- Add your voice to the advocacy drive for the construction of sustainable communities and affordable housing.
- Create employment locally by meeting and utilising locally manufactured building materials;
- Obtain first-hand information about available alternative but effective appropriate technologies for affordable housing;
- Participate in policies designed for the development of the economy;
- Collaborate with the Institute for the advancement of accommodation for members of your professional institution or community.



PARTICIPATION IN THE EXHIBITION

- Highlight and promote the use of local building materials;
- Promote appropriate technologies which lower building and road construction costs;
- Showcase eco-friendly innovations which enhance the natural environment;
- Promote affordable real estate design schemes,
- Partner with Architectural firms or the Institute for housing design solutions.

STAKEHOLDER ORGANISATIONS

The GIA-HED Conference shall connect Government, Development Consultants, International Development Organisations, Traditional Leaders, Community Leaders, Industry, Research, Finance Institutions, Innovators, Local Manufacturers of building materials, educators and Students of Architecture.



The Ghana Institute of Architects in Partnership with the Ministry of Works and Housing is collaborating with the following institutions:

- Ghana Investment Promotion Council;
- Ministry of Education;
- Ministry of Local Government;
- International Finance Corporation - The Edge Green Building Market Transformation Program;
- Ghana Real Estate Developers Association;
- Ghana Institution of Planners;
- Ghana Institute of Surveyors;
- Ghana Institution of Engineers.
- Building, Road Research Institute;
- The Centre for Settlement Studies;
- Ghana Institution of Engineers;
- Institute of Social Statistical and Economic Research;
- The International Growth Centre;
- The Architecture Department of Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology;
- The Architecture Department of Central University.
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REGISTRATION

GH¢ 150.00 for individuals;

GH¢ 50.00 for Students of Architecture, Engineering, Planning and Surveying from Central University and KNUST.

Registration includes conference materials – Conference brochure, conference folder, pen, lunches and snacks.

Register online on the events page of gia.org.gh by 15th July 2017.

Contact the GIA on Tel: 0302229464 for assistance.