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**THEME: The Blueprint for
Self-Reliance - Synchronizing
Africa's Sectoral Strengths for a
Unified Future**

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Under the Royal Patronage of
His Royal Majesty Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, Asantehene



And under the auspices of the Otumfuo Centre for Traditional Leadership, UPSA



FOREWORD BY ROYAL MAJESTY OTUMFUO OSEI TUTU II, ASANTEHENE



It is with a profound sense of purpose that I extend my Royal Patronage to The Winds of Change (TWOC) Symposium, Ghana 2026, convened under the theme Shaping Tomorrow's Africa, Today. This Symposium brings together leaders from business, policy, academia, culture, and the African diaspora at a moment when our continent must move decisively from vision to execution.

Africa's future will be shaped not by aspiration alone, but by institutions and leaders capable of translating ideas into investment, policy coherence, innovation, and inclusive growth. Traditional leadership has long been an anchor of legitimacy, stability, and social cohesion in our societies. Yet, in contemporary Africa, traditional institutions must also engage effectively with modern governance systems, markets, and development frameworks to remain relevant contributors to national and continental transformation.

The Otumfuo Centre for Traditional Leadership at the University of Professional Studies, Accra (UPSA) was established in response to this imperative. The Centre provides an institutional platform for strengthening traditional leadership through research, structured training, and professional capacity development in areas such as land administration, strategic leadership, conflict resolution, records and documentation management, financial stewardship, and negotiation. Its central objective is to promote seamless governance - harmonising the roles of traditional authorities with public institutions, investors, and development actors to unlock sustainable value for communities.

It is therefore fitting that the TWOC Symposium is convened under the auspices of the Centre. The programme strands; Pan-African engagement, entrepreneurship, intra-African trade and investment, sustainable development, education and skills, and cultural and creative industries; reflect the very domains in which traditional leadership, policy, and enterprise must collaborate. Secure land systems, effective dispute resolution, transparent governance, and social legitimacy are foundational to investment, industrialisation, AfCFTA implementation, and green growth across Africa.

The Symposium's alignment with Ghana's Heritage Month and the 60th Anniversary of UPSA underscores the continuity between Africa's heritage and its future. It affirms that tradition and modernity are not competing forces, but complementary pillars of development when anchored in knowledge, accountability, and innovation. By situating this dialogue within a leading professional university, the Symposium reinforces the importance of evidence based policy, market-ready solutions, and skills aligned with Africa's evolving economic landscape.

I commend the organisers and partners for creating a platform that convenes decision-makers capable of moving from dialogue to delivery; mobilising capital, forging partnerships, and committing to measurable outcomes. I encourage all participants to engage with candour, discipline, and a shared sense of responsibility to Africa's people.

May this gathering contribute meaningfully to stronger institutions, productive enterprise, and an Africa that is competitive, inclusive, and confident in shaping its own destiny

Asantehene
Royal Patron,
The Winds of Change Symposium, Ghana 2026



FOREWORD BY VICE CHANCELLOR OF UPSA



I am pleased to welcome you to the The Winds of Change (TWOC) Symposium, Ghana 2026. Together with our partners at The Winds of Change, we will host this gathering at the University of Professional Studies, Accra, from 26 to 27 March 2026 under the theme Shaping Tomorrow's Africa, Today. The symposium coincides with UPSA at 60 and with Ghana Heritage Month, and it reflects our shared commitment to ethical leadership, professional excellence, and service to the continent.

This landmark symposium is held under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty Otumfuo Osei Tutu II and under the auspices of the Otumfuo Centre for Traditional Leadership, reinforcing our shared commitment to ethical leadership, African values, and transformative governance.

We have designed this symposium as a high-level Pan-African platform that unites policy makers, business leaders, investors, academics, cultural actors, youth, and the diaspora in a focused conversation about delivery. We aim to translate ideas into partnerships, investments, and time-bound commitments that strengthen competitiveness and opportunity across Africa.

The programme creates conditions for results. We will convene executive roundtables, thematic conversations, and curated networking that connect ambition to execution. We will highlight bankable opportunities and facilitate serious exchanges between investors and policy leaders so that opportunity becomes transaction. We will showcase an innovations marketplace that gives youth founders and growth-stage enterprises access to mentors, accelerators, buyers, and capital. Our priorities align with Africa's strategic agenda and with the mission of our university. We seek to advance the African Continental Free Trade Area by strengthening regional value chains and practical cross-border collaboration.

This convening also marks a significant milestone in the life of UPSA. The symposium coincides with UPSA's 60th Anniversary celebrations and Ghana's Heritage Month, creating a powerful convergence of academic excellence, cultural identity, and Pan-African purpose. For six decades, the university has pursued academic rigour, professional relevance, and ethical leadership. Our alumni lead across sectors, and our faculty and students continue to push the boundaries of applied scholarship and practice. Hosting the TWOC Symposium at this milestone signifies our commitment to integrating learning with action and connecting research, policy, and enterprise for the public good.

I invite every participant to contribute with candour and purpose. Share evidence and experience, challenge assumptions, forge partnerships, and commit to delivery. If we act with focus and urgency, the work we begin in Accra will set a new standard for collaboration and measurable impact across our institutions, our enterprises, and our communities.

Welcome to UPSA. Welcome to the TWOC Symposium, Ghana 2026.

Prof. Oohn Kweku Mensah Mawutor
Vice Chancellor
University of Professional Studies, Accra



FOREWORD BY QUEEN MOTHER ZANELE NTULI



The Winds of Change Symposium Ghana 2026 could not have come at a more fitting time, as the country celebrates its political independence. Similarly, this symposium is taking place during a historic epoch, at a time when the University of Professional Studies, Accra (UPSA) is marking activities in celebration of its 60th anniversary.

The significance of The Winds of Change Symposium highlights the political awakening of a giant and the collective movement toward self-determination in all manner of spheres — the arts, culture, business, education, health, infrastructure development, and more — following the courageous and bold moves by the Sahel region in reclaiming a major break from European colonial influence, both direct and indirect.

It was on Independence Day in March 1957, during the famous “At long last, the battle has ended!” speech, that Kwame Nkrumah declared that Ghana’s independence is meaningless unless it is linked to the total liberation of Africa. Thus, Nkrumah’s independence speech could not have resonated more powerfully in the context of the Winds of Change now demonstrated by the Sahel region. It is from this position that the Symposium has deemed it appropriate to revive and pursue Pan-Africanist ideals to achieve genuine continental sovereignty politically, economically, and socially.

Ironically, it was British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan’s landmark 1960 “Winds of Change” speech that acknowledged the sweeping force of African nationalism, which could no longer be suppressed. The same relentless tenacity and resilience that pushed for the winds of change sweeping across Africa in pursuit of sovereignty in the 1950s, 60s, and 70s remains strong more than six generations later — as the Sahel region reshapes the geopolitical landscape.

As The Winds of Change Symposium is set to convene in Ghana, this stands both as a fitting tribute to this historic turning point and as a call to continue Africa’s unfinished mission. The imperative has evolved from political emancipation toward full continental transformation: economic independence, intellectual sovereignty, institutional resilience, and social equity. It is within this continuum of Africa’s liberation story that the University of Professional Studies, Accra (UPSA) convenes The Winds of Change Symposium in strategic collaboration with distinguished academic and policy partners from the Republic of South Africa, here in the capital city, Accra, Ghana.

Africa must navigate new global challenges and opportunities and renew urgent dialogue on economic liberation, innovation, good governance, fitting political leadership, and African-led development. Most significantly, Africa must bring together leaders of integrity, thinkers, and citizens who share a commitment to building a continent that fully commands its destiny in the 21st century and beyond. This is certainly the primary role and responsibility that an organisation such as The Winds of Change Symposium seeks to accomplish.

Queen Mother Zanele Ntuli
Group Chief Executive Officer (GCEO),
The Winds of Change.



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A Mandate for Africa: The Sovereign Blueprint

In this landmark 60th year of the University of Professional Studies, Accra (UPSA), we are not merely marking a milestone; we are witnessing a continental pivot. The Winds of Change Symposium 3.0 has transcended bilateral dialogue to become a high-velocity strategic convergence, a gathering of the Architects of the Future who recognize that Africa's prosperity is no longer a request, but a Sovereign Mandate.

At OlyAfrique, we are honored to service and propel this vision. Our belief in the African Dream is anchored in execution, not rhetoric. It is our great privilege to orchestrate this continental alignment, providing the 'Engine Room' where Pan-African ideals are converted into the practical, industrial strength of a borderless AfCFTA.

As Titans of Industry and Key Decision Makers across Africa gather at the UPSA, Ghana, from 13th to 16th May 2026, to deliberate on the sectoral strengths of Africa, we do so under the foundational guardianship of our heritage. We draw our strength from the Royal Blessing of His Majesty, the Asantehene, Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, and the unwavering support of His Highness, Khalifa Mohammad Sanusi II, whose patronage ensures our modern economic expansion remains anchored in the dignity of our identity.

We stand in absolute alignment and solidarity with the courageous declaration of His Excellency, President John Dramani Mahama, that the slave trade was the 'Gravest Crime Against Humanity.' To us, the ultimate restitution and the greatest justice for our ancestors, is to build a continent so

synchronized and self-reliant that we never again depend on the benevolence of others for our survival.

In this pursuit, we are galvanized by the intellectual defiance of Prof. P.L.O. Lumumba and the uncompromising call to global unity from Dr. Arikana Chihombori-Quao. As we deliberate on the theme:

The Blueprint for Self-Reliance: Synchronizing Africa's Sectoral Strengths for a Unified Future,

the Accra Declaration 2026 is expected to serve as the definitive pointer to our Self-Reliance. It will be the charter that reminds the world that Africa is not a collection of fragments, but a Unified Bloc whose era of seeking permission to prosper is OVER.

Beyond all doubt, the 'Winds of Change' have matured into a continental surge. The Africa of today does not wait for a seat at the table; we are building our own table, using our own resources, for our own people.

We call upon the Captains of Industries, Key Decision Makers, and the Custodians of our culture to stand up. Let us collapse the artificial borders that have stifled our trade and embrace the industrial corridors that will define our century.

The Blueprint is Ready. Let's rewrite the future.

CAROLYN ISAAC
CEO, OlyAfrique
*Strategic Architect,
Winds of Change Symposium 3.0*

THE WINDS OF CHANGE SYMPOSIUM 2026

The Winds of Change Symposium 3.0 serves as the definitive high-level platform for Africa's professional, traditional, and industrial evolution.

Hosted by the University of Professional Studies, Accra (UPSA) in celebration of its 60th Anniversary (Diamond Jubilee), this landmark event marks six decades of academic excellence by aligning the university's legacy with the continent's future.

While the Winds of Change is a Pan African platform, at its core, the symposium is an engine for Self-Reliance. It moves beyond dialogue to forge a strategic nexus between the architects of policy, the custodians of traditional wisdom, and the titans of industry.

Together, these leaders will ratify

the Accra Declaration (2026), a unified manifesto and actionable roadmap designed to harmonize trade standards, secure energy sovereignty, and institutionalize intergenerational mentorship across the continent.

In strategic partnership with OlyAfrique, the symposium will introduce the foundational framework for a Pan-African Knowledge Repository, ensuring that African-led data and professional expertise drive the innovations, from Agribusiness to Fintech to Creative Economy, that will define a unified future.

The Winds of Change 3.0 is not just a commemoration; it is a commitment to the professional workforce and the strategic partnerships that will power the AfCFTA and the Africa we want.

PEACE, NEGOTIATION, AND THE FUTURE OF AFRICAN TRADE

Trade flourishes in stable environments where disputes are resolved predictably and institutions command trust. The success of the African Continental Free Trade Area depends not only on trade protocols and infrastructure, but also on the ability of African societies to manage conflict, secure land tenure, uphold agreements, and maintain social stability across borders.

Traditional leadership institutions remain central to this equation. Across Africa, traditional authorities are custodians of land, culture, and community legitimacy. Their role in mediation, consensus-building, and dispute resolution directly influences investment decisions in agriculture, mining, infrastructure, manufacturing, and logistics. When traditional governance systems are well capacitated and aligned with modern state institutions, they become enablers of trade and development rather than points of friction.

The Otumfuo Centre for Traditional Leadership at UPSA responds to this reality by strengthening traditional leadership through structured training, research, and professional development. Its focus on land administration, conflict resolution, negotiation, documentation, financial management, and strategic leadership equips traditional authorities to support peaceful coexistence, investor confidence, and inclusive economic growth.



THE STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP OF HIS ROYAL MAJESTY OTUMFUO OSEI TUTU II

HRM Otumfuo Osei Tutu II brings to the Symposium an exceptional depth of knowledge and experience in governance, mediation, education, and development diplomacy. His leadership exemplifies how traditional authority can engage productively with modern political and economic systems to deliver stability and progress.



Under his Royal Patronage, the Symposium becomes a trusted space for candid dialogue among policymakers, business leaders, investors, academics, and traditional authorities.

His presence reinforces the importance of negotiation, consensus-building, and ethical leadership as foundations for sustainable trade and investment in Africa.



WHY UPSA AND WHY BUSINESS LEADERS MUST ENGAGE

UPSA provides a neutral, intellectually grounded environment where complex issues of conflict, trade, and governance can be examined rigorously and constructively. Hosting the Symposium during UPSA's 60th Anniversary celebrations further underscores the University's longstanding contribution to leadership development, professional excellence, and national service.

For business leaders, the Winds of Change Symposium offers strategic value. It provides insights into how global and local conflicts affect markets, supply chains, and investment climates. It facilitates engagement with decision makers who influence land access, regulatory environments, and the social licence to operate. It also creates opportunities to align commercial strategies with peacebuilding, governance reform, and AfCFTA-driven growth.

In an era where political risk, ESG considerations, and stakeholder legitimacy increasingly shape business outcomes, participation in the Symposium enables companies to anticipate challenges, build partnerships, and contribute to stable and prosperous markets.

THE BLUEPRINT FOR SELF-RELIANCE: SYNCHRONIZING AFRICA'S SECTORAL STRENGTHS FOR A UNIFIED FUTURE

The Winds of Change Symposium Ghana 2026 affirms that Africa's future will be shaped through collaboration between tradition and modernity, peace and prosperity, policy and enterprise. Convened at UPSA, under the Royal Patronage of HRM Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, the Symposium sets a powerful agenda for leadership that is practical, inclusive, and committed to delivery.





OBJECTIVES

The 2026 Symposium is anchored on the following strategic pillars:

1. Cultivating the Architects of AfCFTA

In honor of UPSA's 60th Anniversary, we are establishing the university as the definitive training ground for Africa's professional workforce. Our mission is to equip the next generation with the specialized expertise required to transform the AfCFTA mandate from a policy framework into a vibrant, lived economic reality.

2. Merging Ancestral Wisdom with Modern Governance

We believe that Africa's "Blueprint for Self-Reliance" must be rooted in its own soil. By integrating the influence of traditional leadership with contemporary policy-making, we ensure that our progress is stabilized by indigenous values and guided by a long-term sense of cultural stewardship.

3. Scaling Impact through Knowledge Partnerships

In collaboration with our core Knowledge Partner, OlyAfrique, we are translating the symposium's insights into a scalable, Pan-African framework. This partnership ensures our breakthroughs inform industry standards and policy decisions across every regional bloc on the continent.

4. Uniting Industrial and Financial Titans

True economic independence requires a strategic nexus between those who build and those who fund. We are facilitating "Private Sector Pacts" between captains of industry and continental financial institutions to spark the large-scale infrastructure and energy projects Africa deserves.

5. Institutionalizing Intergenerational Mentorship

We are bridging the gap between Africa's established icons and its emerging trailblazers through "intentional succession". This structured environment ensures that seasoned leaders provide the roadmap and capital needed to scale the global-standard enterprises of the future.

6. The Accra Declaration: From Vision to Mandate

We are engaging government decision-makers to adopt the Accra Declaration—a definitive, actionable roadmap for harmonizing trade standards, digital payment systems, and the free movement of professional talent across the continent.

7. Securing Food and Energy Sovereignty

Africa must be the primary beneficiary of its own natural wealth. By synchronizing our resources with circular economy models, agritech, and renewable energy, we are prioritizing a future where the continent processes its own riches and powers its own growth.

8. Cultural Heritage and Creative Industries

Celebrate African innovation by combining indigenous knowledge, cultural creativity, and modern technology. Showcase solutions that integrate tradition with frontier fields like AI, biotechnology, and green manufacturing.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

1. The Ratification of the “Accra Declaration” (2026)

The defining achievement of this symposium will be the formal adoption of the Accra Declaration. This is more than a document; it is a high-level manifesto and a unified pledge. It will signal a historic alignment where traditional, industrial, and political leaders will move in lockstep to transform the “Blueprint for Self-Reliance” into a shared national and corporate reality.

2. Catalyst for AfCFTA-Aligned Sectoral Partnerships

Beyond dialogue, we expect the formalization of at least five (5) strategic, cross-border Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs). These pacts between private sector giants and regional trade bodies will focus on the “Triple Engine” of African growth: Agribusiness, Energy, and Fintech, ensuring our supply chains are synchronized and resilient.

3. Launch of the OlyAfrique Pan-African Knowledge Repository

In partnership with OlyAfrique, we will unveil a first-of-its-kind digital Sectoral Strength Map. This repository will serve as the continent’s internal compass, providing data-driven insights that allow investors and governments to identify, celebrate, and scale African resources, reducing the need for external dependency.

4. The “UPSA Diamond Jubilee” Professional Fellowship

To honor 60 years of academic excellence, we are launching a prestigious fellowship program that invests in our greatest asset: our people. This initiative will place Africa’s most promising graduates into high-impact mentorship residencies with the industrial titans in attendance, creating a living “Succession” for the continent’s future leadership.

5. Unified Diplomatic Synergy for AU Agenda 2063

We aim to bridge the gap between the boardroom and the community. By fostering a refined consensus between traditional sovereigns and policy architects, we will translate the visionary goals of AU Agenda 2063 into local, actionable progress, ensuring that high-level diplomacy results in a better quality of life for every African citizen.

TARGET MARKET

The Symposium brings together decision-makers and changemakers capable of translating dialogue into action across Africa and the diaspora, including:

Heads of State, Ministers, and Policymakers

African Union and Regional Economic Communities (ECOWAS, SADC, EAC, etc.)

Business Leaders, Investors, and Chambers of Commerce (AGI, GNCCI, BBC, BUSA, BLSA, etc.)

Academia (UPSA faculty, students, and partner institutions)

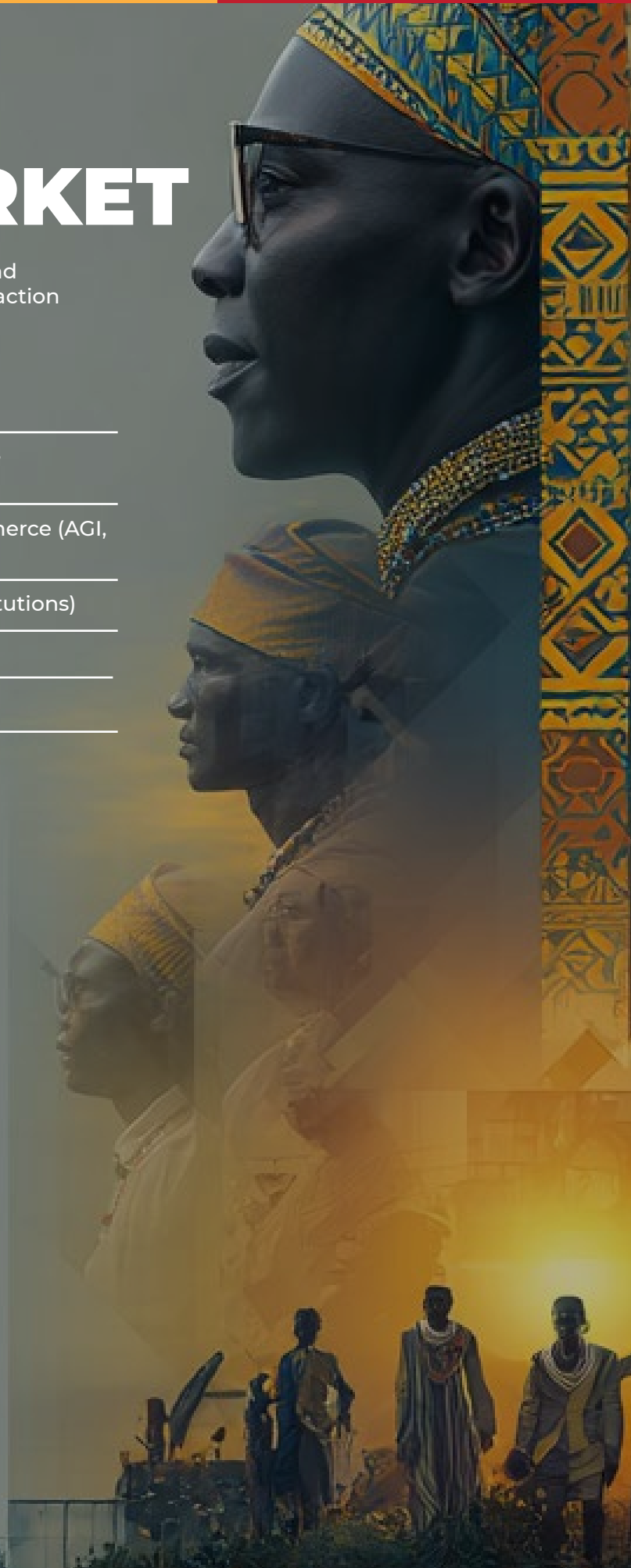
Civil Society and Cultural Leaders

Pan-African Diaspora Networks (Sixth Region)

Media and Thought Leaders

Expected Participation:

500+ delegates, including policymakers, investors, entrepreneurs, students, and researchers.



THEME OVERVIEW: THE BLUEPRINT FOR SELF-RELIANCE: SYNCHRONIZING AFRICA'S SECTORAL STRENGTHS FOR A UNIFIED FUTURE

“The Blueprint for Self-Reliance: Synchronizing Africa’s Sectoral Strengths for a Unified Future” captures the focus on moving from vision to delivery, with clear responsibilities, timelines, and metrics.

It captures a defining moment for Africa’s trajectory. With demographic shifts, digital transformation, and regional integration accelerating, the time for action is now.

The theme underscores urgency and accountability, ensuring leaders act today to build a resilient, inclusive, and competitive Africa for generations to come.

Participants seek practical routes that connect policy to capital, research to industry, and ideas to measurable outcomes.

The theme fits Ghana’s independence legacy, while UPSA’s emphasis on a professional and ethical culture aligns with continental priorities such as skills development, capital mobilization, and trade facilitation that support implementation and accountability.



SYMPOSIUM FORMAT

Plenary Sessions

Keynotes and executive dialogues framing the Symposium's priorities and commitments.



Panel Discussions

Expert-led sessions producing actionable policy and business recommendations.



Exhibitions Marketplace

A showcase of African innovations, research, and cultural products ready for scale and investment.



Gala Dinner

A formal networking event celebrating leadership, cultural excellence, and partnership signings. The Gala Dinner will incorporate ceremonial and cultural elements consistent with Ghana's Heritage Month and the dignity of Royal Patronage, celebrating African leadership, tradition, and contemporary excellence.



SPEAKERS

The Symposium brings together decision-makers and changemakers capable of translating dialogue into action across Africa and the diaspora, including:



His Royal Majesty
Otumfuo Osei Tutu II,
Asantehene



His Royal Highness Muhammad Sanusi II
The Emir of Kano
Royal Father of the Day



Dr. Patrice Motsepe
African Rainbow
Minerals
CAF President South
Africa
Keynote Speaker



Alhaji Abdul Samad Rabi (CFR, CON)
Founder/ Chairman
BUA GROUP
Chairman of the
Occasion

SPEAKERS



**Her Excellency,
Francisca Tatchouop
Belobe**

African Union Commissioner for
Economic Development, Trade,
Tourism, Industry and Minerals
(ETIM)

Continental Keynote Speaker



H.E. Wamkele Mene
Secretary-General,
AfCFTA Secretariat



Dr Sidi Ould Tah
President of African
Development Bank
Mauritania



Dr George Elomi,
President Afreximbank



Mr. Tony Elumelu
UBA Chairman



**His Excellence Sen.
Hope Uzodimma**
Executive Governor, Imo
State



Heineken Lokpobiri,
Minister of State for
Petroleum Resources
(Oil) Guest Minister-
Nigeria



**Hon. Elizabeth
Ofosu-Adjare**
Minister for Trade,
Agribusiness, and
Industry



Sindisiwe Chikunga
Minister of Women,
Youth and People with
disabilities
South Africa



**Hajiya Imaan
Sulaiman Ibrahim**
Honorable Minister of
Woman Affairs



**Hon. Magdalene
Dagoseh**
Minister of Commerce &
Industry- Liberia



Abdourahmane Sarr
Honorable Minister
of Economy Planning
and Corporation,
Senegal

SPEAKERS



Hannatu Musa Musawa
Honourable Minister of Art, Culture and the Creative Economy



Dr. P.L.O. Lumumba
Director,
Kenya School of Law



H.E. Dr. Arikana Chihombori-Quao
Former Permanent Representative of the African Union to the United States



HRH Joshua Maponga
Philosopher, Author and Former SDA Pastor



Sen. John Enoh
Honorable Minister of Trade, Industry and Investment



Dr. Ibrahim Abubakar Kana, mni
Permanent Secretary, General Services Office
Office of Secretary to the Government of the Federation



Mr. Bashir Bayo Ojulari
CCEO of NNPC
Nigeria



Mr. Fabian Michael Lai
CEO National Oil Company of Liberia (NOCAL)



Mr. Simon Madjie
CEO,
Ghana Investment Promotion Centre (GIPC)



Lindiwe Sisulu
Former South African Minister



Mr. Mark Badu-Aboagyee
CEO,
Ghana National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GNCCI)



Mr. Seth Twum-Akwaboah
CEO,
Association of Ghana Industries (AGI)

SPEAKERS



Mr. Samuel Esson Jonah
Chancellor, University of Cape Coast (UCC)



Mr. Julius Debrah
Former Chief of Staff, Republic of Ghana



Couch Simon Ouedraogo
Metaphysician and author. CEO of BeDoHave Universal



Ms. Marcia Daniels
Founder and CEO, Kingdom Billionaire Club



Mr. David Zyambo
Managing Partner, Breckenridge Consulting Group



Mr. Akwasi Obeng-Adjei
Executive, Risk (Business Bank), Absa Group South Africa



Mr Gugulethu Xaba
Founder and CEO, Amandla Omnotho and Rural Economic Development



Dr Buyani Zwane
African Leadership Programme, South Africa



Mr Penuel Mlotshwa
The Black Pen, South African Podcaster

BACKGROUND

The Winds of Change (TWOC) Symposium is a high-level Pan-African platform that convenes leaders across policy, business, academia, culture, and youth and diaspora communities to accelerate Africa's transformation through collaboration, trade, and investment. TWOC seeks to ignite transformative conversations, reinforce continental solidarity, and turn dialogue into measurable actions that serve Africa's long-term interests.

Since its inception, TWOC has spearheaded transformative dialogue and cross-sector partnerships with actionable commitments aimed at advancing Africa's long-term interests.

TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY AND KEY MILESTONES

Fostering a series of initiatives that convert ideas into partnerships, investments, and community impact. Together, these milestones demonstrate our reach across sectors and regions, and reflect our determination to deliver practical results.



2021 African Business Leaders Forum (ABLF)

Forged high-level diplomatic and strategic business partnerships that explored cross-border investment opportunities between senior executives and entrepreneurs. The forum amplified Africa's growth story, connected dealmakers across markets, and laid the groundwork for investment pipelines in priority sectors.

2022 Serbia-South Africa Summit

Facilitated high-level diplomatic and economic dialogue that strengthened bilateral ties and opened new trade corridors. Public and private stakeholders aligned on areas of cooperation, creating a platform for follow-on missions and projects.





2022 New York Conference

Mobilized global investors, development partners, and policymakers to showcase Africa's investment case and trade opportunities, supporting critical developmental projects aimed at financing sustainable growth.

2023 Princeton Presidential Lecture

Hosted a thought-provoking lecture that advanced academic exchange and global dialogue on Africa's future, connecting scholars, students, and practitioners.



2023 International Agriculture and Industry Summit (Turkey)

Convened agricultural and industrial leaders to share best practices that strengthen value chains and promote sustainable growth in key sectors. Participants exchanged solutions on productivity, market access, and technology adoption for resilient food and manufacturing systems.



2024 South Africa Solar Power Initiatives

Launched an initiative aimed at impacting grassroots communities through access to clean and reliable solar energy. The program supports underserved communities with sustainable energy solutions that promote empowerment and local economic development.





STRATEGIC PARTNERS

The Symposium is supported by a network of strategic partners from across the public and private sectors, academia, and key institutions. These partnerships strengthen the platform's ability to deliver meaningful engagement and practical outcomes.

Strategic partners contribute to the overall success of the Symposium by providing expertise, collaboration, and support that enhance both the quality of discussions and the impact of resulting initiatives.



CONCLUSION

The Winds of Change Symposium 3.0 Ghana 2026 marks a decisive moment in Africa's journey from ambition to achievement. Convened at the University of Professional Studies Accra, in the heart of the continent's diplomatic and commercial capital, and inspired by Ghana's enduring leadership legacy, the Symposium is designed to equip a new generation of Pan-African leaders with the clarity, partnerships, and resolve required to shape Africa's future now.

Held under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, and under the auspices of the Otumfuo Centre for Traditional Leadership, the Symposium brings together the authority of tradition, the rigour of academia, and the urgency of forward-looking Pan-African action. Taking place within the context of UPSA's 60th Anniversary and Ghana's Heritage Month, it affirms the continuity between Africa's historical foundations and its modern aspirations for prosperity, stability, and global relevance.

By deliberately connecting ideas with capital, dialogue with negotiation, and values with measurable outcomes, the Winds of Change Symposium reinforces a fundamental truth: Africa's destiny will be secured by Africans themselves through unity of purpose, disciplined leadership, and sustained collaboration. The work begun in Accra will contribute to an Africa that is confident, competitive, and prepared to lead in a rapidly changing world, anchored in inclusive growth and shared prosperity.



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