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THEME: CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF GHANA'S TOURISM EXCELLENCE

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Honorary Edition of An Awards 2023

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- Arrivals
- Welcome Experience
- Cultural Performance
- General Welcome by MC
- Introduction of Dignitaries and Special Guests
- Opening Act Naa Amanua , Musician
- Welcome Address Akwasi Agyeman, CEO, Ghana Tourism Authority
- Speech by Special Guest Neenyi Ghartey VII,

Paramount Chief - Effutu Traditional Area and Traditional Ruler of Winneba

- Keynote Address Special Guest of Honour Hon. Dr. Ibrahim Mohammed Awal, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture
- Performance Kaakyire Kwame Appiah, Musician
- First Batch of Awards
- Video Interlude GTA @ 50 Anniversary
- Final Batch of Awards
- Performance Samini, Musician
- Closing Remarks
- Group Photography with Award Winners
- Acknowledgment

- MC - George Quaye

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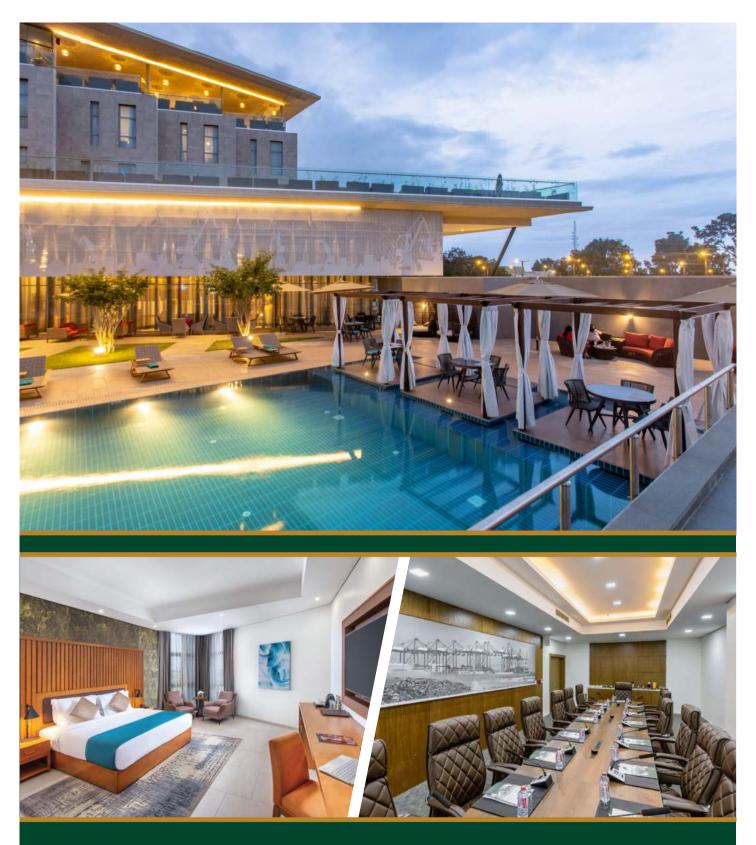
Hon. Dr. Ibrahim Mohammed Awal Minister For Tourism, Arts and Culture

Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests, and esteemed industry professionals, I extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to each and every one of you as we gather here today to celebrate the National Tourism Awards. This prestigious event not only recognizes the exceptional achievements within our thriving tourism industry but also serves as a platform for us to come together and honor the innovation, dedication, and hard work that have propelled our nation's tourism landscape to new heights.

On behalf of the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, and Culture, we congratulate all award winners. We salute all those making investments in the industry for the crucial role they are playing in advancing and expanding the tourism industry. To promote sustainable tourism growth, we have implemented a comprehensive investment framework that strives to attract domestic and foreign investments into the sector. By fostering partnerships with industry stakeholders and investors, we aim to stimulate economic development, create employment opportunities, and diversify tourism products and services across our nation.

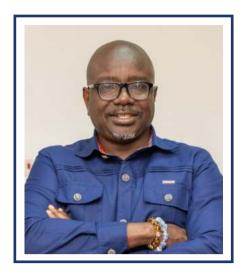
We firmly believe that a skilled workforce is the backbone of a thriving tourism industry. As such, our ministry is committed to equipping industry professionals with the necessary tools, knowledge, and expertise to excel in their respective fields. Promoting inclusivity and diversity in tourism employment is also a top priority, as we strive to create opportunities for all and empower the youth to actively participate in the industry.

In conclusion, we congratulate all of you for your unwavering support in driving the tourism agenda forward. Together, lets continue to elevate the tourism sector and create a prosperous future for our country.





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Akwasi Agyeman CEO, Ghana Tourism Authority

It is with great joy and pride that we gather here today to honor those who have greatly contributed to the growth and development of our beloved tourism industry as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Ghana Tourism Authority (GTA) . It is my privilege to extend our warmest welcome and heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you.

The Honorary Tourism Awards serve as a testament to our commitment to excellence in the tourism sector. Tonight, we recognize the exemplary individuals and organizations that have gone above and beyond to elevate Ghana's tourism industry. Through their unwavering passion, dedication, and innovation, they have not only contributed to the economic growth of our nation but also elevated the tourism experience for visitors from all corners of the globe.

Over the past five decades, the GTA has played a pivotal role in shaping Ghana's tourism landscape, showcasing our vibrant culture, historical landmarks, and breathtaking natural wonders to the world. We have witnessed a surge in tourist arrivals and have strengthened our position as a top destination in Africa.

This momentous occasion allows us to reflect on the remarkable milestones achieved thus far. It is an opportune time to celebrate the tourism industry's resilience, as we continue to navigate the challenges posed by global events such as the COVID-19 pandemic. Together, we remain steadfast in our commitment to recovery, ensuring that tourism in Ghana emerges stronger, more sustainable, and inclusive.

As we bestow these prestigious awards tonight, let us remember that they are not solely a recognition of past accomplishments but also a call to embrace the future with renewed vigor. Let us collectively strive for excellence, sustainability, and inclusivity in everything we do, ensuring that Ghana remains a destination of choice among travelers.

On behalf of the Ghana Tourism Authority, I extend my deepest appreciation to our distinguished honorees, our Minister and his team at the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture, our dedicated team, our ex-staff, our tourism partners, and most importantly, our cherished industry operators. I am confident that the GTA, along with its stakeholders and partners, will continue to pave the way for a vibrant and prosperous tourism sector in Ghana. Together, let us make history and shape an extraordinary future for Ghana's tourism industry.

Thank you, and enjoy this memorable evening.

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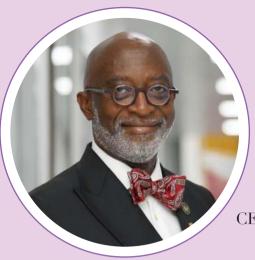
Tour Operators Union of Ghana(TOUGHA) is an association of experienced Travel and Tour professionals in Tourism industry in Ghana. It is composed of Tour Operators who offer inbound and outbound tours giving the traveler very unique experiences. Since the Union's inception, it has been our focus to help revitalize the tourism industry and attract more visitors to the country.

TOUGHA exists to support Tour Operators in harnessing potentials which will transform the country and contribute to the tourism industry. The union also advocates on issues which directly affects tourism and serves as a laison between Tour Operators and the Ghana Tourism Authority as well as the Ministry of Tourism

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Yofi Grant CEO, Ghana Investment Promotion Company

Celebrating 50 Years of Ghana's Tourism Excellence Greetings, Esteemed Guests, and Fellow Celebrants,

As we come together to celebrate the 18th National Tourism Awards under the theme "Celebrating 50 Years of Ghana's Tourism Excellence," it is my honor to extend a warm welcome to each of you.

This remarkable milestone not only symbolizes the rich history of Ghana's tourism but also signifies the extraordinary achievements and resilience that have defined our nation's tourism sector over the past five decades.

Heartfelt congratulations to the nominees who have played an instrumental role in shaping Ghana's tourism narrative. Your unwavering dedication and passion have not only contributed to the growth of the industry but have also showcased the unparalleled beauty and warmth of Ghana to the world.

To our distinguished guests, industry leaders, and partners, your presence underscores the collective pride we share in Ghana's tourism accomplishments. I commend the Ghana Tourism Authority for their tireless efforts in organizing this significant event and for their continuous commitment to advancing Ghana's tourism to new heights.

As we celebrate this milestone and recognize the exceptional contributions of the winners, let us collectively look forward to the next 50 years with optimism and determination. The theme "Celebrating 50 Years of Ghana's Tourism Excellence" challenges us to not only honor the past but also to envision and create a future where Ghana continues to shine on the global tourism stage.

To everyone who has played a role in Ghana's tourism journey, thank you for your invaluable contributions.

May this evening be a joyous celebration of the excellence that defines Ghana's tourism.

Warm regards,

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As the implementing agency of tourism policies, the Authority regulates tourism enterprises namely accommodation, food and beverage, entertainment, travel and tour, charter flight operations etc. through registration, inspection, classification and licensing.

GTA, also promotes and market tourism both in Ghana and abroad, through the publication of tourism promotional materials, participation in fairs and exhibitions and organisation of special events.

It is also the role of the GTA to carry out research and studies on trends in the tourism industry both at home and abroad to aid decision and policy making and also to facilitate the development of tourist facilities and products.

Our vision as an Authority is to be the main driver for the growth of tourism and to see Ghana become the leading sustainable tourist destination in West Africa by 2026.

Ghana Tourism Authority is committed to service excellence, building a highly motivated and dedicated staff, responsible tourism, fairness, transparency and accountability, stakeholder partnerships and the preservation of our cultural heritage.









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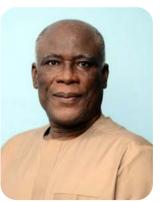
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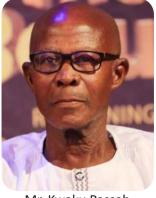
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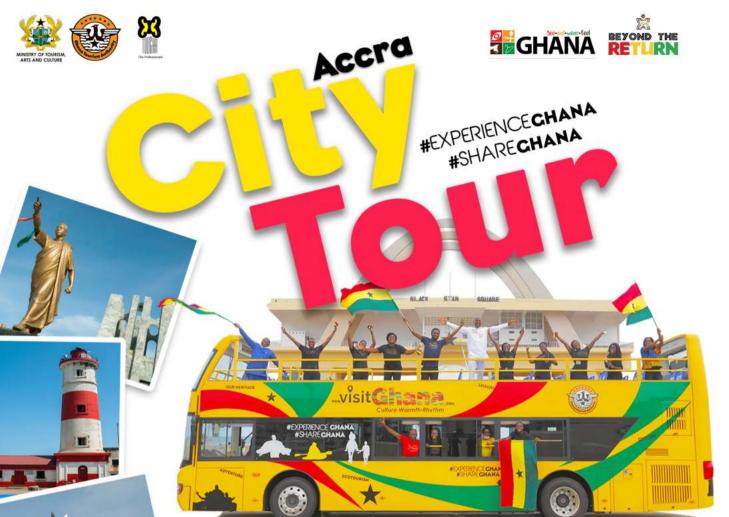






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