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The TRAQUE Programme

Funded by the European Union, it aims at supporting the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MoTI), in private sector development, trade facilitation and capacity building with special attention in industrial strategy and the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) implementation.

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Accompanying
measures
strategy for
Ghana

The **EPA Accompanying Measures Strategy** seeks to prepare Ghana to optimise the impact of the EPA by providing the roadmap and a coherent framework to guide the country's actions to capitalize on the emerging opportunities that derive from the EPA.

The Strategy is based on 3 strategic pillars:

1. Ownership and management of the EPA

The first strategic priority is to ensure national ownership and management of the agreement so as to realise its full potential for the country. In this regard, an EPA Mainstreaming Plan, Awareness and Sensitisation Plan, and Monitoring and Compliance Plan will be implemented. An Institutional Strengthening and Human Resource Capacity Building Programme will ensure that the implementation of the EPA is effectively managed.

2. Improving production, competitiveness and exports

The EPA provides a renewed opportunity for Ghana to improve and diversify its productive capacity and exports. Implementation is a key challenge with Ghana's existing policies and programmes and the EPA Accompanying Measures Strategy seeks to channel resources to projects and activities of existing policies rather than duplicate well-designed pre-existing strategies. Hereto, the Strategy prioritises the implementation of key projects within the National Export Development Programme, the Industrial Sector Support Programme, Private Sector Development Strategy II, Food and Agriculture Sector Development Policy (FASDEP II), Fisheries Plan and Medium-Term Agriculture Sector Investment Plan, which have already been formulated. Two additional programmes will be formulated in the area of utilising the EPA to attract investment, and encouraging exports with an EPA Enhanced Export Prospectus.

3. Engaging EPA related reforms

The commitments within the EPA strive for the application of international best practices. They require that Ghana establishes or modernises relevant pieces of legislation and technical regulations and reforms the management of technical institutions in various fields in order to operationalize the prescriptions and achieve the set policy objectives of the EPA. An EPA reforms plan is to be developed to fully implement the EPA and associated reforms and accompanying measures. This calls for the identification of all reforms that derive from the EPA; prioritise and prepare an implementation calendar; identify and mobilise the necessary human, technical and financial resources and engage the reforms; and set up a monitoring system to ensure that the reforms are undertaken and their impact appraised. A National Programme of Regional Integration is also envisaged to support, build upon, and reinforce the process of regional integration.

