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From Marvin-James Dadzie, Dabose, W/R

The Ghana Water Company Limited (GWCL) has installed two new pump equipment at its Dabose Water Treatment Plant in the Western Region, in a bid to boost water supply to the Sekondi-Takoradi metropolis.

The installation of the two High Lift Pumps with

their accompanying control panels is expected to increase the plant's water supply from four million gallons per day to over six million gallons.

The move is part of a larger government programme to replace all obsolete equipment at GWCL's facilities in the region which have been in existence over the past 51 years, so as to ensure quality and adequate water supply to residents.

GIABA, EGDC Regional Forum Underway

By Alex Boye

A 3-day regional forum by Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA), in partnership with ECOWAS Gender Development Centre (EGDC) is currently underway in Accra, to discuss ways of fighting crimes at the borders of the African continent.

The over hundred delegates across African forum is also discussing how to fight money laundering, human trafficking, terrorism and trans-border crimes, which are major challenges affecting the economic development of ECOWAS member states.

Speaking at the forum, Director of GIABA, Brain Anku Sapati, said the mission of GIABA as a specialized institution of ECOWAS is to promote concerted actions in the design and diligent implementation of harmonized Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT)

regimes in West Africa.

GIABA, according to Mr. Sapati, acts as a regional alliance, pooling resources together to support member states to develop the necessary architecture for the prevention and control of money laundering, the financing of terrorism and proliferation of WMD and facilitation of other criminal activities.

"This forum is a clear demonstration of the commitment of GIABA and EDGC to work in synergy to realize the vision of ECOWAS of people which calls for significant reorientation in the conduct of national and regional affairs, through regional policies, programmes and processes, which are consistent with a shared vision" he added.

He also disclosed that ECOWAS had envisioned to "create a borderless, peaceful, prosperous and cohesive region built on good governance and where people have the capacity to access and



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Women, youth unemployment fuelling sub-regional crime

By Rebecca Quaoe Duho, ACCRA

BETWEEN 3,800 and 5,000 women and girls are said to be victims of human trafficking in the West African sub-region yearly. As victims, they experience violent extremism and other criminal activities, as well as indignities, including death; gross human rights abuses; abductions; sex slavery; rape and other forms of sexual exploitation and abuse.

However, according to the Director, ECOWAS Gender Development Centre (EGDC), Mrs Sandra Oulate Fattoh, "One very important emerging dimension of the dynamics of organised crime in West Africa that needs critical attention is

the growing involvement of women and the youth, both as active participants and victims".

At a regional forum on the gender and youth dimensions of transnational and cross-border criminality in West Africa in Accra, Mrs Oulate Fattoh said the fact that a significant number of women and youth were out of school and unemployed was a fertile ground for them to become targeted by terrorists and other criminals for their networks.

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The three-day forum was organised jointly by the Inter-Governmental Action Group Against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA) and EGDC in Accra, which brought together security and gender experts, as well as ministers of Gender from 13 ECOWAS

countries.

Mrs Oulate Fattoh said the growing role of women and young people in the workings of economic and financial crimes in West Africa posed a threat to the economic stability and development of the sub-region.

At the same time, she said that

phenomenon also offered great opportunities for combating that menace in a comprehensive and sustained manner.

She said it was, therefore, critical for women and the youth to be placed at the heart of the fight to "dismantle the tapestry of transnational financial criminality and violent extremism that was slowly engulfing the ECOWAS region."

"Mainstreaming gender and youth issues into the relevant policies and mechanisms will not only bring about equitable participation in decision making on the issues bordering on the prevention of economic and financial crimes and violent extremism, it will also ensure a more committed appropriation of the process, transparency, accountability and strong sense of purpose," she stated.

of borders and play on the frequent reluctance of law enforcement authorities to engage in complicated and expensive transnational investigations and prosecutions".

She said the mission of GIABA was to promote concerted actions in the design and diligent implementation of harmonised anti-money laundering and combat financing of terrorism in West Africa.

Opening the conference, the Deputy Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection (MOGCSF), Mrs Gifty Twum Ampofo, called for the need to address the issue in an all-inclusive manner by addressing the disparities in gender and high rate of youth unemployment.

She called for the need to further invest in quality education in order to produce the right set of people for development.

The Director, Department of Gender of the MOGCSF, Rev. Dr Mrs Comfort Asare, said the upsurge of social vices such as human trafficking, drug trafficking and abuse, 'sakawa', '419' among others, were generally gaining grounds among the youth and women in the sub-region.

As such, the protection of the future of the youth and women could be strongly focused on a pragmatic plan of action, as well as coordinated regional action, with the commitment of all countries.

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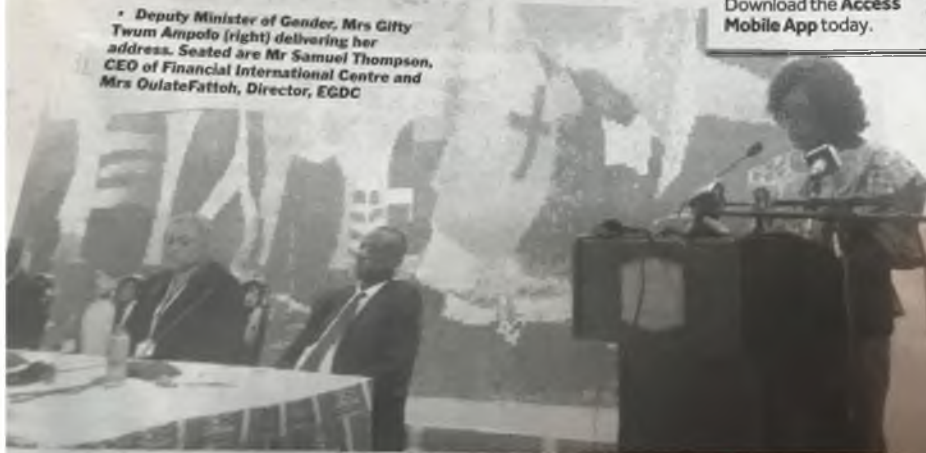
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- West Africa has an estimated population of 349 million people. Women constitute 52 per cent of the population.
- 66 per cent of West Africa's population are less than 25 years.

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• Deputy Minister of Gender, Mrs Gifty Twum Ampofo (right) delivering her address. Seated are Mr Samuel Thompson, CEO of Financial International Centre and Mrs Oulate Fattoh, Director, EGDC





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Two ministers escape attack in Accra

An attempt by the Minister of Roads and Highways Mr. Kwesi Agyemang-Adjei to get an excavator dealer to relocate his excavators which were impeding the construction works on Spintex underground tunnel project at Pilewari Junction, resulted in a profile.

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Deputy Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection, Gifty Twum

Ampofo, has noted that cross border crimes and terrorism are the bane of development in the world.

She indicated that the increasing reports of financial and cross border crimes have become necessary for governments to find pragmatic ways to curb the menace.

She, therefore, charged the organisers of a regional forum on Gender and Youth Dimensions of Financial and Cross-Border Criminality to come out with a holistic approach towards addressing the matter.

"We can all attest to what has happened over the past few years in other countries within the sub-region. We in Ghana remember our dear Professor Kofi Awoonor, a former Chairman of the Council of State, who was killed in the West Gate Mall terror attack in Kenya in September 2013," she

recalled.

The deputy gender minister made this observation when she addressed a regional forum on Gender and Youth Dimensions of Financial and Cross-Border Criminality in West Africa in Accra yesterday.

The forum, which was jointly organised by two ECOWAS institutions responsible for the fight against money laundering and Terrorism Financing and the Promotion of Gender and Women's Empowerment was a sequel to the 49th Ordinary Summit of ECOWAS Heads of State and government held in Dakar (Senegal) in 2016.

The consultative meeting was aimed at bringing together the main stakeholders in ECOWAS member states to share knowledge, experiences and best practices which will enable stakeholders map out a global framework for the incorporation of the gender and youth dimension in the fight against financial crime, particularly money laundering, terrorism financing and related crimes in the ECOWAS region.

The minister, therefore, called



Gifty Twum Ampofo, Deputy Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection

on the stakeholders to forge a strong alliance within the West African sub-region to effectively fight the aforementioned crimes which threatened their security and stability.

According to Mrs. Twum Ampofo, there are institutions and legal frameworks to address the menace.

"However to address the issue in an all inclusive manner we need to, critically

address the disparities in gender and high rate of youth unemployment.

"... We need to further invest in quality education in order to produce the right set of people for development.

"We also have to strengthen the cross-border law enforcement agencies so as to enable them effectively check the frequent crimes that impede its external relations and development," she added.

Protect public purse

—Educational Accountants urged

support to accountability and transparency in managing public funds were crucial and mandatory.

She, therefore, deemed the theme chosen for the conference, "Compliance with the Public Financial Management Act, 2016 (Act 921) - The Role of the Educational Accountants," as

the members in quality



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Combat money laundering in West Africa

BY JONATHAN DONKOR

MEMBER states of the Economic Community of West Africa States (ECOWAS) have been urged to adopt stringent measures to effectively combat money laundering, terrorist financing and other cross-border criminalities.

According to the Inter-Governmental Action Group Against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA) of ECOWAS, the inability of one state to address such issues

compromised the overall security of the sub-region.

The Deputy Director-General of GIABA, Mr Brian Anku Sapati, made the call at the opening of the regional forum on Gender and Youth Dimensions of Financial and Cross-border Criminality in West Africa, in Accra yesterday.

The three-day forum, jointly organised by the GIABA and the ECOWAS Gender Development Centre (EGDC), is being attended by experts from all ECOWAS member states.

It aims to facilitate the development of policies, strategies and programmes to stop financial crimes and identify consensual approaches to address the effect of such crimes on gender and youth.

Mr Sapati said the development and integration of the sub-region required peace and security in all spheres, and that the opposite in any part of the region must be considered as potential threat to the ECOWAS vision.

He said members of the organised criminal groups and

terrorists took advantage of porosity of borders and play on the frequent reluctance of law enforcement authorities, therefore stressing the need for strong structures.

He indicated GIABA's commitment to work in synergy with other bodies to intensify ongoing efforts against organised crimes and expressed the hope that the forum would help to address the gender and youth dimensions.

The Director for EGDC, Mrs Sandra Oslate Fatah described

organised crime as a major challenge on the continent, and expressed worry over the growing involvement of women and the youth as actors and victims.

She said women and youth who constituted a significant portion of the African population were being targeted and recruited by terrorists and criminals into their networks.

She said there was the need for gender and youth issues to be mainstreamed into the relevant policies and mechanisms as it would bring about equitable participation in decision making and help mitigate effects of the crises.

Deputy Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Mrs Gifty Twum Ampofo called for strong alliances within the sub-region to effectively fight financial and cross border crimes.

In doing so, she said there was the need to critically address the disparities in gender and high rate of youth unemployment and invest in education in order to produce the right set of people for development.

"We also need to strengthen the cross border law enforcement agencies so as to enable them effectively check the frequent crimes that impede its external relations and development," she said.



• Mrs Gifty Twum Ampofo (seated third from right) and Mr Brian Anku Sapati (seated fifth from left) with the participants. Photo: Ebo Gorman