

# YILO KROBO MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY



**A REPORT ON**

## **THE FIRST YILO STATE ANNUAL HOMECOMING SUMMIT 2022**

**THEME: *Yilo Beyond Partisan Politics: Harnessing Our Development Potentials***

**VENUE: UNIVERSITY FOR ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT (UESD), AUDITORIUM**

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Yilo Krobo Municipal Assembly in collaboration with the Local Economic Development Committee, YKMA, organized a homecoming, Summit on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 held at the Conference Hall of the University of Environment and Sustainable Development. The Summit was dubbed under the theme, ‘Yilo beyond Politics, Harnessing Our Development Potentials’. The Summit was geared towards building unity through collaborative support of the key stakeholders and people of Yilo for overall development of the Municipality.

## **2.0 OBJECTIVES**

The Summit was aimed at harnessing development potentials through collaborative ideas and networks of key stakeholders within the Yilo Krobo Municipality. In view of this, the summit sought to bring together prominent people of the Yilo Krobo Land to share ideas on the diverse ways by which Yilo can be rebuilt and developed beyond politics.

## **3.0 CHAIRMAN’S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH**

The Chairman for the programme, Ing Kirk Coffie, former CEO of Volta River Authority in his acceptance speech emphasized on the need for all stakeholders to unite and bring forth fruitful ideas targeted at the development of the Municipality. He further reiterated that it was imperative for stakeholders to come onboard and harness the development potentials of Yilo for future generation. He then pledged his support for the development of the Municipality.

## **4.0 WELCOME ADDRESS BY HON. ERIC TETTEH (MCE)**

Hon. Eric Tetteh, the Municipal Chief Executive of the Yilo Krobo Municipal Assembly in his remarks expressed his sincere appreciation to all stakeholders and members present for honoring the invite. He stated empathically that the Yilo Krobo land was highly resourced naturally however the means to build and develop these resources into economically viable products was still a conversation on hold. He therefore sought for the support and partnership of all present to develop the Yilo State beyond partisan Politics for a ‘better Yilo’. In his remarks he reiterated that Yilo indeed have the “men”. He recounted prominent business and industry players in the country who were of Krobo origin. He therefore appealed to all that it’s time to come home and start the rebuilding process. He charged people to adopt schools, hospitals, CHPS compounds as their personal projects and such projects would be named after them as encouragement to others and also honor them. He cited the pavement of the roundabout market by an individual Hans Djaba, and the road has been named after the Djaba family. He appealed to those sitting on Boards of corporate organization both public and private to lobby for projects in to the municipality.

## **5.0 ADDRESS BY THE FORMER MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT**

Hon. Lawyer Kofi Amoatey the former Member of Parliament for the Yilo Krobo Constituency in his key note address pledged his solidarity and assistance to develop the Yilo State. He however entreated all present to see this as a collective responsibility and render their support to enhance a '*developed Yilo*' for future generations. He finally called for unity for purpose and action and urged the Youth to also render the necessary assistance for the development of the Municipality.

## **6.0 PRESENTATION BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (UESD)**

Prof. Eric Nyako Sampson, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Environment and Sustainable Development in his presentation outlined as part of the strategies derived by the school to enhance their Corporate Social Responsibility has established a community engagement Unit that laise between the School and the Community. In addition to this, he introduced members to the various programmes of the University such as Waste Management, Climate Change, Environment and Public Health, Sustainability Science, Nature Conservation and Management etc. He finally called on the public for support for creation of avenues for industrialization, internships, sponsorships and provision for students' accommodation through Public Private Partnerships to help improve the standard of the University.

## **7.0 SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR'S ADDRESS- CEO, MCDAN GROUP OF COMPANIES**

Dr. Daniel Mckorley, the Chief Executive Officer of the McDan Group of Companies in his address emphasized on the need for education to develop human capacity, attitudinal change and a movement in one direction in terms of resource allocation towards the development of the Yilo state. He pledged his readiness to support and partner to raise the developmental standards of the Yilo Krobo Municipality. He finally pledged to build an Astro turf in the Somanya Township to boost sports development in the municipality.

## **8.0 KEYNOTE SPEAKER'S ADDRESS**

The Director of Research, Innovation and development of University of Ghana Legon, Prof. Joseph Kofi Teye in his keynote address explained the negatives and positives of partisan politics. These included building political stability, hindering development and sidelining potential investors. He emphasized that partisan politics goes beyond criticism and so it was imperative for all to eschew the negatives of politics and strengthen the positives through

networking, resource mobilization capacity building and championing unity and development beyond politics. He however reiterated that criticisms should be constructive

### **9.0 ADDRESS BY THE EASTERN REGIONAL MINISTER**

Hon. Seth Acheampong, the Eastern Regional Minister in his address called for unity to reign on the Krobo land and urged all to eschew partisan politics and chieftaincy rivalry in order to drive the development in the Municipality. He reiterated that the Ministry of Local Government, Decentralization and Rural Development together with the Regional Coordinating Council were ready to render the necessary support for the development of the Akutunya Lorry Park.

### **10.0 ADDRESS BY THE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, YILO KROBO CONSTITUENCY**

Hon. Albert Tetteh Nyakotey, the Member of Parliament for the Yilo Krobo Constituency also rendered his appreciation to all present and thanked them for being part of the programme. He outlined some key challenges in the rural part of the Constituency and sought for support for the rural part of Yilo.

### **11.0 ADDRESS BY THE FORMER MINISTER OF FINANCE**

Hon. Seth Terkper, the former Minister of Finance in his address entreated all present to see and embrace the positive side of politics and further called for unity to enhance the development of the Yilo state. He further urged stakeholders present to make land available for development since it was one of the key challenges hindering development of the Municipality.

### **12.0 PROMINENT GUEST OF HONOUR'S ADDRESS**

HRM Maanana Korlokuor Adjado II urged all to hold in high esteem the flag of Kloma to build a formidable Yilo. She further entreated all and sundry to stand in unity to help develop the Yilo Krobo Municipality. She finally pledged her support for any developmental project that will be carried out in the Municipality.

### **13.0 PRESENTATIONS ON MAJOR INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE YILO MUNICIPALITY**

#### **13.1 SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DEVELOPMENT - Nathaniel Attoh**

Mr Nathaniel Attoh, a Sports Journalist and an indigene of Yilo Krobo reignited the love for Yilo by showing prominent personalities in the entertainment and sports industry such as; Jocelyn Dumas, D. K Poison, Thomas Partey, C.K Akunor , Majid Mitchel and others. He

charged the Assembly to develop sporting contest among the youth to start unearth sports talents of the youth within the municipality.

### **13.2 WEALTH CREATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP- Stephen Eku**

Mr. Stephen Eku, CEO, EMIGHO Ghana Limited, (producers of Yomi Yoghurt. In his presentation, outlined the role of entrepreneurship and wealth creation in community development and entreated all to support and build the capacity of the youth in Entrepreneurship. He shared his success story about how his company started and where it is now. He entreated other entrepreneurs to share knowledge and experiences and also link businesses in the municipality to the outside world. He outlined how the mango processing value chain could be enhanced and developed to international standards. He charged other business owners to outsource some of their raw materials and labour to people and businesses from the municipality to boost the local economy whilst developing their capacities.

### **13.3 YILO STATE INDUSTRIAL PARK DEVELOPMENT- Stephen Djaba**

Mr. Stephen Djaba took participants through the plans to develop a state industrial park For Yilo Municipality. Yilo Krobo Industrial Park initiative was instituted by Hon MCE, Hon. Eric Tetteh, to address the challenge of slow economic growth at the district level. Yilo Krobo Industrial Park initiative is purposefully proposed and designed industrial enclave intended to host a wide range of light and heavy industries across various manufacturing sectors

The initiative aims to achieve this through a massive private sector led Yilo Krobo State industrialization drive, which will equip and empower communities to utilize their local resources in manufacturing products that are in high demand both locally and internationally. This will allow the Krobo State to reap the rewards of industrialization, increase agricultural and manufacturing output, reduce reliance on imports and increase food availability. The programme is expected to facilitate the creation of between 1,000 and 1,500

He further outlined why the development park was feasible:

1. Easy Accessible
2. Warehousing HUB for Mpakadan Port
3. Service Eastern Corridor Trade
4. Close to the Railway Line
5. Agricultural Hub
6. Limestone for Cement factory
7. Easy Access to Tema Port
8. Access to Power

According to him the land had been allocated and all documentations are ready. The park would make room for industries, both manufacturing and processing and housing. He presented the designs and the layouts for the project. He outlined the benefit of the industrial park to the development of the municipality.

#### **14.0 CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, the programme was a success and gave platform for key individuals to share ideas and pledging of support geared towards promoting success and development of the Yilo Krobo Municipality. The homecoming summit afforded over two hundred (200) people the opportunity to meet under one roof to discuss the progress of Yilo Krobo. Members present projected a sense of unity and collaboration to building a new phase of Yilo State that seeks to empower, develop and create wealth for future generation.

#### **15.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- It was recommended that the summit should organized annually to drive development in the Municipality irrespective of all odds.
- Municipality in this initiative should establishes a sponsorship fund to support needy but brilliant students as well as the vulnerable in the Yilo Municipality.
- The Assembly was tasked to at least station a Tour Guide at the Krobo Mountains to guide tourists and hikers who visits the place.
- It was resolved at the end of the event to establish a Local Community Development Committee that would be responsible for mobilizing resources to support developmental projects within the Yilo Krobo Municipality.

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**PHOTO GALLERY OF THE HOMECOMING SUMMIT**





