

## **GHANA**

Ghana is a sovereign multinational state and unitary presidential constitutional democracy, located along the Gulf of Guinea and Atlantic Ocean, in the sub region of West Africa. Ghana is bordered by the Ivory Coast in the West, Burkina Faso in the north, Togo in the east and the Gulf of Guinea and Atlantic Ocean in the south.

Ghana has a population of approximately 27 million, from a variety of ethnic and religious groups. Its varied geography includes savannahs, forests, springs, cave systems, mountains, estuaries, and natural reserves.

In 1957, it became the first African nation to declare independence from European colonization. This made the country a symbol of black achievement and an inspiration for African independence movements. It also has a major influence on Pan-Africanism and the Black Pride movement in the United States of America.

Ghana is one of Africa's most developed countries, performing favorable in indexes of governance, stability, peacefulness, and human development by regional standards, Africa continent by purchasing power parity and nominal GDP and is one of the fastest growing in the world.

Ghana is a major producer of petroleum and natural gas, with the continent's fifth largest oil reserves and sixth largest natural gas reserves. It is one of the world's largest gold and diamond producers, and is projected to be largest producers of cocoa in the world as of 2015. Ghana's growing economic prosperity and democratic political system has made it a regional power in West Africa and on continental Africa. It is a founding member of the Non-Aligned Movement, and a member of both the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Group of 24 (G24).