

PRESS RELEASE

AGI WELCOMES CREATION OF MINISTRY FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The Association of Ghana Industries (AGI) welcomes H.E. President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo's initiative of creating the new Ministry for Business Development to strengthen and accelerate private sector growth. AGI considers this as positive in view of the fact that it has been part of the Association's advocacy efforts for the creation of an independent Ministry to lead and drive private sector business in Ghana.

AGI believes the success of this new Ministry hinges largely on the role and contribution of the private sector. Therefore, in addition to this new Ministry's core mandate, the Association wishes to state the following;

- The private sector expects that the new Ministry will prioritize its interventions towards business growth with focus on the manufacturing sub-sector as the seed bed of Industry and the engine of growth of our economy.
- AGI will meet with the Minister designate in the coming days to contribute to the definition of its agenda and roadmap for delivering on its objectives.

The Association of Ghana Industries (AGI) however cautions Government on the need to align and harmonize operations of all institutions responsible for private sector growth in order to avoid duplication of efforts and to ensure the efficient use of resources. Already, most of the private sector institutions themselves have a plethora of information and expertise to offer and it is important for the new Ministry to coordinate all these efforts.

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For and on behalf of Association of Ghana Industries

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