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TEACHING OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES IN GHANA

A PANORAMIC PRESENTATION
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LOCATION

- WEST COAST OF AFRICA
- BORDERS = NORTH: BURKINA FASO
WEST: COTE D'IVOIRE
EAST: TOGO
SOUTH: GULF OF GUINEA WITH ATLANTIC OCEAN GIVING 540km COASTLINE
- SURFACE AREA = 238,500 sq kms

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OTHER SELECTED INDICES

YEAR	WEALTH / FOREIGN REVENUE EARNERS				
	COCOA	GOLO	DIASPORAN REMITTANCES	OIL	TOURISM
2009		*\$3bn EARNED FROM MINERAL EXPORTS (\$GOLD + Bauxite + MANGANESE) *\$2.8bn EARNED FROM GOLD			*\$1.6bn *VIST OF US PRESIDENT OBAMA
2010	*No. 3 IN WORLD AFTER COTE D'IVOIRE *IMMEDIATE PAST TONNAGE AVERAGE = 700,000 *2013 TARGET = 1m			*FROM 15-13.5B AT +/- 125,000bpd	*INTERNATIONAL TOURISM INVESTMENT FORUM *BLACK STARS AT FOOTBALL WORLD CUP IN SA
2011					*NEW INTERNATIONAL HOTELS

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POLITICAL HISTORY

- KEY DATES ACTIVITIES
- 06-03-1957: INDEPENDENCE. FIRST IN SSA
- AFTER 9 YEARS: 1966 FIRST COUP IN SSA
- BETWEEN 66-92: POLITICAL INSTABILITY [26 YRS]
- SINCE 92: START OF 4TH REPUBLIC
- 1992-96-2000: NDC UNDER X-PRESIDENT JJR
- 2000-04-08: NPP UNDER X-PRESIDENT JAK
- SINCE 2009: NDC NOW UNDER PRESIDENT JEAM

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POLITICAL HISTORY [CONT]

- DECEMBER 2012: NEXT PRESIDENTIAL / PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS
- POLITICAL PARTIES IN PARLIAMENT [04+01]
 - NDC = 114
 - NPP = 107
 - IND = 04
 - PNC = 02
 - CPP = 01
 - TOTAL = 228

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PARLIAMENTARY REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

REGION	NDC	CPP	PNC	NPP	IND	TOTAL
ASHANTI	3	-	-	34	2	39
BRONG AHAFO	8	-	-	15	-	23
CENTRAL REGION	11	-	-	8	-	19
EASTERN	7	-	-	19	1	27
GREATER ACCRA	18	-	-	9	-	27
NORTHERN	21	-	-	4	1	26
UPPER EAST	8	-	1	4	-	13
UPPER WEST	6	-	1	3	-	10
VOLTA	21	-	-	1	-	22
WESTERN	11	1	-	10	-	22
TOTALS	114	1	2	107	4	228

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POPULATION [LINGUISTIC COMPLEXION]

- 2010 CENSUS = 24.3mn [10 REGIONS]
- ☐ ASHANTI = 4,725,046
- ☐ BRONG AHAFO = 2,282,128
- ☐ CENTRAL REGION = 2,107,209
- ☐ EASTERN = 2,596,013
- ☐ GREATER-ACCRA = 3,909,764
- ☐ NORTHERN = 2,468,557
- ☐ UPPER EAST = 1,031,478

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LINGUISTIC COMPLEXION [cont]

- ☐ UPPER WEST = 677,763
- ☐ VOLTA = 2,099,876
- ☐ WESTERN = 2,325,597
- TOTAL = 24,223,431**

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GoG-SPONSORED LOCAL LANGUAGES

- EXISTENCE OF MULTIPLICITY OF LOCAL LANGUAGES [Ghana @ 79 languages]
- 09 GOVT-SPONSORED LOCAL LANGUAGES:-
 - 1) AKAN;
 - 2) DAGAARE;
 - 3) DAGBANI;
 - 4) DANGME;
 - 5) EWE;
 - 6) GA;
 - 7) GONJA;
 - 8) KASEM; AND
 - 9) NZEMA

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GOVT-SPONSORED LANGUAGES [cont]

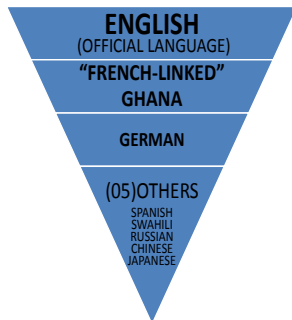
- TWO DIALECTS OF AKAN, NAMED TWI AND FANTE, ALTHOUGH NOT GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED, ARE ALSO WIDELY-SPOKEN IN GHANA.

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FOREIGN LANGUAGES MAKE-UP



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ENGLISH [OFFICIAL LANGUAGE]

- NATIONWIDE UTILISATION
- USED / TAUGHT IN:-
 - 21,530 PRIMARY SCHOOLS;
 - 8,850 JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS;
 - 900 SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS;
 - 52 PUBLIC TRAINING COLLEGES;
 - 5 PRIVATE TRAINING COLLEGES;
 - 5 POLYTECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS;

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ENGLISH [OFFICIAL] LANGUAGE (cont)

- 4 NON-UNIVERSITY PUBLIC TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS;
- 8 PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES; AND
- OVER 45 PRIVATE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

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RE : TERTIARY EDUCATION

- RAPID GROW IN TERTIARY EDUCATION SECTOR, COMPOSED ESPECIALLY OF:
 - A) 06 NATIONAL PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES eg UG; KNUST; UCC etc; AND
 - B) ACCREDITED PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES eg ASHESI UNIVERSITY COLLEGE; CENTRAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE; CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLEGE; AND VALLEY VIEW UNIVERSITY

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TERTIARY EDUCATION NOTABLE RECORD

- A HOT SPOT IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA SINCE INDEPENDENCE;
- TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL SECTOR HAS HOSTED SUCH AFRICAN NOTABLE FIGURES AS:
 - ❖ PRESIDENT ROBERT MUGABE OF ZIMBABWE;
 - ❖ ALHAJI SIR DAUDA JAWARA OF THE GAMBIA;
 - ❖ CYPRIAN EKWENSI OF NIGERIA etc

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TERTIARY SECTOR EDUCATION (cont)

- H. E. KOFI ANNAN, FORMER UN SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS SERVED AS CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GHANA SINCE 2008.
- UG, THE OLDEST UNIVERSITY IN GHANA, WAS FOUNDED IN 1948

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“FRENCH-LINKED” GHANA

- FRENCH = MOST-IMPORTANT OF THE FOREIGN LANGUAGES THAT CAN BE ACQUIRED IN GHANA AS SECOND LANGUAGE;
- SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION STATUS [FROM JSS LEVEL ONWARDS]

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GERMAN

- ARGUABLY OCCUPIES 03RD POSITION ON SCALE OF “SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION” or [SLA] SCALE, AFTER FRENCH

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OTHERS ON SLA SCALE # 03

- SPANISH
- SWAHILI
- RUSSIAN
- CHINESE
- JAPANESE

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TEACHING METHODOLOGY FOR [OFFICIAL LANGUAGE / FLA]

- WIDESPREAD USE OF CLASS ROOM SETTING;
- LANGUAGE USE OUTSIDE CLASS ROOM;
- VERY LIMITED USE OF LABORATORY-SUPPORT METHODS

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SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION [SLA] TEACHING METHODOLOGY

- ACCESS FROM SECONDARY STAGE;
- WIDESPREAD TEACHING IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS ; WITH SUPPORT SYSTEMS [LIMITED USE OF LANGUAGE LABS; LANGUAGE VISITS/EXCHANGES; COMPETITIONS etc
- GHANA'S MEMBERSHIP OF “LA FRANCOPHONY” IN ASSOCIATE MEMBER CAPACITY FROM 2006
- RELATIVELY GOOD USE OF CULTURAL / LANGUAGE INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT eg
- ✓ FRENCH : ALLIANCE FRANCAISE IN MAJOR CITIES; LANGUAGE DEPARTMENTS AT UNIVERSITIES;

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SLA METHODOLOGY [cont]

- USE OF SPECIALISED INSTITUTIONS eg SCHOOL OF TRANSLATORS; DIVIDENDS FROM OIF MEMBERSHIP [56 MEMBER STATES / GOVTS; 3 AMs; AND 16 OBSERVERS] + SPECIFIC PROJECTS eg BILINGUAL ROAD SIGNS; TRAINING OF GREATER NUMBERS OF FRENCH TEACHERS; ONE YEAR EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES etc
- ✓ GERMAN: GOETHE INSTITUTE IN MAJOR CITIES; UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT PROGRAMMES etc

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