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**LOCAL GOVERNANCE
EXCHANGE NORTH RHINE-
WESTPHALIA – GHANA**



What is the programme all about?

Germany's federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) and Ghana have had a close partnership for more than 20 years. In 2007 this engagement was raised to an official level through an agreement between the State Chancellery of North Rhine-Westphalia and the Ghanaian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration. Since 2017 the partnership has also included administrative exchange between ministries in NRW and Ghana. The 'Local Governance Exchange North Rhine-Westphalia – Ghana' programme builds on the existing engagement of the two sides. For the first time local government entities, training institutions and associations can embark on a programme of professional exchange.

The programme is being implemented on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the German Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia by Engagement Global's Service Agency Communities in One World.

What are the objectives?

- (Re)activate, strengthen and professionalise local government engagement in the context of the partnership between the two sides
- Promote expert exchange between municipalities on various topics and tasks at the local level
- Strengthen municipalities in Ghana and NRW through expert exchange and knowledge sharing (mutual learning) with a view to sustainable local governance
- Joint initiatives that make contributions on both sides toward implementing the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Promote the multi-level approach: national – regional – local

Who are our target groups?

Project actors can include partnerships between local government entities and related institutions in NRW and Ghana. The focus of their interest is professional exchange and training on local governance.

What do we offer the participants?

An opportunity to address key issues for the future together: Programme participants will get to know different ways of solving local tasks and obtain fresh professional input. And by taking part in an international and intercultural partnership, they will also raise the profile of their local authority or institution.

To support this, we offer:

- Advice on taking part in the programme and the network
- Fact-finding missions in both directions
- Expert missions or training stays for experts within the partnerships in both directions
- Intercultural training courses
- Professional advice to support the work of the partnerships in the context of the expert exchange
- Advice on funding opportunities (e.g. to implement joint projects on topics such as solid waste management or energy supply)
- National and international networking meetings in Ghana and NRW

What do we expect?

- A commitment to development
- A willingness to work together actively in the partnership and the network, and take part in programme events
- Participation by different specialist departments and cooperation with civil society actors

Are you interested in becoming part of the network? Then please get in touch with us – we'd be glad to advise you.