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BAWUMIA CONCLUDES PHASE ONE CAMPAIGN TOUR FOR EASTERN, WESTERN & WESTERN NORTH REGIONS

The Flagbearer of The New Patriotic Party, Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia as promised kicked off his 2024 campaign and has since visited the Eastern, Western and Western North Regions.

In each of the Regions, Dr. Bawumia engaged Religious leaders, Traditional Authority, Youth Groups, and other key stakeholders as well as a rigorous door to door and street campaigning.

Dr. Bawumia continues to emphasize the fact that, he is not corrupt, a character trait that is without argument and widely acclaimed by all.

A prominent feature in his campaign is the **YOUTH CONNECT** platform, a key platform for the flagbearer to engage the Youth on specific youth related issues which places the young Ghanaian at the center of his vision for the next chapter of Ghana's development. In the Eastern Region, participants of the Youth connect were predominantly artisans and non-formal sector practitioners, Western Region was with Small Scale Miners and the Western North was a mix of youth from various backgrounds.

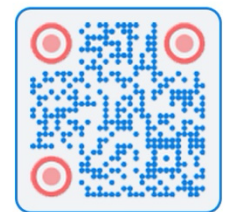
Dr. Bawumia has in the first week of campaigning articulated very cogent policies to address the needs of stakeholders he has engaged so far.

ON MINING

- i. We will license all miners doing responsible mining. District Mining Committees (including chiefs) will provide initial temporary licenses to miners.
- ii. We shall fully involve the traditional authorities in the licensing of Small-Scale Miners
- iii. As long as miners mine within the limits of their licenses (e.g. No mining in river or water bodies), there will no longer be any seizure or burning of excavators.

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- iv. Every Ghanaian in Small Scale Mining will register under Ghana Small Scale Miners Association with their Ghana card.
- v. Further deepen the decentralization of the minerals commission as well as Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and ensure that they are present in all mining Districts.
- vi. We will, in collaboration with the large mining companies, convert abandoned shafts into community mining schemes.
- vii. We shall open more new community mining schemes and facilitate the acquisition of mining equipment to help them scale up their activities.
- viii. We shall Introduce vocational and Skills training on sustainable mining for small scale miners in the curriculum of TVET institutions.
- ix. We shall establish a pension scheme for small scale miners like we have done for cocoa farmers.
- x. Set up state of the art common user gold processing units in mining districts in collaboration with the private sector.
- xi. We will encourage the exploration of Ghana's mineral resources, with graduates from Ghana's training institutions actively involved in this endeavor. When discovered, we will raise the necessary capital to facilitate its exploration and ensure 100% Ghanaian ownership.
- xii. To ensure 100% Ghanaian ownership of newly discovered resources and greater Ghanaian ownership of our resources we will establish, in collaboration with the private sector, a Minerals Development Bank to support the mining industry.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs)

- i. All persons with disabilities who gain admission to tertiary institutions shall be prioritized with Government Scholarships to cover their tuition and accommodation.

TO THE ARTISANS

- i. Formalize the informal sector by infusing digitalization in processes such as registration of businesses and tax audits.
- ii. Facilitate access to credit for the non-formal sector for expansion, increased productivity and more jobs
- iii. We shall build Hostel Facilities for Apprentices just as we have done with the Kayayei to deal with accommodation issues
- iv. Support for the retraining of current workers on the use of modern tools in their vocation.

FOR THE FISHERFOLK

- i. My government will support the efficient implementation of a robust fisheries plan that promotes and maximizes the fisheries resources from the sea, inland fisheries, and aquaculture.
- ii. The plan will support industrial, semi-industrial and the artisanal subsectors and address major concerns such as inefficient distribution of pre-mix fuel, inadequate cold storage facilities, overfishing and depletion of fish stocks, illegal unreported fishing, access to credit and financial services.
- iii. We shall further enhance the efforts in the automation of the Pre-mix distribution through the ongoing digitization efforts to ensure equity and deepen transparency.
- iv. We shall enhance the Ministry of Fisheries progress on continuous innovation, digitization, and improved access to technology of the Fisheries sector embracing climate smart technologies of processing, value addition and marketing of fish.

Dr. Bawumia, his Campaign team and the entire NPP fraternity express our deepest appreciation to the good people of Eastern, Western and Western North Regions for the warm welcome and strong acceptance of the Bold Solutions. He remains committed to each of these policies when he becomes President.

As part of his campaign tour to the Ahafo, Bono and the Bono East Regions, Dr. Bawumia will be providing a deeper insight into his vision for the mining sector at a Transformational Dialogue organized by the University of Energy and Natural resources on Wednesday 8th May, 2024.

On Thursday 9th May 2024, He will be addressing the Heads of Anti-Corruption Agencies in Commonwealth Africa on the ***inter-linkages of digitalization & corruption in Governance.***

The Bawumia Campaign Team calls on all Ghanaians to continue to stay with Dr. Bawumia on this exciting journey of unveiling Bold Solutions for the next chapter of Ghana's development.

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