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- GHANA-NEWS
- 11th May Business Cocktail
- @ Best Western Hotel Airport
- @ 6-9 pm
- Topic: CH-GH Agric Business JUNE 2011
- GHANA-NEWS
- 21st June Business Cocktail
- @ Golden Tulip Hotel
- @ 6-9 pm
- Topic: CH-GH Banking Business JULY/AUGUST 2011 (Holiday season)
- **GHANA-NEWS** (one issue)
- New Membership Registration
- Individual Think-Tank Meetings SEPTEMBER 2011
- GHANA-NEWS
- 21st June Business Cocktail
- @ Alisa Hotel , North Ridge
- @ 6-9 pm
- Topic: Property Development in Ghana

"Back-Slash"

Editor Kurt Merki, Snr. CEO of SWISSCHAM AFRICA GHANA

Dear Business Colleagues,

It was very encouraging seeing some many business executive and entrepreneurs attending our 1st Business Cocktail on the 11th May, which took place at the newly opened BEST WESTERN PREMIER HOTEL. Though the programme was a little over loaded, I hope all interested parties were able to take some educative information about Agro-Business in Ghana back home.

If you would like to have some of the speakers presentations, I am willing to mail them on request to you. Please e-mail your request to: <u>swisschamgheditor@yahoo.com</u>

At this point, I would like to thank all resource experts who made our first Business Cocktail a real success. We hope we can call on them again to share their rich experiences.

Looking back of what had been presented by various speakers, I believe what Dr. S. K. Dapaah laid on the table was most appropriate when he said: "All presenters have very good programmes, but effective coordination among the players is very much lacking."

If the topic was maybe not of your interest, I still hope that you were able to network with one another.

I heard already very interesting testimonies of positive networking among members. So, I encourage NON Members to become a part of the SWISSCHAM AFRICA GHANA. (Membership Registration form is on page 08)

On pages 3-4 the press reports and photo-gallery speaks of itself.

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OCTOBER 2011

- GHANA-NEWS
- New Membership Registration
- Individual Think-Tank Meetings NOVEMBER/DEC. 2011 (Holiday season)
- GHANA-NEWS
- 28th November : Beginning of
- "SWISS GHANAIAN BUSINESS
 WEEK" Interaction with Swiss
 Investors and Business Partner
- *@ Moevenpick Ambassador Hotel*
- @ 6-9 pm
- Topic: Investing & Partnering in Ghana
- 1st December Green X`Mas Concert
- @ National Theatre @ 7.30 pm -9.30 pm
- 3rd December "GALA NIGHT"
- @ Moevenpick Ambassador Hotel
- @ 6-9 pm
- Topic: Swiss-Ghanaian Match Making Night

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Our next "Business Cocktail" is on the 21th June 2011 from 6 pm – to 9 pm (prompt), at the Golden Tulip Hotel, Accra. Kindly confirm your participation. NOT later than Friday 17th May by phone (020-809-2500) or by the "new" e-mail address: (swisschamgh@yahoo.com) For paid up members the event is free for one person. Others GHC40 (forty) payable at the gate. The topic is: Swiss-Ghanaian Banking Business. A round table presentation, debate, leading hopefully to proposals for policy makers. The media will NOT be invited, in order to avoid any politicization of the topic. However, we will record the whole programme and its contain will remain the copyright of the SWISSCHAM AFRICA GHANA. On the panel we have Government policy makers and Private Sector Banking Experts from Switzerland and Ghana. The main purpose of our topic is to find solutions to understand and improve the banking operation in both countries. This will in no way give confidence to the Investors that Ghana has a vibrant Banking system. It is my hope you all will fully participate in this challenging topic. .(Kindly refer to the attached detailed programme on page 03) For the best, stay blessed! SWISSCHAM AFRICA GHANA

There ?!

Kurt Merki, Snr. CEO

Remember: *FEEL ALWAYS WELLCOME!* The Membership Form is on page ?

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Dr. S. K. Dapaah, Chief Technical Adviser to the Minister of Agriculture Hon. Kwesi Ahwoi delivering his address

Mr. Ken Ofori-Atta Chief Executive Chairman of Databank @ Lecture



Mr. Nortey Omabo, President of the SWISSCHAM AFRICA GHANA awarding to the CEO of ENJOY his Membership Certificate SWISSCAHM AFRIC The audience @ the 1st Business Cocktail 11.05.2011 *Topic:* "Swiss-Ghanaian Agro Business"



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Farmers Get Insurance for Crops

By Liberty Amewode

There has not been any commercial insurance product for agriculture in Ghana to cope with the challenges of extreme weather events in which farmers lose their harvest. Consequently, farmers who fall victim to floods, droughts and other natural disasters get caught in the poverty trap and might have to sell their farm equipment since they have no means to engage in productive activities in the future. In order to arrest this situation, a Ghana Agricultural Insurance Programme has been instituted as a risk management instrument that helps to mitigate major climate-induced crop production and income losses for farmers. Delivering a paper on Agricultural Insurance at a SWISSCHAM-AFRICA **GHANA Business Cocktail in Accra last** week, Mr. Ken Appenteng of the German Technical Cooperation (GIZ) said the overall objective of the programme is to assist the insurance sector in Ghana to develop a sustainable agricultural insurance system and to introduce innovative and demand-oriented crop insurance products to protect against financial risks caused by extreme weather events and other forms of climate change. He said the risk management instrument comes in the form of specially designed products to mitigate particular weather perils for certain animals. types of crops or According to Mr. Appenteng, by the year 2100, mean daily temperatures in Ghana are estimated to increase by 30C and rainfall will decline between nine percent and 27 percent, with increasing seasonal and spatial variations. "Frequency and intensity of droughts, floods and other extreme weather events will increase", he said, adding that in case such weather events occur, farmers lose their harvest and get caught

in the poverty trap. The programme is being implemented by the GTZ in collaboration with the National Insurance Commission (NIC) and the Ghana Insurers Association (GIA) with funding provided by the German Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety. The Chief Technical Advisor to the Minister for Food and Agriculture, Dr. S.K. Dapaah, who represented the minister, Mr. Kwesi Ahwoi, said the missing link in Ghana's quest at achieving a sustainable growth and development is the low level of agro- business in Ghana. He said Ghana has conducive agronomic conditions that make the growing of a large range of crops profitable and could be even more profitable with increased agro-processing because of numerous advantages including bimodal rains in southern Ghana that enable horticulture (pineapples, banana), oil palm, rubber, cocoa, biofuels (sugar, cassava) to be grown.

He added that the annual growth rate of the agricultural sector in the last five years has averaged 6% per annum, with cocoa contributing significantly to it. "Indeed, over the 25-year period between 1984 and 2009 agricultural GDP (agGDP) grew at an average annual rate of 4.6% making it one of the highest agricultural sector growth rates in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) according to the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)", said he. Dr. Dapaah therefore suggested that those in the Ghanaian agro-business field think of establishing a Ghana Agro-Business Chamber (ABC) as a private, nonprofit/tax-exempt, business organization dedicated to strengthening agro-industrial competitiveness. Ghana's "The Chamber's programmes should be designed to highlight international trade and development potentials as well as broad issues which encompass several individual agri-business sectors and require a "food systems" approach to the development of Ghana's agro-business potential", he said. Examples of such issues, he indicated, are commercialization of new technologies in agricultural production and processing, food safety, environmental impacts, human resource development, trade and investment policy, natural resource management, and rural development in Ghana. thebusinessanalvstah@amail.com

Our 1st Business Cocktail- 11th May 2011 News Papers Reports



SWISSCHAM holds maiden business cocktail

he Swiss Chamber of Commerce Africa (SWISSCHAM), Ghana branch, has held its maiden business cocktail event in Accra. The event brought together about 100 guests from the financial, insurance, agrobusiness and related services. "Basically, we want to identify marker opportunities, augment value addition and productivity, and generally expand the frontiers of the agroindustrial sector through collaboration between Ghanaian and Swiss investors and businesses," said SWISSCHAM President, Dr. Nortey Omaboe.

"There have been some notable successes of the agric sector in Ghana, but the general view is that the successes have been too few. We're still too far from reaching the full potential of this critical industry, hence the need to identify new options to propel the industry," he added.

In his speech, the Chief Technical Advisor to the Minister of Food and Agriculture, Dr. Samuel Kojo Dapaah, said the missing link in country's quest to achieve sustainable growth and development is the low level of agro-business in Ghana.

"Ghana has agronomic conditions that are conducive to making growing a large range of crops profitable, and which can be even more profitable with increased agro-processing," Dr. Dapaah said. SWISSCHAM - AFRICA GHAN/ Member of the European Network EBCAN wirtschaftskammer Schweiz - Afrika

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German Swiss International School - Accra Fashion-Show a Great Success!

On May 21, 2011 the German Swiss International School Accra held its annual fashion show. It was a real night of fun, festivities and fashion.



Part of its proceeds was donated to the Ivoirian refugees living presently in Ghana.



Call: 024 421 3736 www.brigittemerki.com The highlight of the show was the auction of the 4-fahion designer's dresses. BM-Brigitte Merki, a member of the SWISSCHAM AFRICA GHANA, had the highest bidder (pictures above)



Our 21st June event!



Purpose:Business CocktailDate:Tuesday 21th June 2011Location:Golden Tulip Hotel AccraTime:6 – 9 pm CH-PromptTopic:Swiss-Ghanaian Banking Business

OBJECTIVE

The main objective of this meeting is; to learn from each others experiences in gain and shortfall and *initiate changes* for the benefit of both the Service Provider and Client.

PROGRAMME

Refreshments & Welcome Address by the President of the SWISSCHAM AFRICA GHANA Mr. Nortey Omaboe 6-6.30 pm.

Presentations: SWISS-GHANAIAN BANKING BUSINESS

SWISS BANKING – HOW EFFICIENT IS IT? By Mr. Andreas Himsteadt, CEO of HIMSTEAD IVESTMENT SERVICES Gmbh, Zurich, Switzerland and Member of the SWISSCHAM AFRICA GHANA 6.30.till 6.45 pm

GHANIAN BANIKING – HOW EFFICIENT IS IT? By Hon. Dr. Kwabena Duffuor, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning. 6.45 till 7.00 pm

Panel Discussions: How can the banks improve banking efficiency? Lead by the Moderator and supported by Mr. Ken Ofori-Atta, Executive Chairman of DATA BANK with **Panelists**: The Swiss Ambassador Mr. Andrea Samedini, representing Switzerland and Former Ambassador Mr. Afari Donkor, representing Ghana. 7.00 till 7.15 pm

Questions and Contributions from the Audience 7.15 till 7.30 pm

Break Cocktail 7.30 till 8 pm

Conclusion Presentation For Action in the case of Ghana 8.00 till 8.15 pm

New Membership Certificate Awards 8.15 till 8.30 pm

Continue Cocktail and Networking 8.30 till 9.00 pm

Your Moderator: is: Mr. Kurt Merki, Snr. CEO of the SWISSCHAM AFRICA GHANA **Note:** Programme is subject to change!









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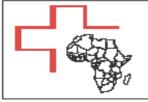
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Secret Swiss bank accounts under threat By Tony Paterson in Berlin, Friday, 20 February 2009 http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/secret-swiss-bank-accounts-under-threat-1627050.html

Switzerland pledged to maintain its tradition of banking secrecy yesterday after its authorities took the unprecedented step of revealing to US investigators the names of up to 300 American clients of troubled UBS bank who were suspected of tax fraud.

In what seemed a desperate attempt to limit damage from the disclosure, the Swiss President, Hans-Rudolf Merz, issued a statement proclaiming: "Banking secrecy, ladies and gentlemen, remains intact."

Mr Merz admitted Swiss authorities had delivered to US investigators the files of between 250 and 300 UBS customers suspected of tax fraud during a transfer in the Swiss capital, Bern.

The transaction took place early on Thursday to meet a deadline the US had set for Switzerland to meet its demands. UBS, the largest Swiss bank, began negotiations with the US last year after allegations emerged that the bank had helped up to 17,000 Americans conceal about \$20bn (£14bn).

Mr Merz , UBS and Switzerland's financial regulator were adamant yesterday that the disclosure did not amount to a blatant infringement of the country's tradition of banking secrecy because it concerned a small number of foreign customers suspected of tax fraud rather than tax evasion.

Swiss law allows banking secrecy to be lifted in cases where individuals are suspected of having deliberately defrauded tax authorities, as opposed to cases where customers have failed to declare all of their assets.

Mr Merz justified the distinction and said banking secrecy protected privacy but "does not protect tax fraudsters". The unprecedented disclosures shocked Swiss banking experts.

Many said the decision to bypass the courts and surrender the names of clients to tax investigators seriously undermined a banking principle conceived in the Middle Ages which had enabled Switzerland to become one of the world's wealthiest nations.

Hans Geiger, a professor of banking at Zurich University, said UBS clients had lost security and trust as a result of the disclosures: "This so-called agreement is a brutal demonstration of why banking secrecy should be guaranteed under the Swiss constitution."

The Swiss Bankers' Association condemned the disclosures and said the names of the clients had been handed over before the legal process initiated last year between the US and Switzerland had been finalised.

Rainer Schweizer, a professor of law at Switzerland's St Gallen University, said the disclosure had shaken the foundations of the Swiss legal system.

Other experts declared the disclosure demonstrated that undeclared financial assets were no longer safe in Switzerland.

Mark Pieth, a Swiss professor and an investigator of corruption in the UN Iraq oil-for-food programme, accused the US of blackmailing Switzerland into revealing the UBS client names.

The disclosure follows months of pressure from the US tax authorities and the US Justice Department which had issued a summons demanding that the names of the suspected clients be revealed. Under the terms of a so-called deferred prosecution agreement, UBS and its executives could have been indicted had the Swiss bank refused to comply.

The Justice Department indicted a former UBS official in May last year and in November, Raoul Weil, one of the bank's senior executives was also indicted. US officials had warned that other banking executives could face similar charges.

Mr Merz conceded yesterday that further US indictments of senior UBS staff along with a threatened wider inquiry into the ailing bank's business practices in America would have posed a threat to the Swiss economy during the global economic downturn.

The potential number of US clients of UBS bank whose names were revealed as part of a tax fraud investigation.

SWISS BANKING SECRETS

Swiss banking secrets intact March 6, 2009

http://www.smh.com.au/business/world-business/swiss-banking-secrets-intact-20090306-8q8o.html

Swiss banking secrecy will remain intact, the Finance Minister said on Thursday, but there were ongoing talks about how to develop the laws in the light of recent events, most notably the UBS tax fraud investigation in the United States.

"Banking secrecy remains intact and has to remain intact," said Hans Rudolf Merz, who also fills the largely ceremonial role of President.

"It protects privacy but in no way does it protect tax fraud," he added. He said there was consideration in the Federal Council, the executive

branch, about the future of the distinction between tax evasion and tax fraud in the Swiss law books. Currently, only the latter is a criminal offence.

"Banking secrecy in Switzerland is not absolute and does not apply in the event of criminal prosecution," the minister told reporters.

He said there would be a meeting next week with Austria and Lichtenstein, two other countries with bank secrecy laws, to discuss the road ahead.

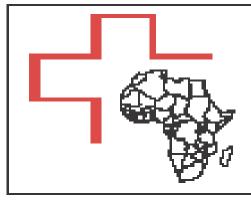
Switzerland is said to house about a third of the \$US7 trillion (\$10.79 trillion) held offshore. Swiss bankers, who profit from the system, say the collapse of banking secrecy could halve the financial sector, which currently makes up about 12% of GDP.

Switzerland has set up a ministerial body, made up of Merz, Justice Minister Eveline Widmer-Schlumpf and Foreign Minister Micheline Calmy-Rey, to look into the banking secrecy laws and determine their future development.

UBS, under orders from the Swiss regulatory body, handed over last month some data on clients who allegedly committed tax fraud to US authorities.

The bank told a Senate hearing on Wednesday that it would not hand over more data owing to Swiss banking secrecy laws. The US is demanding information on thousands of clients, while the bank is reported to have transferred unspecified data on only a few hundred.

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How Efficient are Central European Banks?

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Abstract

This paper explores the issue of banking efficiency in Central Europe by applying the Fourier functional form and the stochastic cost frontier approach in calculating inefficiencies for a large sample of German, Austrian, Swiss and Luxembourg banks between 1997 and 2003. The findings suggest that the largest sized banks are generally the least efficient banks and the smallest sized banks are the most efficient. The strongest economies of scale are displayed by German banks, while the weakest economies of scale are reported by Swiss banks. The findings suggest that the smallest and medium sized banks report the strongest economies of scale and the largest banks weaker economies of scale (ranging between 1.2% and 6.5%) and therefore the notion that economies of scale increase with bank size cannot be confirmed. The impact of technical change in reducing bank costs (generally about 3.5% and 4.7% per annum) appears to be systematically increasing with bank size. The largest banks are reaping the greater benefits from technical change. Overall, the results indicate that the largest banks in our sample enjoy greater benefits from technical progress, although they do not have scale economy and efficiency advantages over smaller banks.

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The book argues that Swiss banks went too far in Americanisation (Keystone)

Banks in Switzerland are at a turning point and must concentrate on more quality and introduce fresh faces if they are to regain their past glory, a new book argues.

The banks will also have to focus on their own business models and target their marketing more efficiently, one of the authors, economics journalist Claude Baumann, tells swissinfo. Together with banker Werner E. Rutsch, Baumann has outlined the successes of the Swiss banking industry over the past 50 years, putting the finger on where the sector has recently made mistakes and suggesting ways to improve the current situation.

The book entitled Swiss Banking – what next? explains there were a number of elements behind the present global crisis, including the big banks' determination to push growth.

"The banks were very much focused on revenue growth and neglected the customer... The banks also invested a lot of their own money for proprietary trading to improve their profits and revenues," Baumann said.



Swiss Banking has to push for more quality

More efficient

He believes that Swiss banks could, for example, strive to be cheaper and more efficient than others or they could be a first mover in a specific market like online banking or in banking for wealthy people. "It's important for any bank to have a clear focus on a specific business model." The book says that some of the qualities of Swiss banking have suffered over the past decade as a result of globalization. Baumann believes Americanisation of the Swiss banking sector has much to answer for.

"Doing business in the United States or Anglo-Saxon countries is quite different from the Swiss way of doing business or banking."

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Determinants of Performance of Ghana's Banking Industry

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Determinants of Performance of Ghana's Banking Industry

An Application of Data Envelopment Analysis Authors: Affum, Samuel Issue Date: 12-Apr-2010 Series/Report no.: 5038 Abstract: Performance evaluation of the banking sector in Ghana has assumed primal importance due to intense competition, greater customer demands and changing banking reforms. Based on cross sectional data for 22 banks, this dissertation attempts to measure the relative performance of Ghanaian banks during the year 2007 using the CCR Data Envelopment Analysis model. The analysis uses two input variables and two output variables. The mean level of Technical Efficiency for the industry is found to be 74 per cent. This implies that banks in Ghana can produce 1.35 times as much output from the same inputs, if they operate at 'efficiency frontier'. In 18 inefficient banks, the technical inefficiencies range from 12.4 per cent to 203 per cent. Segmentation of the banking sector in Ghana was done along ownership status and market share of total assets. A detailed analysis per banking ownership group reveals that domestic private banks are the most efficient ones, followed by foreign and then state- owned banks. As far as size is concerned, the results suggest that the medium-sized banks are more efficient than small and large-sized banks. Moreover, there is rank- distinct positive relationship between bank's efficiency on business specialty. State bank ownership exhibits a significantly negative factor on bank efficiency. The relationship between efficiency and risk profile is not as pervasive but there is a noticeable tendency for efficiency to be positively correlated to risk profile. An analysis of efficiency-profitability matrix based on the efficiency scores and Return on Equity (ROE) reveals that the 9 banks that fall in the 'sleeper' and 'question mark' quadrants have the TE score below the industry average. The resource utilization process in these banks features the presence of considerable wastage of resources. The 'star' quadrant contains 6 banks which are flagship units in the industry in terms of both efficiency and profitability. Both Stanbic Bank (Ghana) Limited and HFC Bank Ghana Limited appear as an ideal benchmark for the laggards on the efficiency and profitability dimensions of performance evaluation.

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Preamble for the Legal and Regulatory framework:

The Bank of Ghana shall have overall supervisory and regulatory authority in all matters relating to banking and nonbanking financial business with the purpose to achieve a sound, efficient banking system in the interest of depositors and other customers of these institutions and the economy as a whole.

The regulatory and legal framework within which banks, non-bank financial institutions as well as forex bureaux operate in Ghana are the following:

Banking and Financial Laws of Ghana: 1998-2006

Banking and Financial Laws of Ghana: 2006-2008

The Bank of Ghana is therefore, charged with the responsibility of ensuring that the financial system is stable to ensure that it serves as facilitator for wealth creation, economic growth and development.

The functions and responsibilities of the Central Bank as a Regulator are defined in Act 612 and Act 673 as follows:

To regulate, supervise and direct the banking system and credit system to ensure the smooth operation of a safe and sound banking system

To appoint an officer designated as the head of Banking Supervision Department, who shall be appointed by the Board To consider and propose reforms of the laws relating to banking business

Consequently, the Central Bank exercises its mandate to ensure that:

- depositors' funds are safe
- the solvency, good quality assets, adequate liquidity and profitability of banks are maintained;
- adherence to statutory and regulatory requirements is enforced;
- fair competition among banks
- the maintenance of an efficient payment system

In summary, the laws governing banking operations have provisions regarding licensing, withdrawal of license, and arrangement for examining and monitoring banks, powers, and duties as well as protection of the supervisor.

Finally, to enhance the legal and regulatory framework, the Bank of Ghana supervisory functions are designed to be consistent with the Basle Core Principles for Effective Banking Supervision.



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THE IMPACT OF FINANCIAL SECTOR POLICIES ON BANKING IN GHANA

Martin Brownbridge and Augustine Fritz Gockel

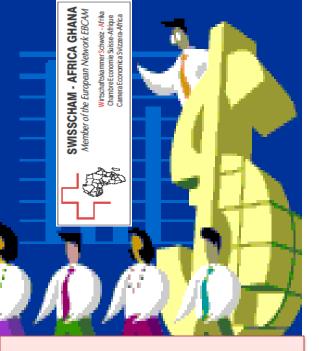
Summary

Ghana has implemented a financial sector reform programme since the late 1980s. The banking system had suffered severe swallowing together with widespread bank distress as a consequence of the pre-reform policies of financial repression, government control of banks and the prolonged economic crisis. The financial sector reforms included the liberalization of allocate controls on banks, restructuring of insolvent banks and reforms to prudential regulation and supervision.

This paper examines why the banking system in Ghana was in need of reform in the 1980s and evaluates the impact of the financial sector reforms. The conclusion reached is that while the reforms have brought about improvements in the banking system - banks are now more prudently managed and supervised - major constraints to efficient financial intermediation remain, not least macroeconomic instability and the still very shallow nature of financial markets.

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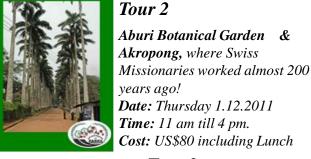


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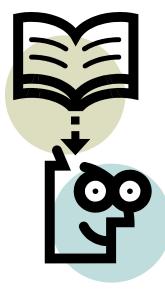
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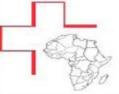
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5.3 Interest for Switzerland as a location for investment, potential for development

The visit of Ghana's President Atta Mills to Switzerland in 2010, has contributed to the Ghanaian business community increasingly showing interest in Switzerland as location for partnerships in investment. This trend has also been seen through the various enquiries to the embassy about investment in Switzerland. An investment seminar organized by GIPC in collaboration with OSEC held in September 2010 in Accra witnessed an interest shown by both Swiss Investors and their counterparts during the match making event in Ghana. During this event, new contacts made by the Swiss investors were termed as "quality contacts" providing serious options for future cooperation **5.4 Interest for Switzerland as a financial location, potential for development**

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