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GOLDEN SYMPOSIUM

STATE OF GHANAIAN AMERICA 2026

THE OFFICIAL PROGRAM GUIDE

November 7–8, 2026

Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center

Washington, DC

BUILDING GHANAIAN POWER

Community • Civic Leadership • Enterprise • Culture • U.S.–Ghana Connections

WELCOME

Our story. Our power.

A gathering to connect Ghanaian Americans across generations, sectors, cities and borders.

Welcome to the 2026 GHPAC Golden Symposium — a space to examine what it means to be Ghanaian American today and what we can build together for tomorrow.

TWO DAYS. ONE COLLECTIVE VISION.

SATURDAY / IDENTITY, ORGANIZING & COMMUNITY

SUNDAY / CIVIC LEADERSHIP, BUSINESS & INNOVATION

Connect

Meet organizers, policymakers, entrepreneurs, professionals, students and leaders shaping Ghanaian America.

Learn

Explore civic representation, wealth creation, innovation, healthcare, careers and the U.S.–Ghana relationship.

Act

Leave with new relationships and ideas for strengthening our collective voice and institutions.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Identity & Collective Power

Registration begins at 9:00 AM. Main program begins at 9:30 AM.

9:00–9:30 FOYER	**Registration, Coffee & Marketplace** Meet exhibitors and fellow attendees.
9:30–10:15 MAIN	**Opening Program** Invocation: Bishop Dr. Alex Sackey-Ansah; MC: Andrew Yeboah; welcome: Adjoa Kyerematen; GHPAC story; remarks: Fred Kyeremeh; music: Offei.
10:15–10:20 MAIN	**SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT — The Investing Tutor** Dr. Hans Boateng.
10:20–10:55 MAIN	**The Cost of Being Ghanaian American: Building Wealth Across Two Worlds** Fred Kojo Kyeremeh (moderator); Kwaku D. Ofori, Terry Oppong and Vincencia Adusei.
10:55–11:25 MAIN	**The Unfinished Fight for Ghanaian Diaspora Political Rights** Jermaine Nkrumah and Kofi Boateng (virtual).
11:25–12:05 MAIN	**Building Collective Power: From Community Organizations to a National Agenda** GHPAC, NCOGA, Ghana Innov8, community associations and faith leaders.
12:05–12:20 MAIN	**Bridging Ghana and Ghanaian America: The Role of the Office of Diaspora Affairs in Securing Our Place and Shaping Our Future** Nana Kyere Agyemang.
12:20–12:35 MAIN	**In Memory of Javits Frimpong: Faith, Healing & Collective Action** Bishop Dr. Alex Sackey-Ansah.
12:35–1:00 COMMON	**Lunch, Marketplace & Networking**
1:00–1:20 MAIN	**Ghana at Your Doorstep: Consular Services & Modernization** Embassy presentation.
1:20–1:25 MAIN	**SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT — Sankofa Job** Dr. Anthony Akwasi Gyamfi.
1:25–2:00 COMMON	**Lunch Continuation, Marketplace & Networking** Return to program rooms by 2:00 PM.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Afternoon & Royal Preview

Concurrent sessions begin at 2:00 PM. The Saturday program closes at 3:55 PM.

2:00–2:40	MAIN	**Black in America, Ghanaian in America** Moderator: Adjoa Kyerematen. Karen Attiah, Yaba Blay, Isaac Addae and Nana Asante Smith.
2:00–2:40	BREAKOUT	**The Next Rung: Education, Careers & Opportunity** Reynolds Boadi, Queenstar Akrong, Dr. Daniel Wubah and Jeph Acheampong.
2:40–3:15	MAIN	**December to Remember: Have Ghanaians in the Diaspora Been Priced Out?** Jeremiah (moderator); Abdul Karim Abdullah / AfroFuture, ChaleBoyz, John Sekyere, Offei and Kobina de Graft Johnson.
3:15–3:20	MAIN	**SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT — Bobesa Wines** Derek Owusu Mensah.
3:20–3:30	MAIN	**Symposium Reflections & Sunday Preview** GHPAC leadership.
3:30–3:40	MAIN	**Special Greetings from the Apesemakahemea, Queenmother in Akuapem Region** A preview of the Okuapehene’s Sunday address.
3:40–3:55	MAIN	**Closing Acknowledgments & Adjournment** MC / GHPAC.

Sunday’s program features the Okuapehene’s address, Akuapem development projects and the Diaspora Impact Challenge.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Royal Opening & Civic Power

Doors open at noon. The royal keynote begins at 12:45 PM.

12:00–12:40	COMMON	**Doors Open, Light Lunch & Networking** Registration, marketplace, exhibitors and sponsors.
12:15–12:40	TWO ROOMS	**Member Meeting / Young Adult & College Meetup** MAIN: GHPAC Member Meeting. BREAKOUT: NCOGA–YAY / GHPAC Young Adult & College Meetup.
12:40–12:45	MAIN	**Ceremonial Transition** All attendees seated; no concurrent sessions during the royal keynote.
12:45–1:25	MAIN	**ROYAL OPENING KEYNOTE — Our Heritage, Our Home, Our Future** Okuapehene, Oseadeeyo Kwasi Akuffo III. Royal address, Akuapem development projects, Diaspora Impact Challenge and moderated conversation.
1:25–1:30	MAIN	**Stage Transition** Prepare for State of Ghanaian America research.
1:30–2:10	MAIN	**Opening Conversation & State of Ghanaian America Research** Adjoa Kyerematen; Dr. Nii-Quartelai Quartey; Dr. Kirstie Kwarteng; Ben; Pokuaa Owusu-Acheaw ; Aba Blankson.
2:10–2:50	MAIN	**Vote. Run. Serve.** Pious Ali; Del. Bernice Mireku-North; Owusu Anane; Anthony Afriyie; Abena McCallister .
2:10–2:50	BREAKOUT	**Careers in Policy & Politics** Reynolds Boadi (moderator); Pokuaa Owusu-Acheaw, Joyce Arthur, Kimberly Afoakwaah; Afua Atta-Mensah.
2:50–3:30	MAIN	**Building Across Borders: Corporate Leadership to Global Enterprise** Ato Bernasko; David Osei; J. Ofori Agboka, Kofi Amoo-Gottfried and Essie Bartels
2:50–3:30	BREAKOUT	**Immigration as a Pathway to Multilateral Benefits** Stephanie Arthur (curator); Kodwo Ewusi, Esq.; Dr. Alice Mills Mai; Akosua Owusua Owusu-Banahene, Esq. .

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Enterprise, Innovation & Action

Concurrent sessions continue at 3:30 PM. Closing remarks begin at 6:00 PM.

3:30–4:10 MAIN	**Beyond Remittances: Investment & Wealth Creation** Hans Boateng / The Investing Tutor.
3:30–4:10 BREAKOUT	**Beyond Influence: Business of Content & Culture** Esther Sakyi; Solace Awumee and Maude Okrah-Hunter.
4:10–4:20 MAIN	**Featured Fireside: U.S.–Ghana Relations** Deniece Laurent-Mantey — From Representation to Relationship: The Diaspora's Role in Advancing U.S.–Ghana Relations.
4:20–4:30 COMMON	**Break & Room Transition**
4:30–5:10 MAIN	**The U.S.–Ghana Trade Corridor** Rita Adubra-Asante (virtual); Marian A. Mahmoud; Jane Reindorf Osei; Paul C. Ansah.
4:30–5:10 BREAKOUT	**Beyond the Algorithm: Ghanaian America, AI & Cybersecurity** Chantel Affum (moderator); Afua Bruce, John Sena Akoto, Dr. Samuel K. Boateng and Prosper Anyidoho.
5:10–5:50 MAIN	**Beyond the Frontlines: Healthcare Leadership** Walter Owusu; Dr. Jennifer Adu-Frimpong; Dr. Sandra Adom; Dr. Bertha Ayi; Dr. Afia Nyanin.
5:50–6:00 MAIN	**Business Keynote (Virtual)** Michael Harry Yamson (virtual).
6:00–6:10 MAIN	**Closing — The Road to 2028** GHPAC leadership: state delegations, research, 2027 Golden Gala and 2028 convention pathways.

CONNECT

Building Ghanaian Power

The Golden Symposium is a beginning, not an endpoint.

01 Find your people

Introduce yourself to a new peer, sector leader or community organization. Share what you are building and what support you need.

02 Turn ideas into alliances

Use the discussions on civic power, economic mobility and diaspora relations to identify tangible ways to collaborate.

03 Carry the work forward

Stay engaged with GHPAC’s efforts to strengthen Ghanaian American representation, opportunity and community institutions.

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