

# First Business Roundtable with the Government of Ghana

Can Ghana become West Africa's next business gateway?

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## Challenges—and remedies—for Ghana in the year ahead

With a decade of political stability under its belt, Ghana is now poised to become West Africa's business hub. Foreign investors are queuing up to establish links with Ghana. And the Kufuor government's commitment to reform and private sector development is bringing dividends.

Yet challenges remain, from managing projected tourism volumes to avoiding another destructive currency crash. During an entire day of intensive debate you will address many of these challenges and also look at ideal solutions.

### An exclusive forum for debate between business and government

- What must be done to ensure macroeconomic stability as the 2008 elections approach?
- Wages, skills, infrastructure: where are the brakes on progress for business?
- How successful have the Presidential Special Initiatives been?
- How will Ghana diversify beyond a commodity-based economy and boost manufacturing and services?
- What is the impact of ECOWAS on the private sector?

### Scheduled senior government and corporate decision makers include:



**John Kufuor**  
President of the Republic of Ghana

- Kwadwo Baah Wiredu**, *Minister of Finance\**
- Akwasi Osei-Adjei**, *Minister for Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and NEPAD\**
- Joe Baidoe-Ansah**, *Minister for Trade, Industry and PSI\**
- Paul Acquah**, *Governor of the Central Bank of Ghana\**

- Margaret Mwanakatwe**, *Managing Director, Barclays Bank of Ghana*
- Philippe Ayivor**, *Franchise Manager, Equatorial Africa Franchise, The Coca-Cola Company*
- Amit Agrawal**, *Managing Director, The Olam Group*
- Greg Brakenridge**, *Managing Director, Stanbic West Africa*
- Matts Karlsson**, *Country Director, World Bank*

\* pending confirmation

### Reactions to our previous Africa Roundtables:

"Relevant with the appropriate mix of organisations."  
**Alan Rouse**, *Service and Finance Director, Mars, South Africa 2006*

"Overall excellent presentation and insightful analysis of the Nigerian economy and short/medium term projections."  
**Donald Boham**, *General Manager, Shell, Nigeria 2007*

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