The European Union supports improving local governance and service delivery in Ghana

The European Commission approved a € 5 million project to accompany the Government of Ghana in its ambitious decentralisation reform process. This project will contribute to reinforce local governance and service delivery to the population.

“Ghana has put forward a very ambitious decentralisation policy which we are proud to support. Decentralisation reform processes are highly complex and long term by nature. And yet the aim of such reforms is straightforward: improving service delivery and democratic governance by bringing the centre for decision-making over resources and development priorities closer to the people.” said Ambassador Claude MAERTEN, Head of the EU Delegation in Ghana.

The EU will support capacity building at local level, notably in the field of human resource management, social accountability on local government performance and monitoring system to follow-up on the decentralisation reform process.

These actions come in support of the comprehensive decentralisation policy and its action plan for improving local governance and service delivery through decentralisation which were adopted by the Government of Ghana in 2010. This is a major policy reform which will give easier access to all Ghanaians to essential public services. The objectives of this policy include:

1) Functional reassignments for an important range of public services from central level to local governments and respective transfer of staff;
2) Decentralized development planning, budgeting and financial management for the devolved functions
3) Improvement of service delivery
4) Strengthening of popular participation and social accountability.

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