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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND NORTHERN GHANA

DATE: 11-14 September 2006 TIME: 09.00 am each day VENUE: Bolgatanga and Tamale

**Day 1: Monday 11th September 2006 – Radach Mem. Centre, Tamale
Launch of “State of the Ghanaian Economy Report (SGER 2005)**

08.30	Arrival and Registration of Participants	
09.00	Welcome Address and Introduction of Chairman	Saa Dittoh
09.15	Chairman’s opening remarks	John K. Kaburise, V.C. UDS
	Remarks from Northern Regional Minister	Hon. Alhaji Mustapha Idrisu
09.30	Presentation SGER 2005	Ernest Aryeetey
	Discussant Comments	Charles Jebuni
	General Discussion	
	Launch of SGER 2005 document	John K. Kaburise, V.C. UDS
13.00	Lunch and departure	

**Day 2: Tuesday 12th September 2006 – Radach Mem. Centre, Tamale
Seminar on Economic Development and Northern Ghana**

08.30	Arrival and Registration of Participants	
09.00	Welcome Address and Introduction of Chairman	Saa Dittoh
09.15	Chairman’s opening remarks	Ravi Kanbur
	Economic Data on Northern Ghana	Ernest Aryeetey
	Pro-Poor Growth for Ghana and the Situation in Northern Ghana	Andy McKay
	Asset-Switching to Escape Poverty Traps in Northern Ghana	Nii Kwaku Sowa
	Open Discussion	
13.00	Lunch	
14.30	The Political Economy of Northern Ghanaian Development	a) Saa Dittoh b) Charles Jebuni
	Open Discussion	
	Chairman’s closing remarks	

**Day 3: Wednesday 13th September 2006 – SSNIT House, Bolgatanga
Mid-Year Assessment of Economic Performance**

08.30	Arrival and Registration of Participants	
09.00	Welcome Address	Hon. Boniface Agambila, Upper East Regional Minister
09.15	Chairman's opening remarks	Nii Kwaki Sowa
	Remarks from Upper East Regional Minister	Hon. Boniface Agambila
	An Overview of Economic Performance in the First Half of 2006	Robert Osei
10.45	Break	
11.15	Discussant Comments	Seidu Alhassan
11.30	Open Discussion	
13.00	Lunch and departure	

**Day 4: Thursday 14th September 2006 – Radach Mem. Centre, Tamale
Seminar on Contemporary Development Issues**

08.30	Arrival and Registration of Participants	
09.00	Welcome Address and Introduction of Chairman	Gilbert Iddi, Head, Dept of Agric. Econs. And Extension, UDS
09.15	Chairman's opening remarks	Sulley Gariba
	Spatial Inequality and Development	Ravi Kanbur
	Growth Institutions and Inequalities	Andy McKay
	Open Discussion	
11.00	Break	
11.30	Globalisation, Employment and Poverty in Ghana	Ernest Aryeetey
	Technical Efficiency in Ghanaian Secondary Education	K. Gyimah Brempong
	Open Discussion	
13.15	Lunch	
14.30	Can the Financial System Serve the Northern Poor? Microfinance and Grants for Community Development	William F. Steel
	Can the Multi-Donor Budgetary Support System (MDBS) Improve Aid Effectiveness in Ghana?	Peter Quartey
	Open Discussion	
16.00	Chairman's Closing Remarks	
	Reception and Close of Programme	