

Africa Technology Conference Underway in Accra

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The Chief of the Se Traditional Area, Nene Drolor Boso Adampsey I, has appealed to the government, and other leaders in Africa, to stop using state resources to fix old problems, since that would not help the continent to develop.

"We should work on preventing future occurrences, instead of trying to solve old problems all the time," he said.

Speaking at the African Technology Conference in Accra, on Wednesday this week, he noted that Ghana, and the rest of Africa, must provide the needed infrastructure that would ensure sound education.

Nene Adampsey noted that the conference, which is under theme, "Africa now: Building Technology for future generations," would focus on three objectives, which are Creation of dialogue, and exploring several avenues, to enhance education and technology infrastructure, create networking opportunities between corporate technology professionals, entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, academicians, students and government policy-makers.

It will also brainstorm options for the successful creation of a world-class technology centre in Ghana, with plans to replicate its success in sub-Saharan Africa.

He was hopeful that at the end of the conference, new networking, business and collaborative opportunities, for participating in the technological competition, would be established.

Dr. Sandra Johnson, General Conference Chairperson, on her part, said that the momentous event would focus on how best to develop a world-class technology centre in Ghana.

"We are excited about planting the seeds, to enable the development of this major centre," she said, adding that four groups of panelists, had been deployed, to assess the position of Ghana today, and where in world-class technological leadership.

She further stated that an in depth research they conducted, to learn about the common factors exhibited by successful global technology centers, had made them to focus their attention on four critical areas of success, to help them achieve their dream.

"Educational infrastructure, technological infrastructure, entrepreneurship and business and government policy," she listed.

Dr. Johnson encouraged participants of the conference, to network, share ideas and discuss potential collaborative ventures, referring to them as catalysts for maintaining the successful technology park they had planned to build.

Kelvin Hitz, an Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) Consultant, said it was important for children to be encouraged to use the computer, since it paved the way for them to learn on their own, and also made learning very easy for them.

He described the computer as a learning gateway, and a partner in learning.

The Conference is being organized by Life For Africa Inc., a non-profit organization, dedicated to providing humanitarian support to Sub-Saharan African nations, and enhancing their global economic competitiveness.

It depends on the generosity of caring individuals, businesses and non-profit organizations, to partner them, to provide financial assistance, technical expertise and other skills and resources.

It was established by Nene Drolor Bosso Adampsey I, known in private life as Dr. Kingsley Fletcher, who had the improvement of the overall quality of Africans, as the main aim of the organization.

Participants of the conference were drawn from China, Hong Kong, Kenya, the United States of America (USA) and Nigeria, among others.

Microsoft, Dell and IBM sponsored the conference.