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Joint Press Release

INTEGRITY INTERNATIONAL TRADE & BUSINESS NETWORK ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ASIAN-AFRICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND TRADE FOR GHANA, KENYA, ETHIOPIA, AND MAURITIUS

Maryland. April 2, 2023. Last month, CEO of Integrity International Trade & Business Network IITBN), Dr. Cheryl A. Hill, along with Presidents of the Asian-African Chamber of Commerce and Industry for Ghana, Kenya and Mauritius, (Dr. Mark G. Darko, Ms. Selamawit Zemene and Mr. Zelloyee Ponnswami Moorthee Pliiay), and Mr. Jean Maurice Prosper, President of the International Christian Chamber of Commerce-Mauritius, joined in signing a Maryland Economic Partnership Agreement.

The Economic Partnership Agreement with IITBN lays out a framework that eliminates barriers and puts in place strategic plans for ease of business between the parties. IITBN will serve as the Maryland facilitator for the parties to foster sustainable and inclusive economic development through a strategic and responsive facilitation that stimulates trade, enables investment, and facilitates Maryland's integration into the multilateral trading system.

The Agreement is a tremendous opportunity for each country. The partnership covers services and sectors, including tourism, agribusiness, manufacturing, energy, biotech and more. The partnership came into effect April 2023.

Dr. Hill said: "The Partnership is committed to assisting our partner business organizations throughout the partnership and will do everything possible to bring this agreement to productive fruition. We are committed to working together to infuse the economy and to create jobs for all".

The Asian-African Chamber of Commerce and Industry-Ghana President Dr. Mark G. Darko added: "We collectively support and stand with IITBN in our collective endeavors to implement new strategies of working across the seas, and we are pooling our efforts to help ensure that we deliver growth for businesses of all sizes and jobs for our citizens".

The business organizations united under this partnership will contribute innovative solutions to open new markets to realize bi-lateral partnerships that are ambitious and comprehensive.

Trade and investment are key drivers for jobs and economic growth. Therefore, IITBN presents an opportunity to boost the economies on these continents and worldwide. The agreement will increase the competitiveness of our companies, lead to greater growth and most importantly create new jobs.
