




JOINT ECOWAS – ACCRA INITIATIVE COMMUNIQUE

1. From 15 to 16 May 2023, a high-level delegation of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) led by His Excellency Ambassador ABDEL-FATAU MUSAH, Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security paid an official working visit to the Executive Secretariat of the Accra Initiative, based in Accra, Republic of Ghana.
2. This visit comes within the framework of strengthening cooperation between ECOWAS and the Accra Initiative, particularly in the fight against terrorism, violent extremism and transnational organized crime.
3. The two parties discussed the modalities of setting up a formal consultative framework to establish mechanisms for greater synergy and collaboration in the operationalization of the ECOWAS Plan of Action for the Eradication of Terrorism in in the sub-region.
4. The ECOWAS delegation also visited TAMALE, GHANA to assess the progress made in the establishment of the Headquarters of the Multinational Joint Task Force of the Accra Initiative (MNJTF-AI).
5. Noting with satisfaction the convergence of their visions, the two parties affirmed the complementarity of the actions of the Accra Initiative to the ECOWAS strategy in the fight against terrorism and transnational organized crime.
6. At the end of the bilateral meeting, both sides lauded the great potential of the relationship between ECOWAS and the Accra Initiative and reaffirmed their shared interest in giving it further impetus.
7. The ECOWAS Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security thanked the High Authorities of the Republic of Ghana and the Executive Secretary of the Accra Initiative, Mr. BENEDICT DERE, for the warm welcome extended to him and his delegation and reiterated ECOWAS' commitment to support the Accra Initiative. 



Done in Accra on 16 May 2023.