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GOVERNMENT TO LAUNCH SME GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE COORDINATED SUPPORT FOR SME GROWTH IN GHANA

Accra 14th **July 2024**...Government, through the Ministries of Finance and Trade and Industry and partnering agencies will launch the SME Growth and Opportunity Programme at a summit on Tuesday 16th July 2024.

- 2. The SME Programme prioritizes coordination between partnering agencies to ensure the targeted delivery of financial and technical support to high-growth potential SMEs.
- 3. The Summit under the theme "Breaking Barriers to SME Growth" will bring together about 150 selected participants from the private sector, academia, business regulatory and compliance institutions, media, industry, multilateral and bilateral partners as well as financial service providers.
- 4. The Minister for Finance, Dr Mohammed Amin Adam said that, "the summit aims to enhance partnerships, mobilise diverse financial resources for SMEs growth and expansion and provide a platform for public and private sector actors to advocate inclusive policies and strategies required to foster SME growth in Ghana".
- 5. The President of the Republic of Ghana, H.E Nana Addo Dankwa Akuffo Addo will launch the SME Growth and Opportunity Programme at the summit. Other key speakers include Minister for Finance, Dr Mohammed Amin Adam, Minister for Trade and Industries, Hon K.T Hammond, Governor of the Central Bank of Ghana, Dr Ernest Addison, and President of the African Development Bank Group, Dr Akinwumi Adesina.
- 6. The event will bring together SMEs, financial service providers, business and regulatory compliance institutions and will also feature an exhibition of SME products.
- 7. The partnering agencies are Ghana Enterprises Agency (GEA), and the Ghana EXIM Bank, the Development Bank Ghana (DBG), and the International Finance Corporation (IFC).

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