

Congratulatory Message from The Peasant Farmers Association of Ghana to His Excellency, John Dramani Mahama, President of The Republic of Ghana

Dear His Excellency,

On behalf of the Board, Management, and the entire membership of **Peasant Farmers Association of Ghana (PFAG)**, we extend our heartfelt congratulations on your emphatic victory and the mandate entrusted to you by the good people of Ghana. This significant achievement represents the wishes and aspirations of the citizens. As farmers, we are optimistic that, together, we can achieve great heights under your leadership.

We are encouraged by your understanding of the agricultural sector, evident from your engagements with key stakeholders during your campaign, including the PFAG. As a farmer yourself, you are actually aware of the systemic challenges facing farmers across the nation, the reason for poor performance of the sector in recent years. We firmly believe that your personal experiences, combined with the honest input from various stakeholders, have significantly contributed to your initiative for "agro-economic transformation through a 24-hour economy" and your social contract with the Ghanaian people, set for implementation within your first 120 days.

As you assume the reins of government once more, we are eager to collaborate with you to ensure that smallholder farmers and the agricultural sector thrive by the end of your term. We kindly urge you to consider the following three proposals as you prepare to constitute your team:

- Ministerial Nomination: We humbly request that you nominate a Minister for the agricultural sector who possesses a strong agricultural background, has the experience, is affable, youthful, and has the ability to connect with stakeholders across the value chain. Farmers are looking forward to working with a Minister who is effective, approachable, and understands their concerns and challenges.
- 2. Audit of Pwalugu Multi-Purpose Dam: The Pwalugu multi-purpose dam has the potential to address climate change issues and provide additional 20% to 30% of agricultural GDP when properly implemented. However, the dam has been used as an avenue for extortion by the previous regime without accountability. Recognizing that an audit of the Pwalugu Multi-Purpose Dam is part of your agenda to ensure accountability under the Operation Recover All Loot (ORAL), we urge you to ensure that any illegal funds are recovered and returned to the state. Additionally, we request a budgetary allocation to commence construction of the dam within your first 120 days.
- 3. **Commitment to the Presidential Pact**: Uphold the Presidential pact signed against illegal mining, and ensure that all forms of mining in forests, farmlands, and river bodies are prohibited. The development of a land reclamation plan for all damaged farmlands should be an urgent priority.

We are hopeful that under your leadership, the full potential of smallholder farmers and the agricultural sector will be realized. We look forward to a governance style that is effective, truthful, inclusive, and efficient. Once again, congratulations, and may the Good Lord guide your steps.

Signed Wepia Awal Adugwala (National President) 0242 265313