A Republic Built to Deliver

Abridged Citizens Edition in Plain Language

The Harrison Mensah Adiko Presidential Manifesto

Fifteen national portfolio ministries. One national purpose. Public proof of results.

LIGHT AND LIFE FOR ALL

Not Left. Not Right. Forward — Together.

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A Message to Ghana

Ghana does not lack intelligent people, natural wealth, plans or love of country. Our central problem is that we repeatedly fail to turn these strengths into systems that work at national scale and continue working when governments change.

A farmer's income depends on roads, storage, irrigation, finance, electricity and markets. A young person's chance of finding work depends on education, skills, industry, transport and technology. Flooding is connected to land use, drainage, waste, enforcement and maintenance. The strength of the cedi depends in the long term on what Ghana produces, imports, exports and finances. These problems cannot be solved by ministries working in isolation.

This manifesto proposes a government built around fifteen clear national portfolios. Each ministry will know its responsibilities, its legal authority, the results expected from it and the information it must publish. Technology will help public servants work, but it will not replace human judgment, lawful authority or the rights of citizens.

I seek an independent mandate because Ghana needs cooperation across political lines. Good ideas should be continued regardless of who first proposed them. Programmes that serve Ghana should not be destroyed merely to erase another administration's name. Parliament must be respected, public servants must be treated professionally and public appointments must not be used as payment for political support.

The national task is larger than changing the people in office. It is to change what public office is organised to accomplish and what every citizen is entitled to see.

Principles of Statecraft

- Nations are remembered for the future they build, not only for the conflicts they inherit.
- Leadership must prepare people to prosper in a changing world.
- Development is one of the foundations of national security.
- Government must protect the lawful and lasting interests of the Republic.
- Every generation should inherit stronger institutions, greater capability and a fairer field of opportunity.

The Government We Will Build

The national executive will be organised around fifteen portfolio ministries. This does not mean that every public agency will disappear or that only fifteen people will serve as Ministers of State under every constitutional arrangement. It means that the main work of national government will be grouped into fifteen clear portfolios instead of being scattered among overlapping ministries.

Each ministry will publish a mandate, a work programme, service standards, major risks and a scorecard showing what has been delivered. Shared responsibility will never mean hidden responsibility. Where several ministries must work together, the lead institution will be named.

The Office of Government Delivery and Cabinet Coordination will operate within the Presidency. It will not become another ministry. It will track promises, resolve delays, prepare delivery reviews and publish verified progress without replacing the lawful responsibilities of ministers, Parliament, courts, independent institutions or the civil service.

No agency will be merged or abolished simply because ministry names have changed. Every proposed change will follow the Constitution and the law. Agencies will be examined for purpose, performance, staffing, finance, data and public value before decisions are made.

The Fifteen Ministries

Ministry 1 Finance and Economic Planning

This ministry will bring national planning, budgeting, revenue, debt and public investment into one coherent system. Ghana should have one national plan supported by one honest budget.

- Publish understandable information on budgets, releases, procurement, arrears and major projects.
- Use better data to reduce waste and revenue leakage without harassing honest citizens and businesses.
- Treat income from gold, cocoa, oil and other resources as national wealth that must build lasting capability.

Ministry 2 Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Every Ghanaian mission abroad should protect citizens and also advance trade, investment, knowledge and national security.

- Provide reliable digital consular services while retaining help for people who cannot use them.
- Connect Ghanaian producers with verified buyers and useful market information.
- Build practical partnerships with the diaspora, African neighbours and international institutions.

Ministry 3 Defence and National Security

Ghana needs professional armed forces, sound intelligence, secure borders and strong civilian oversight.

- Improve readiness, equipment, welfare and training for service personnel.
- Strengthen lawful coordination against terrorism, piracy, organised crime and attacks on critical infrastructure.

- Make defence procurement more transparent without exposing information that would endanger national security.

Ministry 4 Interior and Local Government

This ministry will connect policing, fire, prisons, immigration, emergency coordination and local government.

- Build a reliable national emergency communication and dispatch system.
- Publish district budgets, permits, rates, service standards and project information.
- Strengthen professional policing, humane prison administration, border management and accountable local services.

Ministry 5 Justice and Constitutional Affairs

Justice must be timely, accessible and fair. Delay and selective enforcement weaken trust in the Republic.

- Expand electronic filing, case scheduling and status information while protecting judicial independence.
- Extend legal aid and practical access to justice beyond regional capitals.
- Improve cooperation among anti-corruption bodies without taking away their lawful independence.

Ministry 6 Education and Human Capital Development

Education should prepare every learner for literacy, citizenship, skilled work, enterprise and lifelong learning.

- Protect access while publishing the real costs and quality of education.
- Strengthen early learning, mathematics, science, history, civic education, communication and practical skills.
- Connect technical education, apprenticeships, universities and research to Ghana's development needs.
- Use digital and AI-assisted learning to support teachers, never to remove the teacher from the classroom.

Ministry 7 Health and Social Welfare

No family should be pushed into ruin because basic care, essential medicines or social protection failed.

- Strengthen prevention, primary care, maternal and child health, mental health and emergency referral.
- Improve health-insurance management and publish service, payment and medicine information.
- Build health records that can follow patients safely between authorised facilities.
- Use diagnostic technology only under the responsibility of qualified health professionals.

Ministry 8 Agriculture and Food Security

Food security begins before planting and continues through storage, transport, processing and the market.

- Give farmers useful weather, soil, pest, extension and market information through accessible channels.
- Support cooperatives with storage, quality control, finance and access to processing.
- Improve irrigation, strategic reserves and fair, transparent market arrangements.
- Connect production areas to markets through feeder roads and reliable transport.

Ministry 9 Trade Industry and Tourism

Ghana must create more value at home instead of exporting raw materials and importing too many finished goods.

- Develop practical paths for processing cocoa, gold, bauxite, oil, timber and other resources in Ghana.
- Reduce avoidable barriers facing honest small and medium-sized businesses.
- Connect industrial and logistics zones to power, water, transport, skills and markets.
- Grow tourism and Ghana's commercial reputation through dependable services and honest promotion.

Ministry 10 Energy Environment and Natural Resources

The institutions that permit the use of natural resources must also answer for the condition of the land, water and communities left behind.

- Improve reliable power generation, transmission and distribution while protecting vulnerable households.
- Publish licences, production, royalties and restoration obligations in understandable form.
- Use lawful monitoring and firm enforcement against illegal mining, logging and environmental destruction.
- Protect rivers, wetlands, forests and the Volta system as national assets.

Ministry 11 Works Housing Water and Sanitation

Roads move people. Electricity powers industry. Water sustains life. Sanitation protects every one of them.

- Coordinate public works, drainage, water, wastewater, housing and sanitation around clear responsibilities.
- Support regulated building societies and savings arrangements that help working people acquire secure homes.
- Improve building standards, permits, inspection and protection against unsafe construction.
- Publish service and project information so citizens can see delays, costs and responsible institutions.

Ministry 12 Transport and Infrastructure

Transportation is a full national function. It will not be hidden inside a general works ministry. Ghana's roads, railways, ports, aviation, public transport and freight systems must be planned together.

- Publish one national transport and logistics plan covering every major mode of movement.
- Improve feeder roads and last-mile connections between farms, communities and markets.
- Develop safer, more reliable public transport and better links among road, rail, ports and airports.
- Use data and technology to improve traffic, maintenance, safety and freight movement under human control.

Ministry 13 Communications Technology and Innovation

Technology should help every ministry serve the public, not become a collection of disconnected projects.

- Expand affordable broadband and resilient national digital infrastructure.
- Build secure, shared government systems for identity, payments, records and public services.
- Strengthen cybersecurity, data protection, local technical capability, research and innovation.
- Support responsible Ghanaian artificial intelligence and technology businesses.

Ministry 14 Youth Sports and Culture

Young Ghanaians must be treated as citizens with ability and responsibility, not merely as an audience for promises.

- Establish District Youth Opportunity Centres linking skills, guidance, enterprise and civic participation.
- Connect digital and AI literacy to recognised learning, apprenticeships and real employment demand.
- Develop sports through talent identification, safe facilities and honest administration.
- Protect and promote Ghana's arts, heritage and creative economy.

Ministry 15 Employment and Public Service Reform

Employment is created across the economy, but one ministry must connect labour policy, workplace standards, jobs information and public-service performance.

- Publish useful information on vacancies, wages, skills and labour-market needs.
- Improve portable benefits and worker protection for informal, seasonal and self-employed workers.
- Make public-service mandates and performance agreements clear and measurable.
- Prepare workers and institutions for technological change without weakening lawful protections.

Digital Government and Responsible Artificial Intelligence

Artificial intelligence will be treated as national capability, not as a fashionable label. It may help detect waste, forecast risks, support teachers and clinicians, improve traffic, analyse farming conditions and make public services easier to use. It will not govern Ghana by itself.

The government will build a shared digital foundation so ministries do not create fifteen separate and incompatible systems. This foundation will include reliable identity and authentication, secure payment systems, authorised data exchange, service notifications, records protection, recovery arrangements and access through phones, public-service centres and assisted channels.

Important decisions will remain with accountable human beings. An algorithm will not determine guilt, sentence a person, award a public contract, deny essential care or replace Parliament's control of public money. When an automated system materially affects a citizen, the citizen must be told and must have a practical route to question or appeal the result.

Technology must reach the last citizen. Essential services will not become available only to people with smartphones, fast internet or advanced literacy. Systems will be designed for basic phones, low bandwidth, assisted access, persons with disabilities and major Ghanaian languages where practical. A digital service that creates a new queue for excluded citizens is not progress.

Paying for the Programme

This manifesto is a governing programme, not an annual budget. Every major commitment must still pass through lawful planning, costing, budgeting, procurement and parliamentary approval.

Government will not invent a dramatic savings figure merely to make a political claim. Reducing duplication should save money and time, but the method and verified result must be published.

The programme will follow firm fiscal rules:

- Permanent benefits will not depend on temporary windfalls.
- Capital projects will not begin without land, safeguards, procurement, operating and maintenance plans.
- Public-private partnerships will not be used to hide borrowing or move unreasonable risk onto citizens.
- No pension asset will be raided to finance an unfunded political promise.
- No political exchange-rate target will replace the lawful independence of the Bank of Ghana.
- Every major commitment will show its responsible institution, financing source, risks and evidence of delivery.

Resources will come from lawful revenue, better collection, less administrative duplication, improved procurement, careful use of public assets and well-structured partnerships. Public money will be managed through contracts citizens can inspect and accounts Parliament can examine.

Delivering and Reporting Results

The first duty of a new administration is to establish control, truth, responsibility and sequence.

During the first 100 days, the government will confirm the lawful boundaries of the fifteen portfolios, publish ministerial mandate letters, begin financial and workforce reviews, establish the delivery office within the Presidency, publish the initial promises register and protect the independence of constitutional oversight institutions.

During the first year, ministries will complete priority reviews, publish service standards and begin carefully selected programmes in areas such as primary care, education, agriculture, sanitation, transport maintenance, digital services and public-sector technology risk.

In later years, programmes that pass legal, fiscal, safety and performance tests will be expanded. Programmes that repeatedly fail will be corrected, redesigned or stopped.

The public promises register will identify the responsible ministry, legal authority, starting position, financing source, timetable, location, risks and evidence required for completion. Government will answer evidence with evidence.

What This Manifesto Does Not Promise

- It does not promise that technology alone will repair weak institutions.
- It does not promise that fifteen ministries mean only fifteen Ministers of State under every constitutional arrangement.
- It does not promise that every public agency will be merged or abolished.
- It does not promise to cancel every inherited programme or punish every political opponent.
- It does not promise a strong cedi by decree or permanent benefits financed by temporary income.
- It does not promise that artificial intelligence will replace teachers, clinicians, judges, public servants or democratic judgment.

It promises disciplined government: lawful public purpose, clear responsibility, honest costing, human safeguards and evidence that citizens can inspect.

The National Invitation

To citizens at home: test this programme against ordinary life. Ask whether it protects earnings, teaches children well, keeps clinics supplied, moves people and goods, secures water, creates productive work, upholds law and strengthens the Republic.

To farmers, workers, traders, professionals and business owners: help build a system that protects the public without placing unnecessary barriers before honest work.

To young Ghanaians: this programme offers you a claim on competence, opportunity, technology, culture, work and a Republic that expects your service as well as your ambition.

To public servants: reform will not succeed by humiliating the institutions expected to deliver it. Ghana needs honest advice, reliable records, clear mandates and professional judgment.

To Ghanaians in the diaspora: your contribution is larger than remittances. Ghana needs knowledge, networks, investment discipline, scientific skill, market access and credible service.

To every political tradition: independence is not hostility. A useful idea does not become wrong because another party proposed it. Ghana's lasting interests must be capable of surviving an election.

Ghana's first independence secured the right to govern ourselves. The next independence is the capability to make self-government deliver.

That is the Republic I seek the opportunity to build with you: lawful, productive, humane, technologically capable and answerable to its people.

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