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MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE *of the* 9TH AFTRA CONFERENCE AND MINISTERIAL SESSION Held at the International Conference Centre, Accra, Ghana, May 30 – 31, 2022

1. Africa Federation of Teaching Regulatory Authorities (AFTRA), the intergovernmental coalition of the Ministries of Education and national agencies regulating teaching in Africa held its 9th Conference in Accra, Ghana, May 30-31, 2022. The theme of the Conference, which had the theme, “*Unpacking Teaching and Learning in Africa for Excellence*,” was hosted by the Ministry of Education, Ghana, its agency, the National Teaching Council, and the Teachers Unions in Ghana. Many African countries participated with speakers from Africa, Europe, North America and Asia.
2. The climax of the opening ceremony was AFTRA’s Gold Medal Award to His Excellency, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of Ghana for empowering the teaching profession.
3. The Annual AFTRA Ministerial Session was held under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Education, Ghana, Dr. Yaw Osei Adutwum, MP and Minister of Education Zambia, Hon. Douglas Syakalima, MP as Rapporteur. Other Ministers of Education who attended the Session were H.E. Luisa Maria Alves Grilo (Angola), Mrs. Angelina Matsie Motshekga, MP (South Africa), Wendkonni Joel Lionel BILGO (Burkina Faso), and Hon. Ester Anna Nghipondoka, MP (Namibia); and Professor Josiah Olusegun Ajiboye (Nigeria) representing the Minister.
4. Heads and experts of the continental and global education authorities addressed the Ministerial Session. They included Dr Carlos Vargas Tamez, Head of the International Teacher Task Force on Teachers for Education 2030 and Chief of the Section for Teacher Development, UNESCO, Paris; Dr Yumiko Yokozeki, Director, UNESCO International Institute for Capacity Building in Africa, Ethiopia; Nigeria; Professor Steve Nwokeocha, Executive Director (Academics), AFTRA; Pedi Anawi, Deputy Regional Coordinator, Education International Africa Region; Dr Betty Obura Ogame, Education Specialist, Commonwealth of Learning, Canada; and several other speakers spanning the two days of the Conference.
5. Ministers commended the giant strides made by AFTRA over its twelve years of existence and successful partnerships and memberships of the various continental and global organisations such as the African Union Commission, UNESCO-IICBA,

International Teacher Task Force on Teachers for Education 2030; Education International, International Forum of Teaching Regulatory Authorities and others.

6. Ministers acknowledged the vital teacher frameworks jointly developed by the African Union and AFTRA which can facilitate the transformation of education in Africa, such as the (a) African Continental Framework of Standards and Competences for the Teaching Profession; (b) African Continental Teacher Qualification Framework; (c) African Continental Guidelines for the Teaching Profession; and (d) African Continental Teacher Mobility Protocol. They urged Ministries of Education to fully implement the frameworks.

7. Ministers observed that Africa is in dire need of education. As a result, there is need to adapt and/or develop innovative approaches for Africa to deliver quality education.

8. Ministers reaffirmed AFTRA as a credible continental organ for raising teacher quality and professionalism, and called on Ministers to give maximum support by participating in future AFTRA Conference and Ministerial Session, and strengthening their Ministries and agencies' membership of AFTRA.

9. Ministers present resolved to set up a Ministerial Platform to champion the development of AFTRA.

10. Namibia was granted the right to host the AFTRA Conference and Roundtable 2023, an honour well-accepted by the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture, Namibia, Hon. Ester Anna Nghipondoka, MP. Ministers called on peers throughout Africa to attend the 2023 Conference and Ministerial Session.



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Minister of Education, Ghana
(Chair, Ministerial Session)**



**Mabutho Cele
President of AFTRA**



**Hon. Douglas Syakalima, MP,
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