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**Sister Cities International Welcomes Ghanaian Ambassador**



Sister Cities International, a global citizen diplomacy network, hosted a November 4, 2021 welcome reception for Her Excellency, Madame Alima Mahama (Hajia), the first female Ambassador to the United States from the Republic of Ghana. The celebration was held in conjunction with the Sister Cities International Leadership Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Ambassador Mahama's reception highlighted the role of the new Ambassador, and to honor her longtime ties to sister cities with Louisville, KY-Tamale, Ghana, and several cities in Arkansas.

There are 33 US-Ghana sister cities in the SCI network, the most within the African continent.



Leroy Allala, President and CEO of Sister Cities International, stated: "It was an honor for Sister Cities International to welcome Ambassador Mahama to Washington, D.C. We look forward to working with her to grow the number of partnerships between the U.S. and Ghana and celebrate the great achievements of our sister city partnerships."

*"I am extremely grateful for the honour done me by SCI, a truly global organisation that is building bridges across cities and cultures, thus promoting partnership, equity, and equality. This recognition will definitely spur me on to engage stakeholders to enhance the attainment of goals of SCI," said Her Excellency Madame Alima Mahama (Hajia).*

Guests at the Ambassador's Reception were entertained by traditional Ghanaian drumming and music and enjoyed an authentic Ghanaian meal. Additionally, a children's book on Kwame Nkrumah, Ghana's First President, was sold to support the libraries and educational facilities throughout the US and Ghana.

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