



May 16, 2022

**Hon. Justina Owusu-Banahene**  
**Regional Minister,**  
**Bono Regional Coordinating Council**  
**Sunyani, Bono Region-Ghana**

*Hand Delivery through office of:*  
**Global Africa Sister Cities, Accra-Ghana**

Dear Hon. Justina Owusu-Banahene

**LETTER OF INVITATION TO THE BONO REGIONAL MINISTER, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TUSCALOOSA SISTER CITIES ANNIVERSARY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM IN TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, USA, JULY 25-29, 2022**

Tuscaloosa Sister Cities International wishes to extend its kindest greetings to you, Hon. Justina Owusu-Banahene, and wish to congratulate you for the appointment as the new Bono Regional Minister of Ghana.

Hon., as you may know, the Tuscaloosa, Alabama, USA has as a Sister City Partnership Relationship with Sunyani-Techiman before the split of the two region. We are very proud of the strong ties that have been created and strengthened as a result of our partnership over the years with our twinned cities. So many friendships, cultural and educational opportunities, and mutually beneficial ideas shared between citizens over these years. Indeed, the world is a better place because of the continued commitment to peace, mutual respect, global understanding and goodwill that is so important today.

It's in this regard that we wish to announce to you the celebrations of our Sister Cities Partnership 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2022 and have the greatest honour and privilege in extending an official invitation to you in your official capacity as the, **Bono Regional Minister (Governor)**, requesting your presence, and an official delegation from **Sunyani** to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, USA to celebrate our thriving partnership. The planned celebration will take place between July 25-29, 2022

The theme for our 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is: ***"Connect Globally, Thrive Locally: The Role of Sister City Relationships"***. During the program, we expect to hear from leaders in Local Government to connect with local practitioners and motivated citizens who have a positive impact in their communities. As a local government leader, we humbly ask that you share your views on the importance of citizen diplomacy within the US – Africa bilateral sphere, with approaches in citizen diplomacy, and to stimulate dialogue that encourages the benefits of such relationships.

We also wish to extend invitation to the following persons to be part of the official delegation:

- **Hon. Ansu Kumi, Municipal Chief Executive of the Sunyani Municipal Assembly**
- **Mr. Andrews Okumah Nawil, Chief Director – Bono Regional Coordinating Council**
- **Gideon Appau Oppong, Executive Assistant to the Bono Regional Minister**
- **Mrs. Ivy Asantewaa Owusu, Bono Regional Education Director**
- **Nana Atta Boahen, Traditional Representative of the Sunyani Traditional Council of Ghana**
- **Mr. Philip Dakora Baazeng, Municipal Coordinating Director, Sunyani Municipal Assembly**
- **Mr. Daniel Owusu-McDaniels, TSCI Official Coordinator for the Sunyani Municipal Assembly**

In Tuscaloosa, delegates will meet with state and local officials, **Mayor Walt Maddox, Tuscaloosa City Council and Tuscaloosa City Schools administrators**, and discuss future plans to continue our successful partnership, such as our successful “Connect Globally” Computer Donation program. We look forward to welcoming you & the official delegation to Tuscaloosa!

Confirmation & Arrival:

We ask that you confirm your visit in writing to us through our SCI In-Country Rep., Prince Kwame Kludjeson at the earliest to enable us finalize all administrative arrangements for your visit.

We equally ask that, you and your team arrive in Atlanta International Airport on July 24<sup>th</sup> and be transported to Tuscaloosa, Alabama and depart 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022. All USA transportation expenses and full day-by-day programming will be provided by Tuscaloosa Sister Cities International. Private home stays or hotel accommodations will be arranged by TSCI.

If you have any questions or require anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me or- Prince Kwame Kludjeson, President Chair, Global Africa Sister Cities & the SCI In-Country Representative, Ghana on: Tel/WhatsApp: +233 24 326-3000 or pkwamek@yahoo.com being our local partner. He is hereby informed to see to all preparations and traveling arrangement accordingly for all invited delegates. We thank you sincerely and count very much on your cooperation.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our invited International Delegates are to strictly adhere to the COVID-19 protocols and are to make sure they have taken their vaccination in their country of origin before embarking on the journey to the United States of America.

To this end, we greatly look forward to welcoming an International Official Delegation to Tuscaloosa to celebrate this important Milestone Anniversary.

Very sincerely yours,



Lisa Keyes,  
Executive Director,  
Tuscaloosa Sister Cities International

Cc:

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Ghana’s Honorary Consular General to the Delta Region of the  
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