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High Commission of India, Accra

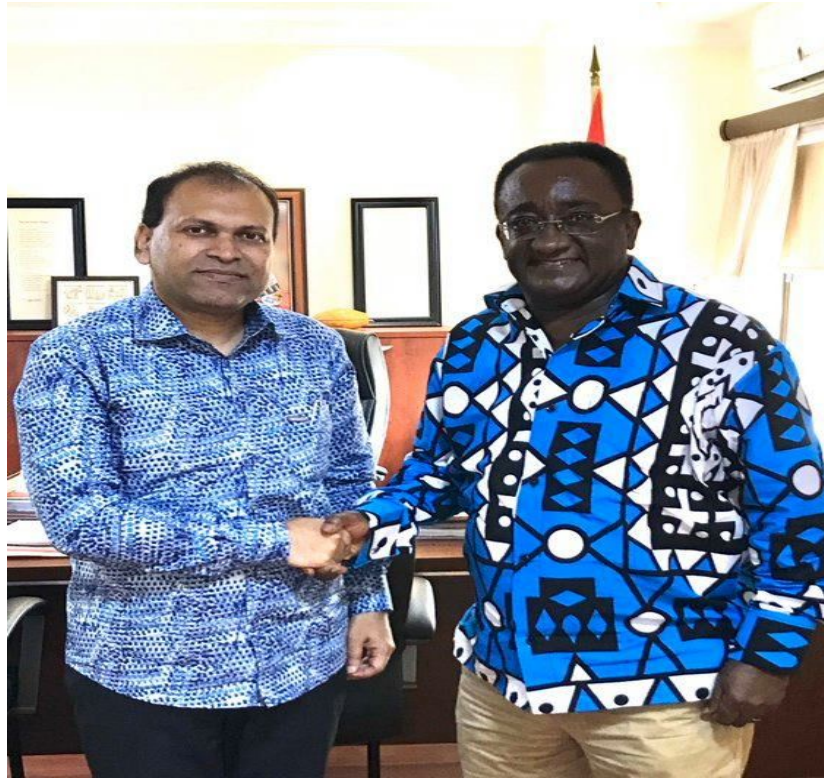
**PRESS RELEASE**

The High Commissioner of India to Ghana, H.E. Mr. Sugandh Rajaram, called on Minister for Food & Agriculture of Republic of Ghana, H.E. Dr. Owusu Afriyie Akoto, on 21 February 2020. The Deputy Minister for Agriculture of Ghana, H.E. Mr. George Oduro and Mr. T.V. Ganesan, Second Secretary and Commercial Representative in the High Commission, were also present.

2. The High Commissioner requested ministerial level participation and the high-level delegation from Ghana to participate in India-Africa Agriculture Meet (IAAM 2020) to be held on 14 March 2020; and 15<sup>th</sup> CII-EXIM Bank Conclave to be held from 15-17 March 2020 in New Delhi. The High Commissioner briefed Hon'ble Minister for Food & Agriculture that IAAM 2020 would have five working sessions – (i) India-Africa trade potential in agriculture and food processing; (ii) Agricultural Research; (iii) Food Processing; (iv) Presentation by 6 selected Indian states; and (v) Supply chain profitability and developing business links.

3. Hon'ble Minister for Food & Agriculture was also informed that the detailed programme and concept note of the 15<sup>th</sup> CII-EXIM Bank Conclave would be conveyed to Ghana shortly. Hon'ble Minister was apprised about the current status of concessional 'LOC of US\$ 150 million for Agricultural Mechanization' Service Centres in Ghana. Hon'ble Minister requested speedy implementation of the project.

4. Hon'ble Minister also informed High Commissioner about their one of the flagship policies, viz, 'Planting For Export and Rural Development (PERD)' and his Ministry's initiative to transform the agriculture sector which relies on cocoa to include other tree crops, viz. palm oil, coffee, cashew nuts, coconut, rubber, shea nuts. Hon'ble Minister requested for more Indian investments in the agriculture sector of Ghana.



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