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BANK OF GHANA TO HOST HER MAJESTY QUEEN MÁXIMA OF THE NETHERLANDS, THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL'S SPECIAL ADVOCATE FOR FINANCIAL HEALTH (UNSGSA)

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The Bank of Ghana is pleased to announce the visit of Her Majesty Queen Máxima of the Netherlands, the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Advocate for Financial Health (UNSGSA), to the Bank of Ghana on 4 and 5 November 2026, as part of her visit to Ghana.

During the visit, Queen Máxima will hold a bilateral meeting with the Governor of the Bank of Ghana, Dr Johnson Pandit Asiama. The meeting will review Ghana's progress in financial inclusion and digital finance, and the policy and regulatory priorities for strengthening the financial health of households, workers, and small businesses.

The Bank of Ghana and Queen Máxima will also co-host a Roundtable on Financial Health. The Roundtable will bring together senior leaders from banks, electronic money issuers, payment services providers, insurers, pension providers, regulators and development partners. Discussions will cover how Ghana measures financial health, innovation in savings, responsible credit, insurance, pensions, investment and the role of the workplace in supporting employees and collective action across the sector, among others.

The visit follows discussions between Queen Máxima, the Minister for Finance, Honourable Dr Cassiel Ato Forson and the Governor of the Bank of Ghana at the Spring Meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank Group, where financial health featured as an important priority for advancing economic resilience and inclusive growth. It comes at an important moment for Ghana.

According to the World Bank's Global Findex Database 2025, Ghana is one of Africa's leading digital financial inclusion success stories, with 81 per cent of adults holding a financial account, strong digital payments infrastructure and a dynamic fintech ecosystem. Strengthening financial health is the next stage of Ghana's financial inclusion journey.

The Bank of Ghana remains committed to a safe and inclusive financial system that supports the financial health of all Ghanaians and the growth of the economy. ***ENDS***

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