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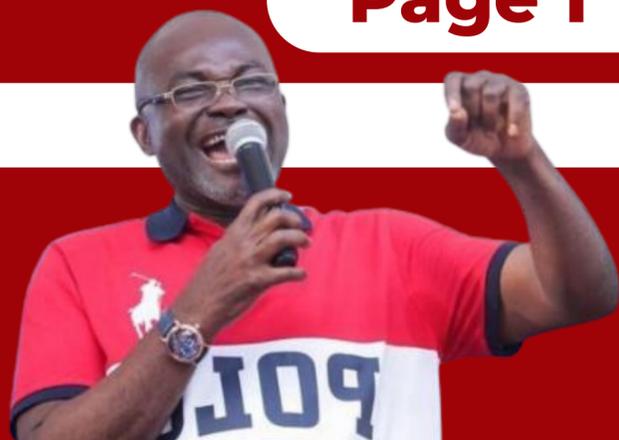
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## **FACTS TO KNOW**

**Alan's contribution to the  
growth of NPP since 1992**



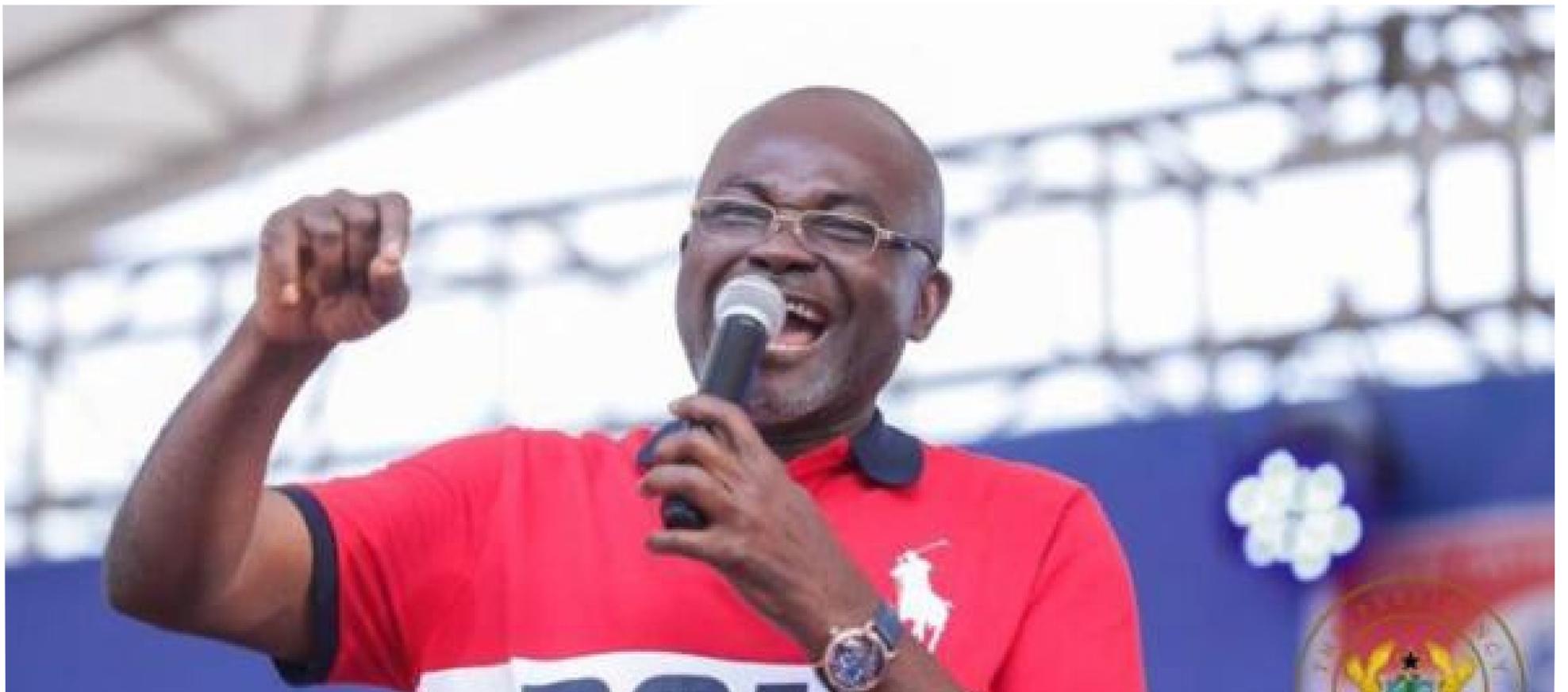
1. Do you know that Alan Kyerematen served on the NPP National Executive Committee for over a decade, under the successive Chairmanship of B.J DaRocha, Peter Ala Adjetey, Samuel Odoi-Sykes and HARUNA Esseku?

2. Do you also know that Alan Kyerematen served on the Economic Management Team and Finance Committee of the NPP over the period?

3. Again, do you know that Alan Kyerematen is a Founding Member and Chairman of the NPP Young Executive Forum (YEF)? The YEF of the NPP is a powerful advocacy and lobby group within the NPP which played a major role in galvanizing the professional and business community to support the growth and development in the party, as well as mobilise a new generation of party faithful and young leaders. As a Founding Member and Chairman of the NPP YEF from 1992 to 2001, he symbolized the essence and spirit of the new generation of party leaders.

4. Do you also know that as a result of his contribution to the Strategy Development within the NPP, Alan Kyerematen was appointed as a member of the NPP and CPP Great Alliance? The GREAT ALLIANCE helped the NPP in securing power in the year 2000, after the 1st round of election ended in a run-off.

5. Alan has since revived the party grassroots throughout Ghana and at the same time marketed himself by campaigning nationwide in every internal contest, and paying filing fees to the party in every contest. He has also been a constant member, and Strategist of Nana Akuffo-Addo's National Campaign Team. I have watched over time the humility of Alan at all the presidential primaries. He has always been consistent with his message. The grassroots of the party must be given their due. Such is the man we want. Any choice different from Alan will be a disaster!



## Kennedy Agyapong on the next NPP flagbearer Facts to consider

1. A candidate who can ensure grassroots representation in government.
2. A candidate who can promote and support Party Auxiliary Groups and Party Grassroots Affiliated Groups.
3. A candidate who can MAXIMIZE Votes in the NPP Strongholds, Retain NPP grassroots votes and be appealing to floating voters.
4. A candidate who can totally eliminate the disconnection between government and party grassroots.
5. A candidate who can promote Equality and Proportionality of resources and party grassroots participation in decision making and government appointments.
6. A candidate who understands and have an in depth knowledge about the Internal Functioning of the NPP and adapt to a new political landscape.
7. A candidate who can manage a balance between candidate in power and the part grassroots, and to also source for both Direct and Indirect internal funding of the party.

**Source: [myjoyonline.com](http://myjoyonline.com)**



## Alan Woos American Investors

Trade and Industry Minister, Alan Kyerematen has made a strong case for Ghana during the US President's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa (PAC-DBIA) virtual Roundtable held on Wednesday, June 2, 2021.

The PAC-DBIA advises the US President, through the Secretary of Commerce, on ways to strengthen commercial engagement between the United States and African countries. Members of this very important Advisory Council in Washington are selected from Small, Medium, and Large Companies and Corporations across the United States – representing a diverse range of industries and economic sectors.

The current PAC-DBIA is co-chaired by Laura Lane, President of Global Public Affairs for UPS; and Farid Fezoua, President and CEO of GE Africa; with Susan Silbermann, Global President for Emerging Markets for Pfizer, serving as Vice-Chair.

Mr. Kyerematen was the Special Guest at the 2021 Virtual Roundtable and indicated that Ghana and the US have enjoyed fraternal relations over the past decades. This has manifested in the number of US investments and businesses operating in Ghana across diverse sectors of the Ghanaian economy. Ghana and the US have also cooperated well on the global stage to promote sustainable development, peace and security.

The Trade and Industry Minister, who served as Ambassador to the United States between 2001

and 2003 under President Kufour, stated that since 2017 the Ministry of Trade and Industry has been implementing a Ten Point Industrial Transformation Plan aimed at making Ghana the new manufacturing hub for the sub-region. Ghana and US economic cooperation and partnership is therefore critical to achieving this industrial transformation in order to promote sustainable economic development.

Mr. Kyerematen recalled that a memorandum of understanding signed between Ghana and the US in July 2018 aimed at increasing private sector participation in Ghana's economy; and provides support to assist Ghana to develop selected priority and strategic sectors of the economy to achieve a Ghana Beyond Aid. Among the priority projects under this MoU are the One District, One Factory (1D1F) Initiative and agro-industrial projects.

He further indicated that although the COVID-19 pandemic is ravaging every nation and has disrupted the economic programmes of countries across the world, Ghana is however seizing the opportunities emerging from the pandemic to refocus attention on industrialisation.

# Alan Woos American Investors cont'd

Mr. Kyerematen, therefore, appealed to the PAC-DBIA Executives, Ambassador Sullivan and Ms. Camille Richardson – Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce who moderated the Session, to expedite the process of releasing the US EXIM Bank and JP Morgan credit facility of US\$300million in support of the One District, One Factory (1D1F) programme.

The facility amount is mainly directed at the provision of capital Equipment and Machinery, as well as building factory infrastructure for beneficiary Business Promoters in Ghana under the 1D1F Initiative.

He added that the Ministry of Trade and Industry in collaboration with other Ministries, Departments and Agencies commenced the implementation of a Business Regulatory Reforms Programme aimed at creating better regulatory frameworks for the private sector to invest in job creation.

The programme has eliminated bottlenecks and automated processes at selected MDAs: resulting in reducing incorporation of businesses from 14 days in 2017 to three days in 2021; securing a business operating permit from seven days to one day; while payment of taxes has been automated, with the introduction of an Electronic Filing and Payment platform making fulfilling tax obligations easier.

The Trade Minister, who is well respected across the globe as an expert in trade negotiations, informed the audience that Ghana offers attractive incentive frameworks and a congenial business environment for US investors. By investing in Ghana, he assured, US investors have

guaranteed market access to the United States market under AGOA; the European Union (EU) market under the Interim Ghana-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA); the United Kingdom market under the Interim Ghana-UK Trade Partnership Agreement; and the Africa market under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement.

Other Speakers during the virtual Roundtable included US Ambassador to Ghana Stephanie Sullivan; Laura Lane of UPS; Jason Brantley of John Deere Group; Takreem El-Tohamy of IBM; Peter Sullivan from Citi Bank; Sami Mainich of Dow Industries; and with Lawrence Agyensam, CEO of Ghana EXIM Bank, in attendance.

**Source: [ghanaweb.com](http://ghanaweb.com)**

# “Let strangers Lead”, An irony of modern NPP

When the falcon can not hear the falconer, things will fall apart and the center can not hold. Kennedy Ohene Agyapong has always been a political prophet. In the year 2007, we had vibrant NPP qualified people who could have rescued Us from going for an outsider to come and be a running mate. The tragedy of new king, new law.

Kennedy Ohene Agyapong clearly stated that; going for someone who doesn't know the root of the NPP as a running mate will have serious repercussions on the future of the party.

According to the right hand man of the Vice President, Professor Ken Atafuah; The president has informed him not to employ any party executives into the NIA regardless of their qualifications. And people are acrimoniously trying to destroy him with insults.

The funny among them is the party executives who saw Stephen Ntim and for vile promises and money chosed Freddie Blay. The party executives must dance to the tune of the music because, they selected the rhythm.

If Kojo Poku, Mohamed Awal and many others are now kingmakers in NPP just one week old into the party, imagine the destination of the party's future.

Infact, Ken Atafuah is not just speaking the hidden truth, but given a prophesy of the intended outcome of leadership. My question is; if party executives can not get employment and contracts in their own government, then who's government will employ them?

It is for this reason we are always crying to all party executives to be very careful with the choices they make. Just last week, party members who should have been gainfully employed, were given just Gh 30 cedis each to go celebrate the right hand Man of Ken Atafuah at Sir John's funeral grounds. Little

do they know they were celebrating a man who is far from their thoughts.

Last week, an incident happened in the Northern Region when the Vice President and the Regional Chairman had to take to their hills due to the anger of well-known NPP youths.

It is for this reason, some of Us are always ready to support Alan Kwadwo Kyeremanten with our last drop of blood. Because he knows the foundation of the party, the root, the tradition and above all is part of it. Alan Kwadwo Kyeremanten is born an NPP, grew up as an NPP, living as an NPP and will die as an NPP.

So, those of Us who are born as NPPs, grew up as NPPs, living as NPPs, and will die as NPPs should know what is good for Us. This new converts are yet to be confirmed by long service with truth and respect for the NPP tradition.

The most annoying part of the current NPP is that; there are people who were enjoying in the immediate past NDC government, who got converted to NPP few days into 2016 general elections and are now employers of the NPP government. We need a change now, we need our own now.

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## President Akufo-Addo launches Ghana's enterprises agency, GH¢145 SME grant fund

The President of the Republic, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, has launched the Ghana Enterprises Agency (formerly NBSSI), the National Micro, Small and Medium-Scale Enterprises (MSMEs) and Entrepreneurship Policy, and the GEA Grant Support for SMEs, under the Ghana Economic Transformation Project, which is backed by the World Bank.

Performing the launch on Wednesday, 9th June 2021, at the Kempinski Hotel, in Accra, President Akufo-Addo described the event as “a happy day for our nation’s micro, small and medium-scale enterprises (MSMEs)”. Performing the launch on Wednesday, 9th June 2021, at the Kempinski Hotel, in Accra, President Akufo-Addo described the event as “a happy day for our nation’s micro, small and medium-scale enterprises (MSMEs)”.

The President indicated that the National Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Entrepreneurship Policy is the first of its kind in Ghana, adding that “it is a policy designed to direct the growth of the sector, provide clear policy direction and opportunities for all actors within the MSME space, to enable them contribute meaningfully towards the development of the country”.

President Akufo-Addo told the gathering that the Ghana Enterprises Agency has been prescribed by the National MSME and Entrepreneurship Policy to implement the Policy.

“The Act establishing the Agency makes GEA the apex body to co-ordinate and promote the growth

and development of MSMEs in the country. GEA will lead the way in creating a dynamic MSME ecosystem and entrepreneurial community to help propel Ghana’s growth,” he said.

The President continued, “The policy direction is to reduce, if not eliminate, the duplication of efforts currently being witnessed in the MSME sector, ensure the judicious use of resources, implement programmes to formalize and support the informal sector, and design interventions to support MSMEs in the country”.

To this end, President Akufo-Addo indicated that the GEA SME Grant Fund has been established to support SMEs to recover from the effects of COVID-19, and also help them to resuscitate their operations under the Ghana Economic Transformation Project.

Disbursement of this grant, amounting to one hundred and forty-five million cedis (GH¢145 million), he stressed, will be made to two hundred and fifty (250) to three hundred and fifty (350) SMEs to help them grow into sustainable businesses, capable of competing on the regional, continental and global stages.

Support to MSMEs In his speech, President Akufo-Addo indicated that he came into office, in 2017, with the vision of transforming the structure of our economy, from one characterized by being mere producers and exporters of raw materials, to a value-added, industrialised one, which will create the necessary numbers of jobs needed for the teeming masses of Ghanaian youth.



## President Akufo-Addo launches Ghana's enterprises agency, GH¢145 SME grant fund, con't'd

“We cannot realise this vision fully without creating and strengthening an agency for the MSME sector to play a lead role in the transformation process. One might ask, why MSMEs? The answer is simple. It is because the sector employs more than eighty percent (80%) of the workforce, and generates some seventy percent (70%) of the Gross Domestic Product,” he said.

That is why, at the height of the pandemic in Ghana, the President noted that Government announced and implemented the Coronavirus Alleviation Programme Business Support Scheme (CAPBuSS).

“The goal was to limit the impact of the pandemic on job losses and livelihoods, by supporting MSMEs. Administered by the then NBSSI, now GEA, the novel seven hundred- and fifty-million-cedi (GH¢750 million) stimulus package from Government to the private sector provided relief to various business, in order to help sustain them, and help keep staff on the payroll,” he said.

President Akufo-Addo continued, “Government further partnered with the Mastercard Foundation, again through NBSSI, to advance to MSMEs an additional amount of ninety million cedis (GH¢90 million), as part of the NBSSI/Mastercard Foundation Covid-19 Recovery and Resilience Programme, also referred to as the nkosuo programme for MSMEs, in line with Government’s priority to achieve economic transformation, COVID-19 notwithstanding.”



To date, he stated that some three hundred thousand (300,000) businesses have benefited from these interventions.



“We know there is more work to be done, and we are doing the work. We will not rest on our oars. Government is working systematically to ensure that we find more solutions to support entrepreneurs and their MSMEs to fuel their growth. The one hundred-billion-cedi (GH¢100 billion) Ghana CARES ‘Obaatampa’ project is one such innovative initiative, which will revitalise and transform the economy. It, indeed, anchors bright prospects for the medium-term,” the President said.

Alan John Kwadwo Kyerematen writes...

“On Wednesday, 9th June 2021, President, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo launched the Ghana Enterprises Agency (GEA) to replace the National Board for Small Scale Industries (NBSSI). The new Agency has been resourced with GHC 145 million to support its operations. The President also unveiled the National Micro, Small, and Medium-Scale Enterprises (MSMEs) and Entrepreneurship Policy programs under the Ghana Economic Transformation Project. Globally, Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) dominate the business environment. The

importance of the MSME sector in Ghana has become even more critical as it currently employs more than 80% of the workforce and generates about 70% of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The MSME sector's development and expansion through entrepreneurship, especially by women and the youth, will help to diversify the economy and decentralize job creation. I am also pleased to note that GEA is leveraging technology to anchor its nationwide coverage through the digitalization of its grant management and disbursement system, enabling it to deliver COVID-19 relief funds to MSMEs across the country. As you are aware, the

vision of His Excellency the President is to transform Ghana into an industrialized economy and become a leading manufacturing hub in Africa. GEA will become an important anchor institution to help realize this vision by coordinating and promoting the growth of SMEs in the country. The transition of the National Board for Scale Small Industries into Ghana Enterprises Agency will complement the ongoing reforms aimed at empowering the private sector in Ghana to take maximum advantage of Ghana's hosting of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat.”



Alan John Kwadwo Kyerematen writes...

“Today, I joined the Municipal Chief Executive of Ayawaso West Municipal Assembly, Madam Sandra Owusu-Ahinkorah, and the Member of Parliament for Ayawaso West Wuogon Constituency, Hon. Lydia Alhassan at the launch of the Green Ghana Project.

The Green Ghana Project is another important project under the Akufo-Addo government to help restore the forestry cover of Ghana in the fight against environmental degradation and urge all Ghanaians to support it.

As the Minister for Trade and Industry, I encourage all factories, especially, those under the 'One District One Factory Initiative' to adopt environmentally friendly practices to help curb the menace of climate change.”



## Green Ghana Project: Let's plant more to create jobs -Alan Kyerematen

Minister of Trade and Industry, Alan Kyerematen, is urging all Ghanaians to get on board the newly launched Green Ghana Project as he argues that the tree planting exercise portends job opportunities for citizens especially the youth across the country. Under the Auspices of the Forestry Commission, the government of Ghana is seeking to plant five million trees across the country.

The program after its launch on Friday June 11, 2021 has seen many top government officials and the general public alike plant trees in their homes, schools and in other designated areas in support of the initiative.



Taking his turn to join the tree planting exercise in the Ayawaso West Municipality of the Greater Accra Region, the Presidential hopeful of the New Patriotic Party noted that planting five million trees will protect the environment from climate change and also help protect watersheds, reduce erosion, moderate climatic conditions, provide habitats for fauna and provide food for birds and other wildlife.



Mr. Mr Kyerematen also held the view that if government's target of planting five million trees is achieved more jobs opportunities will be created for citizens especially the youth across the country.

He is therefore urging the general public to join hands with government to exceed the five million trees which will yield benefits for all.

The minister was accompanied by the Member of Parliament for the Ayawaso West Wuogon constituency, Ms Lydia Seyram Alhassan, Municipal Chief Executive of Ayawaso West Assembly, Ms Sandra Owusu Ahenkorah as well as other official from the municipal Assembly.

The Ayawaso West Municipal Assembly has set a target to plant about 8,000 seedlings of coconut, mahogany, cedralla, cassia, militia, royal palm, and polythia for planting.



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