

# ***GHANAFEST PROGRAM***

***JULY 25, 2009***

## **JULY 25 2009: Start at 11:00 am.**

1. Live Band Music
2. Introduction of MCs: Mr. Steve Dei (Organizing Secretary)
3. Procession of Chiefs
4. Prayers:
  - \* Christian by: Rev. Dr. Benjamin Quamson supported by:  
All Ghanaian Pastors in Chicago
  - \* Muslim by: Alhaji Baba Cisse and Sheik Ahmed Tijani
  - \* Libation by: Ga-Adangbe Linguist supported by All Linguists
5. National Anthems: \* Ghana by: Sirina Issaka (Ghana Northern Union)
  - \* United States by: Sarah Frempong (Okyeman)
6. Sprinkling of Kpokpoi by: Ga Mantse - Nii Amarah Akonfrah I
7. Greetings of Chiefs led by GNC President
8. Introduction of Guests: Veronica Farkye
9. Introduction of President: Dr. Mark Kutame (Moderator, GNC)
10. Welcome Remarks by: John Henry Assabill (President, GNC)
11. Cultural Interlude: Fanti Fancy Group
12. Introduction of Keynote Speaker: John Henry Assabill
13. Short Remarks by Keynote Speaker: Mrs. Naadu Mills  
(1<sup>st</sup> Lady of Republic of Ghana)
14. Cultural Display: \*Adowa \*Borborbor
15. Remarks by Representative of Sponsors: Paa Kwasi Sam (Bus Man)
16. Raffle Draw
17. Traditional Dancing of Chiefs and Queens
18. Music and dancing



# GHANA NATIONAL ANTHEM

God bless our homeland Ghana  
 And make our nation great and strong  
 Bold to defend for ever  
 The cause of Freedom and of Right  
 Fill our hearts with true humility  
 Make us cherish fearless honesty  
 And help us to resist oppressors' rule  
 With all our will and might for evermore

Hail to thy name, O Ghana  
 To thee we make our solemn vow  
 Steadfast to build together  
 A nation strong in Unity  
 With our gifts of mind and strength of arm  
 Whether night or day, in mist or storm  
 In ev'ry need, whate'er the call may be  
 To serve thee, O Ghana, now and evermore

Raise high the flag of Ghana  
 And one with Africa advance  
 Black Star of hope and honour  
 To all who thirst for Liberty  
 Where the banner of Ghana freely flies  
 May the way to freedom truly lie  
 Arise, arise, O sons of Ghanaland  
 And under God march on for evermore!



## The Pledge

I promise on my honour to be faithful and loyal to Ghana my motherland.  
 I pledge myself to the service of Ghana with all my strength and with all my heart.  
 I promise to hold in high esteem our heritage, won for us through the blood and toil of our fathers; and  
 I pledge myself in all things to uphold and defend the good name of Ghana.  
 So help me God.

## Yen Ara Asase Ni

### Twɩ

Yen ara asase ni eye aboo dennen ma yen  
 Mogya na nana nom hwie gui nya de too ho ma yen  
 Adu me ne wo nso so se yebeye bi atoa so  
 Nimdeetraso kotokrane ne apesemenkomenya  
 Adi yen bra mu dem ama yen asase ho do atomu se

Oman no se be yeyio oman no se renyeyie O  
 Eye nsem da ho se Omanfo bra n'ekyere

Nhoma nimdee huhuugyan ana ade any ara kwa  
 Ne obrakyew de esee oman na ebo no ahohora  
 Asoomere ne obu pa yonko yiye di pe daa  
 Ahofama ntetekwaam ma nnipa biara yiye de  
 Enonom n'ede asomdwee ne nkoso pa bre oman

Oman no se 'beye yie O Oman no se erenye yie O!  
 Eye nsem da ho se Omanfo bra n'ekyere