
(ADDING VALUE TO AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS) BYE-LAW, 2017

IN exercise of the powers conferred on the Sekondi Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly by section 181 of the Local Governance Act, 2016 (Act 936), the following Bye-law is hereby made.

Title

1. This Bye-law may be cited as the Sekondi Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly (Adding Value to Agric) Bye-law, 2017 and shall apply to the area under the jurisdiction of the Sekondi Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly (hereinafter called "the Assembly").

Creation of Agriculture Investment Committee

2. The Assembly, through the Chief Executive, shall appoint in consultation with the Coordinating Director people from the Assembly, from the district office of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MOFA) to the Agriculture Investment Committee.

Responsibilities of the Agriculture Investment Committee

3. The Committee shall have the following responsibilities:
 1. Establish a mechanism to train farmers within the Metropolis to improve on their yields.
 2. Develop a strategy of first determining what attributes consumers want in their food products and then creating products with those attributes through local manufacturers.
 3. Liaise between local farmers and local manufacturers to make ready market for farm produce within the Metropolis.
 4. Create and introduce innovative policies and ideas through research, about alternative crops that can be grown successfully by producers to replace traditional crops.
 5. And any other responsibility assigned to them.

Value addition and Creation

4. The Committee shall create value for farm produce through the following ways:
 1. Utilize land by converting them into large/small-scale commercial farms to meet domestic consumer demand and ultimately. for export.
 2. Create additional opportunities for local investors to expand the horticulture sector — given Ghana's established market presence in Europe and favorable geographical position — to raise export revenues. c. Invest in agro-processing methods especially in the horticulture sector as this can provide alternative markets for local production and create jobs as well.
1. Attract the private investors and input dealers so as to extend the availability of seeds and fertilizer within the Assembly.
2. Engage private enterprises in the marketing and processing of food staples for local consumption, for instance by aggregating output from smallholders for bulk distribution and processing to generate economies of scale in the value chain.

Registration of Local Farmers

5. The Committee shall establish a center to register local farmers who are interested in growing crops, which will have ready market and support from private investors.
 1. The registration shall be in a form of co-operative which the farmers will be supported in diverse ways to increase their farm yields.
 2. The registration shall attract no "FEES" from the local farmers.
 3. It shall be restricted to farmers only in the jurisdiction of the Assembly.

Offence and Penalty

6. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Bye-law commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine for at least 100 penalty units and at most 250 penalty units, or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months, or to both.