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2022 INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (IDB):
“BUILDING A SHARED FUTURE WITH ALL LIFE”

The Parties to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) proclaimed the 22nd May of every year; to be celebrated as the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB); globally. The day was selected to reflect the day of the final agreement on the text of the Convention.

The objective of the celebration is to increase awareness at the local, national and global levels, of man's dependence on nature and its resources as well as to highlight Biodiversity as the answer to several development challenges, considering its roles in nature-based solutions to climate, health issues, food and water security, and sustainable livelihoods.

The theme for this year's celebration is **“Building a Shared Future with All Life”**.

To appreciate this year's theme, there is a need to once again remind of what biodiversity is and capture its link to the building of a shared future with all life. Biological diversity (biodiversity) is the term given to the variety of life on earth and the natural patterns it forms. The biodiversity seen around us today is the result of billions of years of evolution, shaped by natural processes and, increasingly, by the influence of humans. It forms the web of life we are an integral part of and upon which we so fully depend.

For us in Ghana, in observing the day, we would like to draw attention to the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) that is expected to guide member States for the period 2021 to 2030. As a State Party, Ghana is currently engaged with the global community to develop a biodiversity framework that will direct the path towards a shared future for all life. This vision sees all life living in harmony, with the purpose of reducing the loss of biodiversity or completely removing all the threats to having this harmony. By the end of this year, the Conference of Parties would have decided on a 10-year program of action in tandem with the UN declared Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.

The Global Biodiversity Framework will become the anchor on which the biodiversity-related Conventions such as UNFCCC, UNCCD, CITES, CMS and RAMSAR among others, will draw their strength of operation and collaboration to achieve the 2050 goal of living in harmony with nature. This requires that all loopholes identified at the national level, which make implementing such multilateral agreements difficult to enforce, are rectified.



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To build back better a future that can be shared with all lives, there is the need to adhere to some basic observations. For us as individuals, institutions, communities, MMDAs, MDAs and a nation, we are therefore called upon to contribute our quota, by supporting and participating in the government's tree planting exercise spearheaded by the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources; scheduled to take place on 10th June 2022.

We can also undertake cleanup exercises and participate in the "Operation Clean Your Frontage" programme being championed by the Greater-Accra Regional Minister, adopt measures to save and conserve energy, minimize waste and practice waste segregation, especially of plastic material from the rest of our domestic waste, ensure proper disposal of our electronic waste, reduce the use of disposable materials such as takeaway packs and choose reusable containers, don't litter and stay informed!

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#ForNature

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