

Turkish Ambassador pays courtesy call on Minister for Sanitation and Water Resources

The Turkish Ambassador to Ghana Her Excellency Madam Nesrin Bayazit on Wednesday September, 27, 2017 paid a courtesy call on the Minister of Sanitation and Water resources, Hon. Joseph Kofi Adda and Member of Parliament for Navrongo Central.

The courtesy call on the sector minister was to hold discussions with sector minister with the view to deepening bilateral ties between the two countries. Madam Bayazit congratulated the Minister on his appointment and said she was convinced that the appointment of Hon. Joseph Kofi Adda would bring a lot of transformation to the WASH sector. She indicated that the Republic of Turkey is keen on partnering Ghana to accelerate the development of the country.

Madam Nesrin Bayazit said one area where Turkey would be very much interested to invest is the area of waste management and recycling. She said in view of this, a lot of Turkish investors have expressed their desire to locate and established waste recycling plants in Ghana. She said this would be a great boast to the tourism industry in Ghana as well as promoting clean, good and healthy environment.

In the area of water supply, the Turkish Ambassador affirmed that her country would be constructing 500 bore holes in the country to complement government's effort to provide portable and affordable safe drinking water. She said her country would construct 22 dams to facilitate the government's agricultural programme.

She stated that her country is considering exchange programmes

with Ghana especially in the water sector to build the capacity of Ghanaian technicians.

On his part, the sector Minister Joseph Kofi Adda, noted the cordial relationship between Ghana and Turkey. He also acknowledged the assistance that Turkey has offered to Ghana over the years and hoped this relationship would be strengthened. Hon. Joseph Kofi Adda indicated that the establishment of the Ministry by the President Nana Addo Dankwah Akuffo Addo is to give real practical meaning to his vision of making Ghana one of the cleanest and neatest countries in Africa.

He said the appointment of President Akuffo Addo as co- chair of the Sustainable Development Goal by the United is a clear manifestation of the confidence reposed in him.

The sector Minister asked the Turkish Ambassador to use her influence to promote Turkish investments in Ghana. Present at the meeting were the Deputy Minister, Hon. Patrick Boamah, the Ag. Chief Director Mr. Joseph Obeng- Poku, the Managing Director of the Ghana Water Company Ltd, Dr. Clifford Braimah, the Executive Secretary of ESPA Madam Ama Ofori Antwi, and some directors of the Ministry.