

HIGHLIGHTS OF MAYOR'S SESSIONAL ADDRESS:

SECURITY

The security of the people of Kumasi is my number one priority. In order to achieve this goal,

- The KMA would procure and install CCTV cameras within the Central Business District (CBD) and known flash points. These would be networked to a central security monitoring system. The central security monitoring system would be managed by the Police and the Military to effectively monitor the activities of criminals within the metropolis.
- The Assembly would provide walkie-talkies for members of the Metro Security Committee, selected heads of departments, and heads of the security agencies to ensure effective communication and coordination of security activities within the Metropolis.
- The Assembly would also strengthen the Security Coordination unit with the appropriate security personnel to ensure that the maximum level of security prevails.
- The Metro Guards of the Assembly and the Task Force members would also be made available, equipped and properly monitored to enable them support the security agencies in providing security.
- The KMA would also seek support from donor agencies, friends of Kumasi, businesses and the international community to procure security combat vehicles as well as uniforms and other accoutrements to support the Police in their daily activities.
- The national security operatives would also be available to complement efforts at making Kumasi a safe place to live.

TREE PLANTING

KMA would halt all unauthorized developments and collaborate with key stakeholders to undertake a special “Greening Kumasi” project aimed at planting about **One Million trees** by 2017.

ENVIRONMENT AND SANITATION

The Metro Chief Executive has instituted a “Night Cleaning Squad” consisting of about 150 personnel from the metropolis to clear the filth generated at the Central Business District (CBD) during the day.

SPORTS AND TOURISM

- Sports will provide the platform for the Metropolis to showcase itself internationally and allows the advertising companies and other institutions to exhibit their products..
- KMA to promote sister-city sports competitions and tournaments in the metropolis and also liaise with the appropriate stakeholders to spearhead international conferences and events to attract investors into the city.
- KMA to organize Kumasi International Marathon for Sports men in Kumasi and Abroad and this will bring Kumasi to the world.

EDUCATION

The Metro Chief Executive promised to provide **200 Capacity Libraries** for all the **Nine (9) Sub Metros** alongside the provision of infrastructure and other amenities for schools in the metropolis during his term of office

INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENTS

The following programmes and projects are earmarked for implementation in 2013:

PROJECTS UNDERD DDF

Nineteen (19) projects were captured in the Action Plan under the DDF. **Three (3)** out of these were rolled over from 2012. The new projects are:

- 9no Education facilities

- 2No. Health facilities
- 1No Road project
- 3No. sanitation Project
- 1No. Security project

PROJECTS UNDER URBAN DEV'T GRANT (UDG)

Under the Urban Development Grant, 24 subprojects are being implemented. The projects are made up of:

- 13No. education projects
- 6No. Health projects
- 32No. mechanized boreholes with overhead tanks (one Lot)
- 2No. Road projects
- 5No. Sanitation Projects (in 2two lots)

Eighteen (18) of these projects are at different levels of completion. There are:

- 7no. at the substructure level
- 8no. at the Superstructure level
- 1no. Completed and
- 2no supplies on-going (Communal skip containers and school furniture)

PROJECTS UNDER DISTRICT ASSEMBLY COMMON FUND (DACF)

Sixteen (16) projects are being implemented under the DACF. All these projects, which were awarded about **five (5) years ago**, were rolled over.

REBRANDING KUMASI CITY

- **Holding of an International Conference in Kumasi known as “Invest in Kumasi”** – this is a conference in Kumasi intended to bring to the city; investors both local and foreign.
- **Creation of the Airport City:** - The Airport would be given a facelift to exhibit the status of the International Scenes
- **Cemetery:** A wall would be constructed around the Tafo cemetery, to beautify the environs.
- **Children’s Park:** KMA to rehabilitate the children’s park to an international standard.

MEDIA ACTIVITIES

NEWS PAPER

The Assembly is coming out with a weekly newspaper with the name **KUMAIANO**. The newspaper is expected to project the Assembly by publishing unfolding events including all development related issues in the metropolis.

KMA WEBSITE

Redesigning of the Assembly’s website is complete.

STREET NAMING

- KMA’s Street-Naming and house numbering project which commenced in 2002 would be reviewed in line with the current National Guidelines.
- the consultant, ASI-ZIP Code Systems Limited, has reported that the assignment is 22% percent complete.

- There is therefore the need to inaugurate a 13 member street Address Team, with the Town & Country Planning Department as the head agency in line with the national policy to kick start the project.

SISTER-CITIES PROGRAMME

KMA will continue to strategically explore the opportunities of the sister-cities concept.

At present, Kumasi has three active relationships with Almere in the Netherlands, Dortmund in Germany, and Atlanta in USA; and their current areas of interests are environmental sanitation and knowledge management, climate change and cultural exchange respectively. These relationships are certainly going to be strengthened while some efforts will be made to revive the dormant ones such as Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso and Wichita in USA.

To realize the potential benefits of sister-cities concept, KMA will:

- i. Re-visit the Sister-Cities Committee
- ii. Strengthen the coordination mechanism
- iii. Re-design the sister-cities programme.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

- The Staff Strength of the Assembly as at the end of April, 2013 totaled 1,508, made up of 856 mechanized staff, 580 non-mechanized staff, 72 other category of officers who have recently been posted from other Assemblies and the Local Government Secretariat respectively.
- Staff will be motivated in various ways to bring out the best in them to enable them give of their best in the service with commitment and dedication.
- Plans are far advanced to introduce the clock-in system to check lateness and absenteeism.