

The Tamale Economic Summit G+ Hangout Series: #TamaleSummit: The Role of the Northern Native in Development



The second in a two-part G+ Hangout series* leading up to the inaugural [Tamale Economic Summit \(TES 2014\)**](#) will focus on the role of Northern natives in development, while exploring migration and investment trends and flows and the influence of Ghana's North-South divide on opportunities and solutions. Linked to the TES 2014 agenda for transformation in Northern Ghana, a special focus will be on agribusiness, entrepreneurship and technology.

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Time: 12pm-1pm (GMT)

Channel: Google Hangout, YouTube Live Stream, & Twitter Chat

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Panelist Profiles

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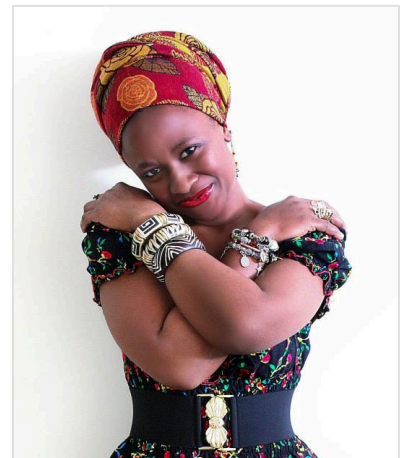
Abdul Ghaffar practices as a professional urban development planner and municipal finance consultant and is a native of Ghana's Northern region. He is the Chief Executive Officer of DevtPlan Consult, a development consultancy with offices in Accra and Kumasi, and has been involved in a number of local and development partner-funded projects on governance, social accountability, urban development, and monitoring and evaluation. Abdul Ghaffar secured his MPhil and Bsc (Hons) degrees in planning from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi.



Yaganoma Baatuolkuu – Manager, Wanjo Foods – @WanjoFoods

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Yaganoma is a Dagara from Nandom in Ghana's Upper West region and grew up in Burkina Faso and Kenya. Yaganoma currently runs her own business processing indigenous crops, primarily from Ghana's three northern regions. She is passionate about issues affecting women in rural communities and has undergone training on gender and women's rights. The graduate of Accra's St. Mary's Secondary School, she studied fine arts at KNUST, later proceeding to the University of St. Andrews in Scotland for a graduate degree in managing creative industries. Yaganoma believes in being the voice for the voiceless and empowering women socially and economically.



John Stephen Agbenyo – Founder, Savana Signatures – @agbedela

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John Stephen is Founder and Executive Director of Savana Signatures, an ICT for Development non-governmental organization (NGO) working in the Northern and Volta Regions of Ghana with offices in Tamale and Ho. A dynamic social development worker, he has designed and conducted several ICT Training sessions for various groups in the Northern Region and is specialized in delivering information literacy training courses. He also worked as a local consultant to the International Institute for Communication and Development's (IICD) Ghana Community Information Centre leveraging programme in Northern Ghana. John Stephen holds a first degree in Education and a Masters in Development Communication.



Ruka Yaro De-Liman – CEO, Jamilullah Farm Enterprise – @RukaYaro
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Ruka is the Chief Executive Officer of Jamilullah Farm Enterprise; a Tamale-based business and industry leader in the production of high quality poultry products. Selected as part of the first batch of Washington-Mandela fellows under President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI), she is committed to growing opportunities for young people in entrepreneurship. The Camfed Alumnae Leader is a keen community development advocate, particularly concerning girl education. She believes that working together with determination will help influence the change we want.



Aliu Mikashini – Finance Manager, Izwe Loans Limited – @mikashini
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Having spent the last 8 years working in Ghana's telecommunications and finance sectors, Aliu has extensive finance, business analysis and management information systems skills and experience. He is passionate about business analysis and strategy and seeks to influence entrepreneurship in Africa through technology and energy and finance consulting. With his sights set on jumpstarting energy advisory services in Ghana, he also hopes to venture into the global energy sector. Aliu was the President of the Northern Students Union in the Ashanti Region and has traveled to both the Northern and Upper East regions. He currently works with Izwe Loans Limited as Finance Manager and enjoys programming, jazz, poetry and graphic art.



Nuong Faalong – Actress & Writer – @Nuongg
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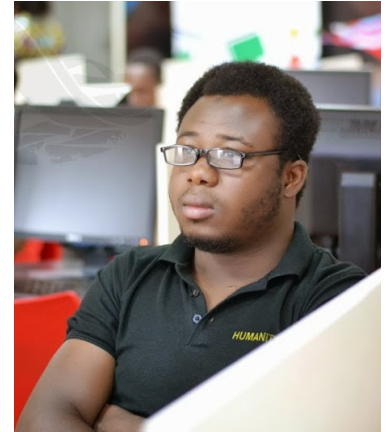
Nuong Faalong is a passionate, professional film, television and voice actress who maintains her love for writing by being a regular columnist on [ghanacelebrities.com](#) and [charlesnoviadaily.com](#). She was born in Tamale where she spent most of her early years, and later studied at Aburi Girls' where she served as the president of the Writers' Club. Nuong worked with Zenith Bank after securing her university degree in economics at the University of Ghana. She is an unrelenting human rights advocate, particularly issues relating to women, children, education and HIV. Nuong doubles up as a PPAG Spokesperson and an official UNAIDS goodwill ambassador.



Yakubu Habib Yakubu – Executive Director, CERT-Ghana – @kubu2011

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Yakubu is a senior staff nurse in the Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit of the Tamale Teaching Hospital in Ghana's Northern region. His experience offering intensive care training and maintenance led to his creation of the Ghana Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT-Ghana); a local NGO that trains local volunteers in first aid and emergency response techniques for accidents and disasters. Yakubu's civic engagement extends to the international scene with his volunteer activities for Humanity Road and the Standby Volunteer Taskforce as a digital (online) volunteer using web and mobile communications to respond to urgent needs for emerging disaster around the world. Yakubu has a Bachelor of Science degree for Nursing from Tamale's University for Development Studies and a Diploma in Registered General Nursing at the Tamale Nurses' and Midwives Training College.



Tungtaeya Abdel Majeed – CDO Analyst, US Bank– @unashamedafro

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A banker by day and entrepreneur by night, Tungtaeya Abdel-Majeed is a strong advocate of Northern Ghana. As a Northern native who is fascinated by the concept of identify, she believes more should be done in developing networks geared at education, business and rebranding of Ghana's Northern regions. She is currently working on three projects targeting the Dagomba community, including a woman's bee project. Taeya is currently pursuing her Master's degree in finance at the London Business School, while working with US Bank in the UK. She secured her BA in Economics and French at Lawrence University in the US.



Moderator Profiles

Jemila Abdulai – Founder & Editor, Circumspecte – @jabdulai

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A native of Northern Ghana, Jemila is the founder of Circumspecte, an online platform dedicated to meaningful insights, conversations and creative projects that inspire action. Drawing on her passion and experience in development, media, and technology, she frequently provides project and communications advisory services. Jemila is an avid blogger and has written for platforms like Devex, the LSE Africa Blog, and The African Executive Magazine. She hosts youth- and development-focused panels via Google Hangouts; and has participated in Africa-related discussions on Al-Jazeera and BBC. Jemila has a B.A. in Economics and French from Mount Holyoke College and a M.A. in International Economics and International Affairs from Johns Hopkins SAIS. She enjoys writing, traveling, reading and interacting across cultures.



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Prince is social media manager for Now Available Africa and a blogger at Cranchon.com. He served as a business development executive with India-based ACME Infotech and was a marketing officer at an engineering company in Ghana. A graduate of the University of Cape Coast, he was a two-term AIESEC president where he volunteered for four years, focusing on people and community development.

