GHANA

Capital: Accra

GEODATA

Area

238,540 km²

Major languages

English, Akan, Mossi, Ewe, Ga-

Adangme

Major religious groups

Indigenous beliefs (38%), Muslim (30%), Christian (24%)

Surrounding countries

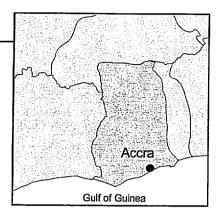
Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo

Population

19.5 million (2000 est.)

Population growth rate

1.9% (2000)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

National legislature

Single chamber: Parliament; multiparty

Leader

President John Agyekum Kufuor

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hackman Owusu-Agyemang

Minister of Trade and Industry

Kofi Konadu Apraku

UN Human Development Index (2001)

Ghana ranks 119th among 162 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$42.9 million (1999–2000)

Inflation rate

12.8% (1999 est.)

20% (1997 est.)

Unemployment rate

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$5.4 billion US (2000)

Real GDP growth rate

3.7% (2000)

GDP per capita

\$350 US (2000)

Main exports

Cocoa, gold, timber, tuna, bauxite, aluminum

Main imports

Capital equipment, petroleum, foodstuffs

Main exports to Canada

\$15.8 million (2000), including aluminum, gold, cocoa, wood, precious metals

Main imports from Canada

\$57.8 million (2000), including electric equipment, textiles, steel structures and parts, wheat and meslin

Canadian Representative

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