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### **Coalition of Organisations in STEM Urges Enhanced Collaboration with the Ministry of Education to Elevate STEM Education in Ghana**

Accra, Ghana – [March 10th, 2025] – The Coalition of Organisations in STEM (COS), a newly established alliance comprising private entities, non-governmental organizations, and dedicated Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEM/STEAM) advocates, is calling on the Minister of Education to prioritize collaboration with local STEM stakeholders to revolutionize STEM education in Ghana.

As committed partners in the nation's educational landscape, we acknowledge the government's efforts to advance STEM education. However, despite notable progress, there remains significant untapped potential within our educational system that could greatly benefit Ghanaian students and bolster the local STEM economy.

We recognize that education devoid of innovation can become a liability rather than an asset to our economy. COS is fully aligned with the Minister's vision to ensure that no Ghanaian child regardless of their background, gender, location or financial means should be left behind in STEM education, from primary through tertiary levels. We firmly believe that 21st-century STEM solutions, crafted by Ghanaians for Ghanaians, must be central to educational reform to foster a sustainable, innovation-driven economy.

Over the years, our coalition members have positively impacted hundreds of thousands of students through strategic partnerships and innovative STEM programs. Our collective expertise uniquely positions us to enhance STEM education by providing practical, scalable solutions that align with national educational objectives.

We are concerned that, despite the increasing focus on STEM championed by your predecessor, there has been limited engagement with local STEM experts who have demonstrated the capacity to elevate science and technology education in Ghana. This lack of collaboration has hindered opportunities for innovation, job creation, and the

development of a self-sustaining STEM ecosystem. We humbly pray that your leadership does not repeat this mistake from your predecessors.

To address this gap, COS is available to engage and assist you create an avenue for local STEM sector players to transform STEM education delivery from the primary level. This will create over 1,000 jobs for the Ghanaian youth and contribute to the 24-hour economy in local STEM design, tool manufacturing, training, mentorship and other related services. By integrating local expertise and resources, we can establish an inclusive and effective educational framework that enhances learning outcomes while driving national development.

We earnestly urge the Minister to actively engage with our coalition and other innovative and effective organizations paving the way in Ghanaian STEM to co-develop and implement innovative STEM initiatives tailored to Ghana's unique educational needs. Together, we can cultivate a robust STEM ecosystem that empowers the next generation of leaders, innovators, and problem-solvers, while creating jobs for Ghanaians under your leadership.

We are counting on your guidance to help realign educational training and capacity building to meet current global trends in the interest of our younger generation.

Signed,  
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