



**JOINT STATEMENT BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CIVIC
EDUCATION (NCCE), THE COALITION OF DOMESTIC ELECTION
OBSERVERS (CODEO) AND THE GHANA CENTER FOR DEMOCRATIC
DEVELOPMENT (CDD-GHANA) ON THE ELECTION 2016
COLLABORATIONS**

The NCCE, CODEO and CDD-Ghana wish to express our sincere apology to parliamentary candidates, Gbawe Mantse, opinion leaders, the citizens of Gbawe/Weija constituency and our media partners for the unfortunate incident that occurred on Saturday, 22nd October 2016 in relation to our joint mounting of a parliamentary candidate debate platform in Gbawe/Weija Constituency of the Greater Accra region.

While, there is broad understanding at the national level for the institutions to partner in carrying out these exercises in sixty (60) selected constituencies throughout the country, the confusion that led to the eventual decision to postpone the event was due to a miscommunication regarding specific roles that each partner was expected to play.

We wish to assure election stakeholders and the general public that the NCCE and CODEO/CDD-Ghana remain committed to supporting credible election 2016, and we will continue to work closely to promote civic/voter education and issue-based electioneering. Since 2000, our organizations have collaborated closely on many matters of citizen engagement with the electoral process and democratic citizenship. We will use this opportunity to formalize our partnerships so we can support Ghanaians in the exercise of their civic and voting duties.

We continue to encourage citizens and all candidates to take advantage of the opportunities presented through our various platforms to engage with citizens so we deliver a successful credible and peaceful election 2016.

Thank you.

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