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### EU TWIN CITIES PROJECT LAUNCHES SKILLS DEVELOPMENT TRAINING IN SEKONDI-TAKORADI

**Sekondi-Takoradi, 17 May 2023 (STMA)** – As part of activities to mark this year’s Europe Month celebration in Ghana, the European Union (EU) funded **Twin Cities in Sustainable Partnership Project (TCSP)** will formally launch its “2023 Skills Development Training” for vulnerable groups at the Sekondi Youth Center on Thursday 18 May 2023.

Europe Month is celebrated in May every year across the world to highlight EU values such as peace, democracy and solidarity. This year’s celebration in Ghana focuses on “**Celebrating Youth and Skills**”, in line with the launch of 2023 as the European Year of Skills which aims to put skills development for quality jobs centre-stage.

The TCSP Skills Development programme will **train 350 beneficiaries from vulnerable groups**, including unemployed women and youth, returnees and potential future migrants. They will be taught professional skills in Crop Production, Animal Husbandry, Aquaculture, Bio-digester Technology, Eco-friendly oven production and plastic waste recycling. The programme is part of **efforts to address the challenge of youth unemployment across Ghana**, by providing beneficiaries with alternative livelihoods to increase income and employment opportunities. Ultimately, the objective is to promote resilience of vulnerable populations in Sekondi-Takoradi.

The TCSP training programme will focus on two key areas: **Urban Agriculture Techniques and Green and Climate-Smart Production Technologies**. The Urban Agriculture training will equip youth and small-holder vegetable farmers with the right skills to take advantage of opportunities in the agriculture value-chain, from production to consumption. The Green and Climate-Smart Production Technologies training, on the other hand, will focus on recycling low-value plastic waste into marketable products, bio-digester technology, and production of eco-friendly ovens to deal with the issues of environmental pollution. The project will provide after-training support to well-deserving trainees, supporting them to set-up social enterprises. Additionally, 500 bio-digester toilets and 100 eco-friendly ovens will be provided for households in low-income coastal and fishing communities, respectively across the Metropolis.

The TCSP is a 3-year project implemented in the cities of Sekondi-Takoradi and Palermo (Italy) under the EU-funded Partnerships for Sustainable Cities programme. The TCSP aims to enhance the capacity of authorities to address the challenges of urban sprawl, climate change and inadequate social safety nets for vulnerable populations within cities.

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