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Access Bank leads push for Patient Capital to support MSME growth at GEXIM 10th Anniversary

Access Bank (Ghana) PLC has reinforced the urgent need for patient capital as a key driver of sustainable growth for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across Africa.

This position was articulated at a high-level panel discussion held as part of the 10th Anniversary celebration of the Ghana Export-Import Bank (GEXIM), under the theme *“Mobilising Patient Capital for MSME Growth and Sustainability: The Role of Development Finance and Export Credit Institutions.”*

Representing the Managing Director of Access Bank Ghana, Kafui Bimpe, Head of SME Banking, Access Bank African Subsidiaries, delivered insights on the importance of long-term, flexible financing solutions tailored to MSMEs. He joined a distinguished panel that included Cyril Amaechi Okoye, Secretary-General Association of African Development Finance Institutions, Andrew Akoto, Country Manager KPMG, and Angelo Dadzie, Special Advisor to the President of the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development.

Speaking during the session, Mr. Bimpe emphasized that the challenge facing MSMEs goes beyond access to capital to the structure and sustainability of that financing. “MSMEs do not just need capital, they need patient capital that aligns with their growth cycles, supports resilience, and enables long-term value creation,” he stated.

Mr. Bimpe further highlighted the critical role of Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) in providing long-term funding and risk-sharing mechanisms that enable commercial banks to lend more confidently to MSMEs. He also emphasized the importance of Export Credit Institutions in supporting businesses to scale into international markets.

He reaffirmed Access Bank’s commitment to supporting MSMEs with the Bank advancing over GHS99m in financing through various innovative financing models including Access Bank’s Instant business loan and the bridge-in-agric financing in partnership with MasterCard Foundation and CrossBoundary Group. The Bank has also strategically partnered with various national and international organizations providing targeted interventions across key sectors of the economy. “At Access Bank, we are focused on bridging the gap between global capital and local enterprise, ensuring that MSMEs are not only financed but positioned to thrive,” he added.

The panel discussion formed a key highlight of GEXIM’s 10th Anniversary celebrations, bringing together policymakers, financial institutions, and development partners to advance conversations around sustainable financing for Africa’s MSME sector.

About Access Bank (Ghana) PLC

Access Bank (Ghana) PLC, a subsidiary of Access Bank PLC., is a leading full-service commercial bank in Ghana. Committed to driving financial inclusion and providing innovative banking solutions, Access Bank continues to empower individuals and businesses across Ghana through its extensive product offering. With a strong focus on superior customer service, sustainability and digital transformation, the bank remains dedicated to supporting the unbanked, creating opportunities for financial growth, and ensuring that every customer enjoys seamless access to modern banking services.

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