



SOCIALIST MOVEMENT OF GHANA (SMG)

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**NEW YEAR SALUTATIONS OF THE WORKING PEOPLE OF THE WORLD AND
CADRES OF THE SOCIALIST MOVEMENT OF GHANA**

The Socialist Movement of Ghana [SMG] extends our militant seasonal greetings to the working people of the world including our members working in all parts of the country. We also offer best wishes to our comrades in Pan Africanism Today and the International Assembly of the Peoples.

We deeply appreciate the solidarity, the instruction, the example and the fortitude that all comrades provided in our work in 2021. The modest achievements of the SMG in 2021 were largely the result of the shared experiences of all our partners and comrades. Last year, we successfully transitioned from the Socialist Forum of Ghana to the Socialist Movement of Ghana and adopted a new constitution and framework for political work at both the local and international levels. The Amilcar Cabral School provided political education to hundreds of activists. Our media operations were largely successful. We continued to deepen our understanding of issues of gender and race and forged a network for working with the trade unions. The SMG is continuing to develop close working relations with fraternal organizations in the sub-region and intensifying its solidarity with national liberation movements across the globe. These include the Palestine Liberation Organization and the POLISARIO. We also continue to support the Governments and peoples of Cuba and Venezuela in their courageous struggle against the illegal blockade imposed on them by the United States of America. The Socialist Movement of Ghana is growing ideologically, institutionally, geographically, and numerically but we have a very long way to go.

2021 clearly demonstrated how the economic, political, and social institutions of capital have failed to resolve the concrete problems confronting the working people of the world. We were left in no doubt that the survival of our current civilization and its development cannot rely on the institutions of capitalism. Indeed, the outbreak of COVID-19 and its devastating impact shows that the motive force for social constructions cannot be profit. It has to be clear commitment to improving the lives of the peoples of the world.

The collapse of the Ghanaian economy after thirty years of unbridled neo-liberalism must point to the non-viability of the capitalist system. Currently, Ghana spends more than 128 percent of its total national revenue on debt servicing and public sector emoluments. The depreciation of the national currency is continuing in earnest and prices of general goods and services have risen fourfold over a period of five years. The extractive sector of the national economy is still controlled by multinational corporations originating from the colonial metropolis.

The SMG is in no doubt that 2022 is a year for intensification of exploitation and repression. This is the year in which the ruling elite will in desperation shift the burden of

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mismanagement of the world's resources to the working people by the imposition of draconian taxes. It will also become more repressive in the face of the people's resistance.

We are confident, that the working people of the world will prevail in the confrontation with capitalism and the decadent ruling class. The struggle demands the unity of the oppressed and the total dedication of Pan Africanists and Socialists around the world.

The SMG wishes all comrades a fruitful 2022.

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