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**"Ghana at the cross-roads in Democratic
and Economic Transition"**

WITH

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Ghana is said to be at mid-life, having successfully graduated from being an extremely poor, low-income country, into becoming an oil-producing lower middle-income country. Simultaneously, Ghana represents one of Africa's most stable democracies, successfully conducting free and fair elections in the last 2 decades, and handing over political power from one political party to another, previously in opposition, twice since 1992.

This presentation examines some of the success factors in these twin transitions; it discusses the nature of Ghana's 'mid-life' crisis associated with these transitions, using real-time, current events and decision-making challenges. The presentation concludes by exploring various strategies to develop sustainable transition processes that could lead to socio-economic transformation.

Dr. Sulley Gariba is a policy analyst and governance and evaluation specialist with over 30 years' experience in providing strategic advice to governments, and to regional and International institutions. Since January 2013, Dr. Gariba has been the Senior Policy Advisor to the President of Ghana and also the head of the Presidential Policy Delivery Unit. From 2010 to 2012, Dr. Gariba was the senior Development Policy Advisor to the Vice-President of Ghana. He is also a member of the President's Economic Management Team and a Commissioner and the longest-serving member on Ghana's National Development Planning Commission (NDPC). He was also the Executive Director of a policy research and development think-tank, the Institute for Policy Alternatives (IPA-Ghana).

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