

**SENIOR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TAN WU MENG
VISITS GHANA AND ETHIOPIA**

1. Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Trade and Industry and Foreign Affairs Dr Tan Wu Meng visited Ghana and Ethiopia from 10 to 14 December 2018.
2. At Accra, Ghana, Dr Tan met Deputy Minister for Trade and Industry Carlos Kingsley Ahenkorah, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Charles Owiredu, Deputy Minister for Energy Dr Mohammed Amin Adam and Deputy Minister for Works and Housing Freda Prempeh. They discussed a wide range of topics, including Singapore's interest to work with Ghana in areas such as Technical and Vocational Training and urban solutions. Both sides also reaffirmed the warm bilateral economic ties shared by Singapore and Ghana.
3. At Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Dr Tan called on Minister for Trade and Industry Fetlework Gebre-Egzihaber, State Minister for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Markos Tekle Rike, Deputy Mayor of Addis Ababa Endawek Abte and the CEO of Ethiopian Investment Commission Fitsum Arega where they discussed opportunities to grow Ethiopia-Singapore bilateral and economic cooperation.
4. During the trip, Dr Tan also visited Wilmar's soap and detergent factories in Ghana and Ethiopia and Olam's tomato paste factory in Ghana to understand their work in both countries and the opportunities in the various sectors. Dr Tan met representatives from Singapore companies in Ghana and Ethiopia, and members of the Ghana business community who shared their views on how Singapore and Ghana businesses could further deepen partnership and cooperation.
5. In 2017, bilateral trade between Ghana and Singapore amounted to S\$262.4 million, while bilateral trade between Ethiopia and Singapore stood at S\$67 million. Singapore companies' sectors of interest in Ghana and Ethiopia include agri-commodities, consumer goods, and hospitality and infrastructure.

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