

Petition for a social security agreement

UGAG - The Union of Ghanaian Associations in Germany has petitioned the Government of Ghana to start negotiations with the German Government to reach a bi-lateral agreement on a Social Security Agreement. The Petition was handed over to Mr. Ebenezer Apreku, Director of the Legal and Consular Bureau and head of the Diaspora Support Unit at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration- Accra, on 22 August 2012 by Mr. Daniel Dake, President of UGAG.

The Petition was signed by many Ghanaians in Bremen, Stuttgart, Freiburg, Worms, Darmstadt, Freundstadt, Karlsruhe, Munich, Cologne and Mannheim.

Petition for a social security agreement (Sozialversicherungsabkommen) between the Government of Ghana and the Government of Germany.

Cc:

His Excellency the President of Ghana, Accra

His Excellency the Ambassador to Germany, Berlin

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Accra

Joint Committee for Co-operation with Germany

IOM Germany

UGAG - Union of Ghanaian Associations in Germany is sending this petition on behalf of all Ghanaians in Germany to the Government of Ghana to enter into bilateral agreements with Republic of Germany which will primarily regulate the right to claim pension entitlements and the payment of pensions to fellow Ghanaians who wish to return to Ghana when on Pension. This agreement if in force will enable Ghanaian Pensioners claim 100% of their pension payment if in Ghana and not 70%.

Example: A Ghanaian gets 500.00€ Pension.

If this Ghanaian returns to Ghana he will be sent only 350.00€ (70%) and not 500.00€ because Ghana does not have a social security agreement with Germany.

The following countries have concluded bilateral agreements on social security.

Australia since 01.01.2003	Bosnia-Herzegovina since 1.9.1969	Brazil since 26.10.2011	Canada and Quebec since 01.04.1988
Chile since 01.01.1994	Croatia since 01.12.1988	Israel since 01.05.1975	Japan since 01.02.2000
Kosovo Since 01.09.1969	Morocco since 01.08.1986	Macedonia since 1.1.2005	Montenegro since 1.09.1969
Republic of Korea since 1.01.2003	Serbia since 01.09.1969	Tunisia since 01.08.1986	
Turkey since 01.11.1965	USA since 01.12.1979		

By Daniel Dake

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