



12th March, 2021

The Convenor
Accra World Book Capital 2023 Bidding Team
Accra

Dear Madam,

LETTER OF SUPPORT TO ACCRA FOR WORLD BOOK CAPITAL 2023

The leadership of African Publishers Network (APNET) writes to highly recommend the proposal of the Ghana Book Development Council (GBDC) in collaboration with Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) for Accra to be named World Book Capital for 2023. GBDC, AMA and other key stakeholders in Ghana have demonstrated their preparedness to fully maximise the outcomes of this initiative.

Since the institution of the World Book Capital in 2001 to date only two African countries: Port Harcourt in 2014 and Conakry in 2017 have been nominated; APNET will be glad to have Accra nominated as the World Book Capital 2023 and we will be glad to support the City in maximising the opportunities that such a selection would bring to the city which hosts the Secretariat of APNET. The World Book Capital will also help to attract positive national response to the call of the book industry players for book policies among other benefits including the promotion of libraries, literary heritage, reading, literacy as well as the development of human and national development.

African Publishers Network, established in 1992, has a membership of 42 national publishers associations and publishing communities to strengthen indigenous publishing throughout Africa. APNET's vision is to transform African people through books.

We remain optimistic that the aforementioned request will be favourably considered. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Samuel Kolawole
Chairman