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Ghana visas for all African Union members

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THE READING

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Ghana's president has announced his country will issue visas to all citizens of African Union member states. Anyone arriving in Ghana with a passport from an African Union nation will get a visa, which could be for up to 30 days. The president said the initiative was to bridge the gap between African citizens. He said: "With effect from July this year, we will be allowing citizens of AU member states to enter our country and obtain visas on arrival...and experience what our country has to offer. This measure, with time, should stimulate air travel, trade, investment and tourism."

The African Union commended Ghana's efforts in helping to bring Africa closer and reducing barriers. It said: "After Ghana...many other African countries will follow suit, in the interest of achieving an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa." It added that the visa policy would greatly benefit Ghana in its relations. More countries need to follow Ghana's example. Only 25 per cent of African countries offer visas to other African nationals. It is easier for U.S. citizens to travel to and within Africa than it is for Africans to visit each other's countries.

Sources: <http://www.africanews.com/2016/02/25/african-citizens-to-get-easy-entry-into-ghana-in-july/>
<http://www.newsghana.com.gh/au-agrees-to-ghanas-new-visa-rule-for-member-states/>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. issue visas | a. the gap |
| 2. Anyone arriving in Ghana | b. and tourism |
| 3. bridge | c. to all citizens |
| 4. citizens of | d. travel |
| 5. obtain visas | e. AU member states |
| 6. experience what our country has | f. with a passport |
| 7. stimulate air | g. to offer |
| 8. trade, investment | h. on arrival |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|----------------------|
| 1. The African Union commended | a. peaceful Africa |
| 2. helping to bring | b. barriers |
| 3. reducing | c. within Africa |
| 4. many other African countries will follow | d. Ghana's efforts |
| 5. an integrated, prosperous and | e. African nationals |
| 6. greatly | f. Africa closer |
| 7. offer visas to other | g. suit |
| 8. travel to and | h. benefit Ghana |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Ghana's president has announced his country (1) _____ to all citizens of African Union member states. Anyone arriving in Ghana with a passport from an African Union (2) _____ visa, which could be for up to 30 days. The president said the (3) _____ bridge the gap between African citizens. He said: "(4) _____ July this year, we will be allowing citizens of AU member states to enter our country and (5) _____ arrival...and experience what our country has to offer. This measure, with time, (6) _____ travel, trade, investment and tourism."

The African Union commended Ghana's (7) _____ to bring Africa closer and reducing barriers. It said: "After Ghana...many other African countries (8) _____, in the interest of achieving an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa." It (9) _____ policy would greatly benefit Ghana (10) _____. More countries need to follow Ghana's example. Only 25 per cent of African countries (11) _____ African nationals. It is easier for U.S. citizens to travel (12) _____ Africa than it is for Africans to visit each other's countries.

VISAS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about visas in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

