

**Message from Joseph Abban Mensah
On behalf of the People's Democratic Movement
Ghana**

Dear Comrades,

Greetings from Tarkwa in the Western Region of Ghana. Tarkwa is a well known mineral town in Ghana with the largest number of Gold Mining Companies and a Manganese Company. Despite this Tarkwa is one of the least developed towns in Ghana.

One will ask how this is possible. It is because all the companies are private multinational companies as such profits gained from the minerals go to private coffers; and that is privatisation and capitalism for you.

The case of Tarkwa is one of the many reasons why you are meeting here today. Your meeting here is not only about Britain or Europe but also about the whole world.

As you begin this important conference think about the millions of children who are out of school, think about millions of people being made redundant due to the so-called free market economy and privatisation, think about millions of people who are starving, and many others. In all these cases, the root cause can be traced to Capitalism. As socialists, we are the hope for the millions of people who continue to suffer due to capitalism.

We in Ghana believe that as socialists, we should use one of the major tools that has made capitalism what it is today; and that is the mass media. The capitalists continue to use the media to deceive millions of people into believing that socialism is evil while capitalism is good.

We believe that the major task ahead of we socialists is to educate the masses through the media. When this is done, the masses will one day surely realise the true worth of socialism.

We in Ghana say well done to the organisers of this conference and all the best to the comrades who are working on the "A World To Win" campaign.

Long Live Socialism!
Long Live A World to Win!