

Structure of the role-play and game master's tasks

As the game master, you monitor the process and make sure that the timings are kept to. The times in brackets serve as a guideline.

1) Game introduction (20 minutes)

Explain the structure of the role-play to the participants. Divide the participants into six groups of equal size and ask them to sit together in their groups.

Note

Suitable maps of Ghana and its oil reserves can be found at e.g. tullo-oil.com/operations/west-africa/ghana/jubilee-field.

2) Group stage (90 minutes)

Now distribute the materials to the individual groups.

Each group receives the following texts:

- „Situation description“ worksheet
- „China's loan offer“ worksheet
- Role description (each group takes on one of the six roles)

Each group should start by quietly reading through their texts. Answer any questions they may have. The groups will then have time to plan their strategy for the upcoming hearing.

3) Set-up for the hearing (10 minutes)

The group with the „*Ghanaian Independent* daily newspaper“ role is responsible for preparing the hearing. They need to prepare a podium with six seats (enough for one representative from each of the six groups). The remaining participants form the audience.

4) Hearing (45-60 minutes)

The editor-in-chief elected from the „*Ghanaian Independent* daily newspaper“ group moderates the hearing. As the game master, make sure that the time limits are kept: After the welcome and short introduction by the editor-in-chief, the representatives from groups 1-5 are given 2-3 minutes each for an opening statement. Next, the editor-in-chief asks the questions presented by group 6. After 30 minutes at most, the discussion should be opened to the floor. After another 15 minutes, there will be a vote on whether or not to accept the loan offer from China.

5) Evaluation (30 minutes)

The participants leave their roles. Discuss how the role-play panned out with the participants. Which arguments were particularly convincing? Also take a look at how events actually unfolded in Ghana.