



FANTEFEST

LONDON 2026

THE AHOBAA KESE FESTIVAL
– EUROPE EDITION

PRESENTED BY
OBOKESE FOUNDATION THROUGH THE FANTE PROJECT

Theme: **Mfantsefo Mfra Yie!**
(Fantes, Let Us Unite for Progress!)

Official Festival Dates
25-27 SEPTEMBER, 2026
LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM



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**Celebrating Fante Heritage, Culture,
Tourism & Global Connections.**

The Moment

The Rite Crosses The Atlantic

Ahobaa Kese has been observed within the Fante Nation since 1252. In 2026, it travels.

Ahobaa honours those whose sacrifice ensured the survival, continuity, and prosperity of the people. Staging the festival in London—where many descendants of the Fante Coast have settled and where centuries of shared history continue to shape relationships—is not simply a cultural export.

It is the rite extending itself across the water.

formally unveil the festival, engage stakeholders, and build momentum towards the historic celebration.

Accra Launch

Date: 6 July 2026

Venue: British Council, Accra, Ghana

Time: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

The Accra Launch will officially introduce FANTEFEST London 2026 to government agencies, traditional authorities, diplomatic missions, development partners, tourism stakeholders, media organisations, sponsors, and the Ghanaian public.

Why This Matters

- Approximately 135,000 Ghana-born residents live in the United Kingdom.
- More than 65,000 Ghanaians reside in Greater London, representing the largest concentration in the UK.
- Ghana–UK bilateral trade exceeded £1.5 billion in 2025, reflecting continued growth in economic cooperation.

London Launch

Date: 23 July 2026

Venue: Ghana High Commission, Highgate, London, United Kingdom

Time: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

The London Launch will formally unveil FANTEFEST London 2026 to the United Kingdom audience, bringing together diaspora leaders, cultural institutions, investors, business leaders, tourism stakeholders, development partners, media representatives, and strategic collaborators ahead of the September festival.

FANTEFEST London 2026 creates a platform where culture, heritage, diplomacy, tourism, investment, and development converge.

OFFICIAL LAUNCH EVENTS

As part of preparations towards FANTEFEST London 2026, two official launch events will be held in Ghana and the United Kingdom to



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GHANA LAUNCH

Date: **Monday, 6 July 2026**

Venue: **British Council, Accra**

Time: **2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

Time	Programme
1:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Registration & Networking
2:00 p.m.	Arrival of the Special Guest of Honour and Invited Guests
2:03 p.m.	Opening Prayer – Prophet Nhyiraba (<i>Christian Prayer</i>)
2:05 p.m.	Traditional Libation – Okyeame Kaya
2:08 p.m.	Ghana National Anthem
2:10 p.m.	Opening Cultural Performance – Chief Justice Empire Fante Ensemble
2:18 p.m.	Welcome by the Masters of Ceremony – E. Buckman & Gilda Annan
2:20 p.m.	Welcome Address – Nana Obokese Ampah I , <i>Executive Director, FANTEFEST London 2026 Secretariat</i> (10 mins)
2:30 p.m.	Chairman's Opening Remarks – HM Odeefuo Amoakwa Boadu VIII , <i>President, Central Regional House of Chiefs and Omanhen of Breman Asikuma Traditional Area</i> (7 mins)
2:37 p.m.	Cultural Interlude – Gomoa Cultural Troupe
2:43 p.m.	Diaspora Remarks – Mrs. Gifty Quainoo , <i>President, Mfantse Mpuntu Kuw of Great Britain & Northern Ireland</i> (4 mins)
2:47 p.m.	Traditional Community Remarks – Otumfuo Brimpon Nana Kwesi Essel , <i>Mfantsefohen –Ashanti</i> (4 mins)
2:51 p.m.	Solidarity Remarks – Teacher Kantanka , <i>Representative of Asanteman</i> (4 mins)
2:55 p.m.	Remarks – HM Daasebre Kwebu Ewusi VII , <i>Board Chairman, The Fante Project and Omanhen of Aboadze Traditional State</i> (8 mins)
3:03 p.m.	Presentation – Prof. Ernest Ofori Asamoah , <i>Chief Consultant, FANTEFEST London 2026 Secretariat: The Vision and Strategic Roadmap for FANTEFEST London 2026</i> (12 mins)
3:15 p.m.	Poetry Performance – Dasebre The Poet
3:20 p.m.	Remarks – Charles Kojo Walker, Esq. , <i>Lead Convener, Fante Business Summit</i> (7 mins)



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3:27 p.m.	Remarks – Hon. Othniel Ekow Quainoo , <i>Member of Parliament for Ekumfi</i> (5 mins)
3:32 p.m.	Musical Performance – Okoto Perry
3:40 p.m.	Remarks – Hon. Gilbert Abeiku Aggrey , <i>Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Ghana Tourism Authority</i> (5 mins)
3:45 p.m.	Remarks – Representative of the Office of the Vice President of the Republic of Ghana (5 mins)
3:50 p.m.	Remarks – Hon. Julius Debrah , <i>Chief of Staff, Office of the President of the Republic of Ghana</i> (10 mins)
4:00 p.m.	Special Guest of Honour's Address – H.E. Christian Rogg , <i>British High Commissioner to Ghana</i> (15 mins)
4:15 p.m.	Special Musical Performance – Bessa Simons
4:25 p.m.	Official Launch of FANTEFEST London 2026 Official Declaration of the Launch Joint Unveiling of the FANTEFEST London 2026 Festival Identity by Hon. Julius Debrah , <i>Chief of Staff</i> ; H.E. Christian Rogg , <i>British High Commissioner</i> ; and HM Odeefuo Amoakwa Boadu VIII Presentation of the Festival Identity to Guests Official Group Photograph
4:40 p.m.	Vote of Thanks – Sarah Dadzie Ampah , <i>Director of Protocol, Obokese Foundation</i> (5 mins)
4:45 p.m.	Networking, Media Interviews & Refreshments
5:00 p.m.	Close



GHANA LAUNCH
SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR



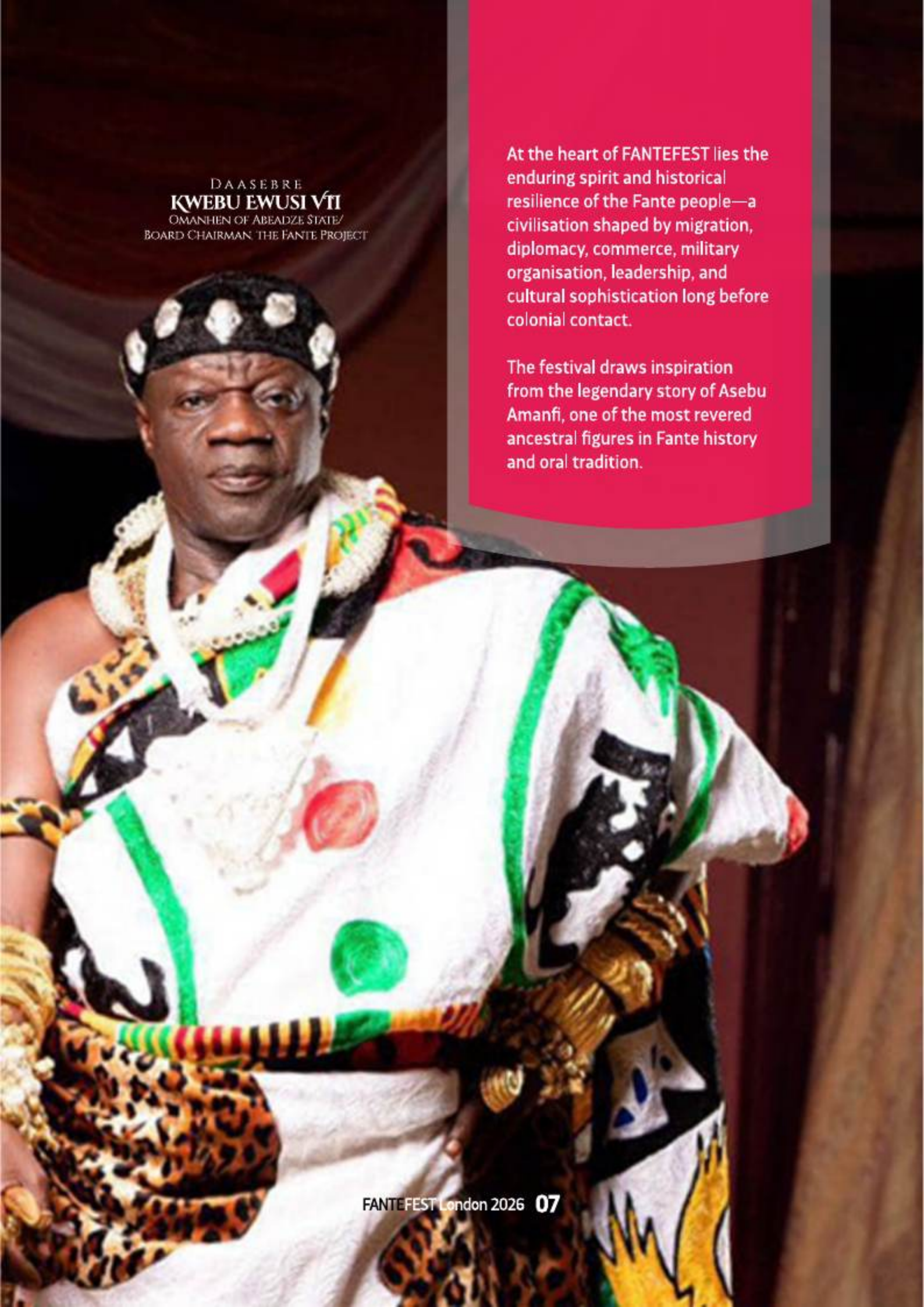
Background

FANTEFEST London 2026 is the international Europe Edition of the revered Ahobaa Kese Festival, a historic cultural celebration observed across the Fante traditional states of Ghana's Central Region, including Abura, Aboadze, Anomabo, Ajumako, Nkusukum, Gomoa, Ekumfi, Efutu, Kwamankese, Enyan, Asebu, and allied areas.

Traditionally, Ahobaa Kese represents a sacred period of purification, renewal, reconciliation, and unity—bringing together chiefs, elders, Asafo companies, families, and communities to reaffirm identity and collective progress.

**OSABARIMBA
KWESI ATTA TI**

OMANHEN OF OGUA
TRADITIONAL AREA



DAASEBRE
KWEBU EWUSI VTI
OMANHEN OF ABEADZE STATE/
BOARD CHAIRMAN 'THE FANTE PROJECT'

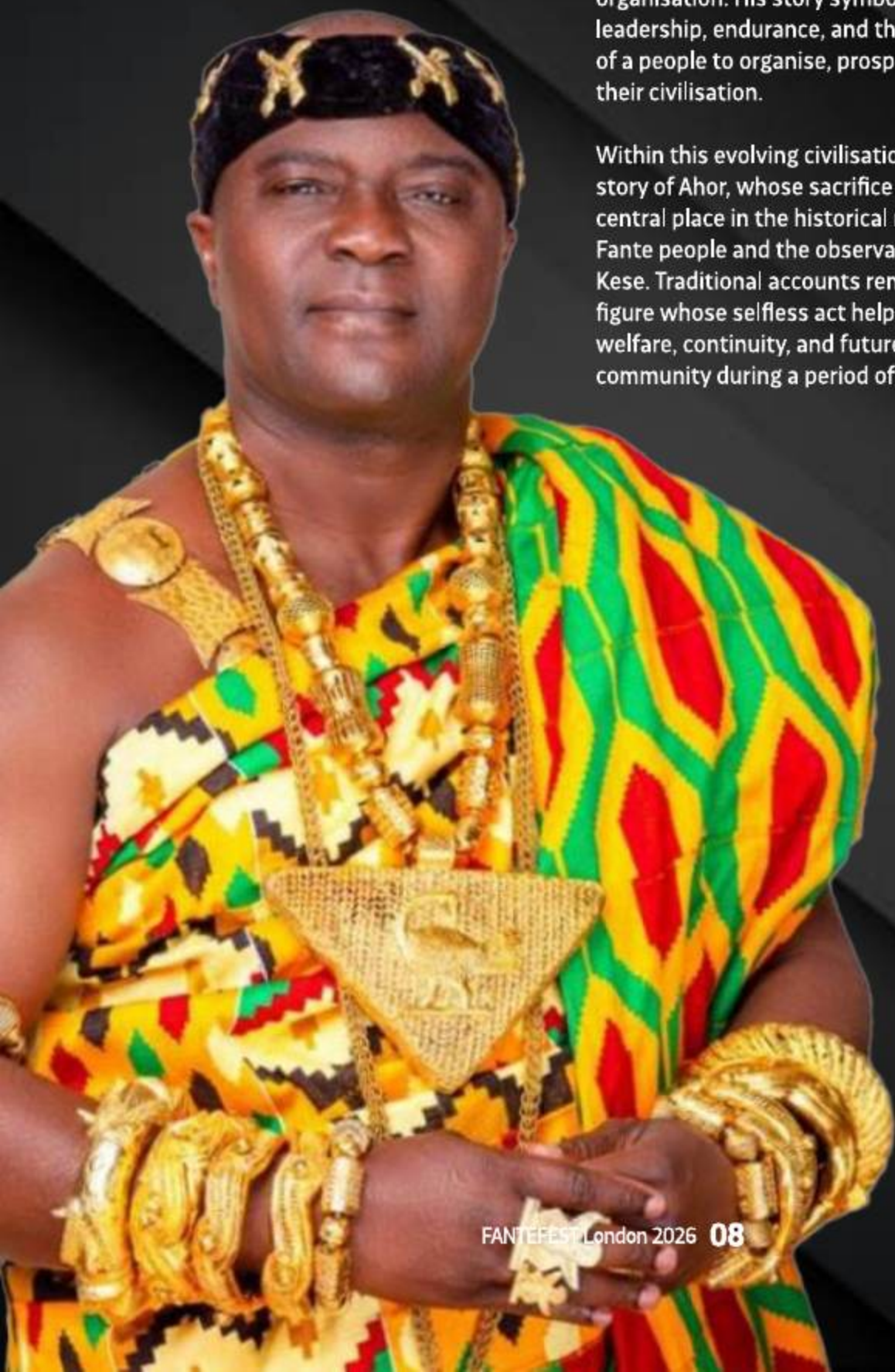
At the heart of FANTEFEST lies the enduring spirit and historical resilience of the Fante people—a civilisation shaped by migration, diplomacy, commerce, military organisation, leadership, and cultural sophistication long before colonial contact.

The festival draws inspiration from the legendary story of Asebu Amanfi, one of the most revered ancestral figures in Fante history and oral tradition.

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AMOAKWA BUADU VITI
PARAMOUNT CHIEF OF
BREMAN ASIKUMA TRADITIONAL AREA/
PRESIDENT CENTRAL REGIONAL
HOUSE OF CHIEFS

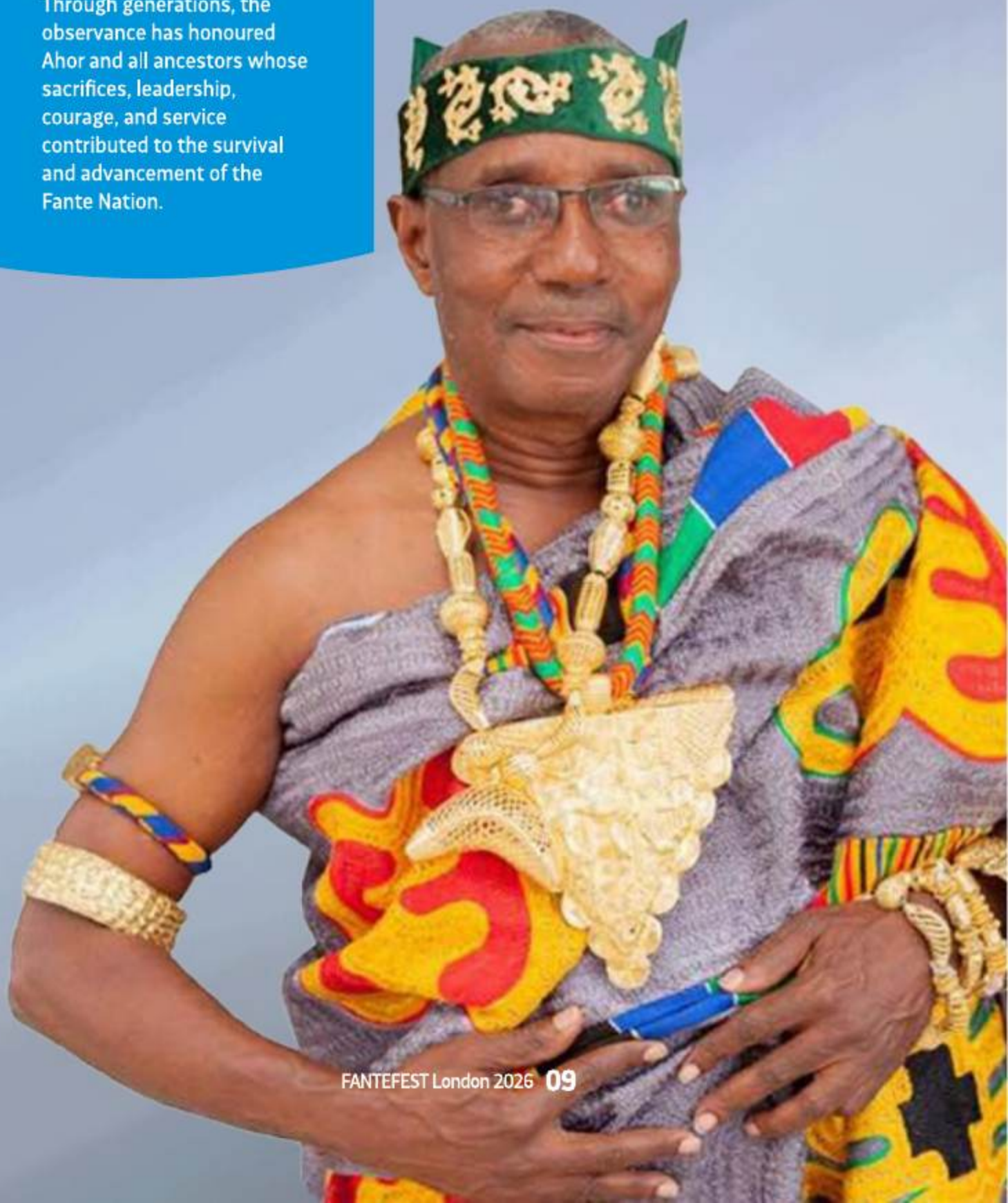
According to tradition, Asebu Amanfi led one of the earliest organised groups into the coastal regions of present-day Central Ghana, helping establish settlements and laying foundations for governance, trade, identity, and social organisation. His story symbolises vision, leadership, endurance, and the determination of a people to organise, prosper, and protect their civilisation.

Within this evolving civilisation emerged the story of Ahor, whose sacrifice occupies a central place in the historical memory of the Fante people and the observance of Ahobaa Kese. Traditional accounts remember Ahor as a figure whose selfless act helped secure the welfare, continuity, and future prosperity of the community during a period of great challenge.



Ahobaa Kese therefore evolved as more than a festival. It became a sacred act of remembrance, gratitude, purification, reconciliation, and renewal. Through generations, the observance has honoured Ahor and all ancestors whose sacrifices, leadership, courage, and service contributed to the survival and advancement of the Fante Nation.

**OKATAKYI
PROF. AMANFI VII**
OMANHEN OF ASEBU STATE



OSAGYEFO
AMANFO EDU VI

PARAMOUNT CHIEF OF MANKESIM
TRADITIONAL AREA

Today, FANTEFEST London 2026 carries this legacy beyond Ghana's shores, celebrating not only the achievements of the Fante people but also the enduring values of unity, sacrifice, resilience, identity, and collective responsibility that continue to define the nation.

A portrait of Nana Ama Takyiwa Titi, a Ghanaian singer and actress, dressed in traditional Ewe attire. She is wearing a black headband adorned with a yellow beaded headband. Her neck is covered with multiple strands of yellow and orange beaded necklaces. She is wearing a white wrap with vibrant, colorful geometric patterns in green, yellow, blue, and red. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred indoor setting with warm lighting.

**NANA AMA
TAKYIWA TITI**
GUANTUAHEMAA
OF NKUSUKUM
TRADITIONAL AREA

**OBREMPONG
NYANFUL KRAMPAH XI**
OMANHEN OF GOMOA AJUMAKO
TRADITIONAL AREA



EMINTSINMINIM
OTUXI
OMANHEN OF ABURA
TRADITIONAL AREA



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FESTIVAL DATES & PROGRAMME

Date	Programme	Overview
Friday, 25 September 2026 - Evening	Homecoming Dinner	An exclusive invitation-only welcome reception bringing together traditional leaders, government officials, diplomats, diaspora leaders, investors, development partners, business executives and cultural institutions. The evening sets the tone for the festival by celebrating heritage, reconnecting the global Fante family, and fostering strategic partnerships.
Saturday, 26 September 2026 - Morning	Trade, Tourism & Investment Symposium	A high-level forum showcasing investment opportunities in Ghana's Central Region and beyond. Discussions will focus on tourism, trade, agribusiness, the creative economy, diaspora entrepreneurship, infrastructure, education and sustainable regional development, connecting investors with government and private-sector leaders.
Saturday, 26 September 2026 -Evening	A Night of Fante Songs	A spectacular musical celebration tracing the rich evolution of Fante music, language and storytelling. From the timeless compositions of Ebo Taylor to the contemporary brilliance of Kofi Kinaata, the evening will feature legendary and emerging artistes in a vibrant showcase of Fante cultural excellence.
Sunday, 27 September 2026 -Evening	FANTEFEST Grand Ball and School Reunion Gala	The festival's prestigious closing event featuring a glamorous black-tie gala, live highlife music, awards and recognition of distinguished personalities and institutions. The evening will also host the School Reunion Gala, where alumni associations in the UK will sponsor development projects for their alma maters in Ghana. Participating schools include Mfantsipim School, Adisadel College, Wesley Girls' High School, St. Augustine's College, Holy Child School, Ghana National College, Aggrey Memorial Zion Secondary School and other leading educational institutions from the Central Region.

**H. E. SABAH ZITA
BENSON**

HIGH COMMISSIONER OF GHANA
TO THE UNITED KINGDOM
AND NORTHERN IRELAND



H.E. AQUINAS TAWIAH
QUANSAH
DEPUTY HEAD OF MISSION



**HON. EKOW PANYIN
OKYERE EDUAMOAH**
CENTRAL REGIONAL MINISTER



CHARLES KOJO WALKER ESQ.

LEAD CONVENER FANTEFEST LONDON 2026
BUSINESS SUMMIT





Why London?

London has been deliberately selected as host city because of the deep historical relationship between the Fante people and Britain, as well as its strategic relevance today.

For centuries, the Fante states played a significant role in trade, diplomacy, education, and political engagement along the Gold Coast through interactions with British institutions centred around Cape Coast and surrounding coastal settlements.

Today, these historical ties continue through:

- A vibrant Ghanaian diaspora
- Educational and professional networks
- Tourism and heritage connections
- Trade and investment relations
- Cultural diplomacy and exchange

As one of the world's most influential multicultural capitals, London provides an ideal global platform to celebrate this shared history while building future partnerships.



Organisers and Delivery Partners

Obokese Foundation

The Obokese Foundation serves as the festival owner and strategic lead institution.



The Foundation is committed to:

- Cultural advancement
- Heritage preservation
- Youth empowerment
- Diaspora engagement
- Community development
- Sustainable cultural initiatives

Its mission is to transform culture into a practical instrument for unity, opportunity, and development.

Responsibilities

- Strategic leadership
- Governance and oversight
- Traditional authority engagement
- Institutional partnerships
- Cultural diplomacy
- Sponsorship development
- Long-term sustainability planning

The Fante Project

The Fante Project is the Foundation's flagship strategic platform designed to transform Fante heritage into a living ecosystem of identity, opportunity, and measurable development.

It functions as:

- A Cultural System
- A Diaspora Bridge
- A Development Platform
- A Traditional Authority Support Structure
- A Creative Economy Engine

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My Runway Group (MRG)

My Runway Group (MRG) is the official London-based delivery partner for FANTEFEST London 2026.

**MY
RUNWAY
GROUP.**

MRG is a dynamic cultural, events, and experiential marketing company specialising in the design, production, promotion, and delivery of high-impact cultural, business, entertainment, and community engagement events.

As delivery partner, MRG will provide:

- Event production and operations management
- Venue coordination and logistics
- Event marketing and audience development
- Corporate engagement and stakeholder relations
- Sponsorship activation and brand partnerships
- Media and publicity coordination
- Hospitality and guest experience management
- Programme delivery and event execution

Through its expertise and extensive UK network, MRG will help ensure that FANTEFEST London 2026 meets international standards while preserving the authenticity and cultural integrity of Ahobaa Kese.

Heritage Promotions

Heritage Promotions is the official Ghana-based delivery partner for FANTEFEST London 2026.



Based in Cape Coast, Heritage Promotions is a leading events, entertainment, and cultural development agency with extensive experience in the planning, promotion, and delivery of major cultural and entertainment initiatives across Ghana.

The organisation is widely recognised as the producer and organiser of the Central Music Awards, a premier regional awards platform dedicated to celebrating artistic excellence, cultural expression, and the growth of the creative economy within Ghana's Central Region.

As local delivery partner, Heritage Promotions will provide:

- Local stakeholder engagement and community mobilisation
- Coordination with traditional authorities and cultural institutions
- Creative industry participation and talent engagement

- Festival publicity and media relations within Ghana
- Cultural programming support
- Tourism and heritage promotion initiatives
- Event logistics coordination between Ghana and the United Kingdom
- Youth and community engagement activities

Through its strong networks within the cultural, tourism, entertainment, media, and traditional sectors, Heritage Promotions will help ensure that FANTEFEST London 2026 remains authentically connected to its roots while strengthening participation from communities across the Fante traditional areas and the wider Central Region.

Together, the Obokese Foundation, The Fante Project, My Runway Group (MRG), and Heritage Promotions provide the strategic leadership, cultural authenticity, operational capacity, diaspora reach, and international partnerships required to deliver FANTEFEST London 2026 as a world-class celebration of Fante heritage, tourism, culture, and development.

EDWINA GILDA ANNAN
(AKA AUNTIE NYANIBA)
MEDIA PERSONALITY/
AMBASSADOR





NANA OBOKESE AMPAH I
FOUNDER & CEO OF OBOKESE FOUNDATION /
APEGYAIIEN OF ASEBU TRADITIONAL AREA





BESSA SIMONS
PRESIDENT OF MUSICIANS
UNION OF GHANA

AMBASSADOR



Purpose of FANTEFEST London 2026

The festival seeks to:

- Promote and safeguard Fante heritage
- Unite Fante communities globally
- Celebrate UK-Ghana cultural relations
- Strengthen intergenerational identity
- Drive tourism and economic opportunity
- Encourage diaspora investment
- Showcase Ghana's creative industries
- Enhance Ghana's cultural visibility internationally
- Reconnect younger generations to Fante history
- Celebrate the resilience and achievements of the Fante civilisation



Strategic Relevance to the United Kingdom

FANTEFEST London 2026 aligns with values of:

- Inclusion
- Multicultural engagement
- Heritage preservation
- International cooperation
- Community development

- Educational institutions
- Tourism stakeholders
- Local authorities
- Private sector partners

It strengthens people-to-people relations between Ghana and the United Kingdom through culture, commerce, and soft diplomacy.

The event offers opportunities for collaboration with:

- Government institutions
- Cultural organisations



The FANTEFEST Team held a successful and productive meeting with the British High Commission to discuss strategic cultural partnerships, heritage promotion, and international collaboration ahead of upcoming FANTEFEST activities.



Environmental Campaign Initiative

Clean Our Coastline Campaign

Beyond celebration, FANTEFEST London 2026 will launch an international environmental advocacy initiative:

“Clean Our Coastline Campaign”

The campaign seeks to address growing challenges affecting many coastal Fante communities, including:

- Plastic pollution
- Poor sanitation
- Marine degradation
- Coastal erosion
- Threats to tourism assets
- Public health concerns

Campaign Objectives

- Raise international awareness
- Encourage community-led clean-up activities
- Inspire youth environmental stewardship
- Attract institutional support
- Promote sustainable tourism
- Strengthen civic responsibility

By connecting heritage with environmental action, the initiative seeks to preserve the beaches, lagoons, and coastlines that shaped Fante civilisation for future generations.



Planning Committee Members



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PLANNING COMM. MEMBER

Fante Chiefs Courtesy Call On British High Commission, Accra

23rd June, 2026





Conclusion

FANTEFEST London 2026 is a landmark cultural, tourism, diaspora, and development initiative presented by the Obokese Foundation through The Fante Project and delivered in partnership with My Runway Group (United Kingdom) and Heritage Promotions (Ghana).

FANTEFEST is not only a festival.

It is the beginning of a movement.

"Our Coastline Is Our Heritage."

"Honouring Our Ancestors. Uniting Our Future."

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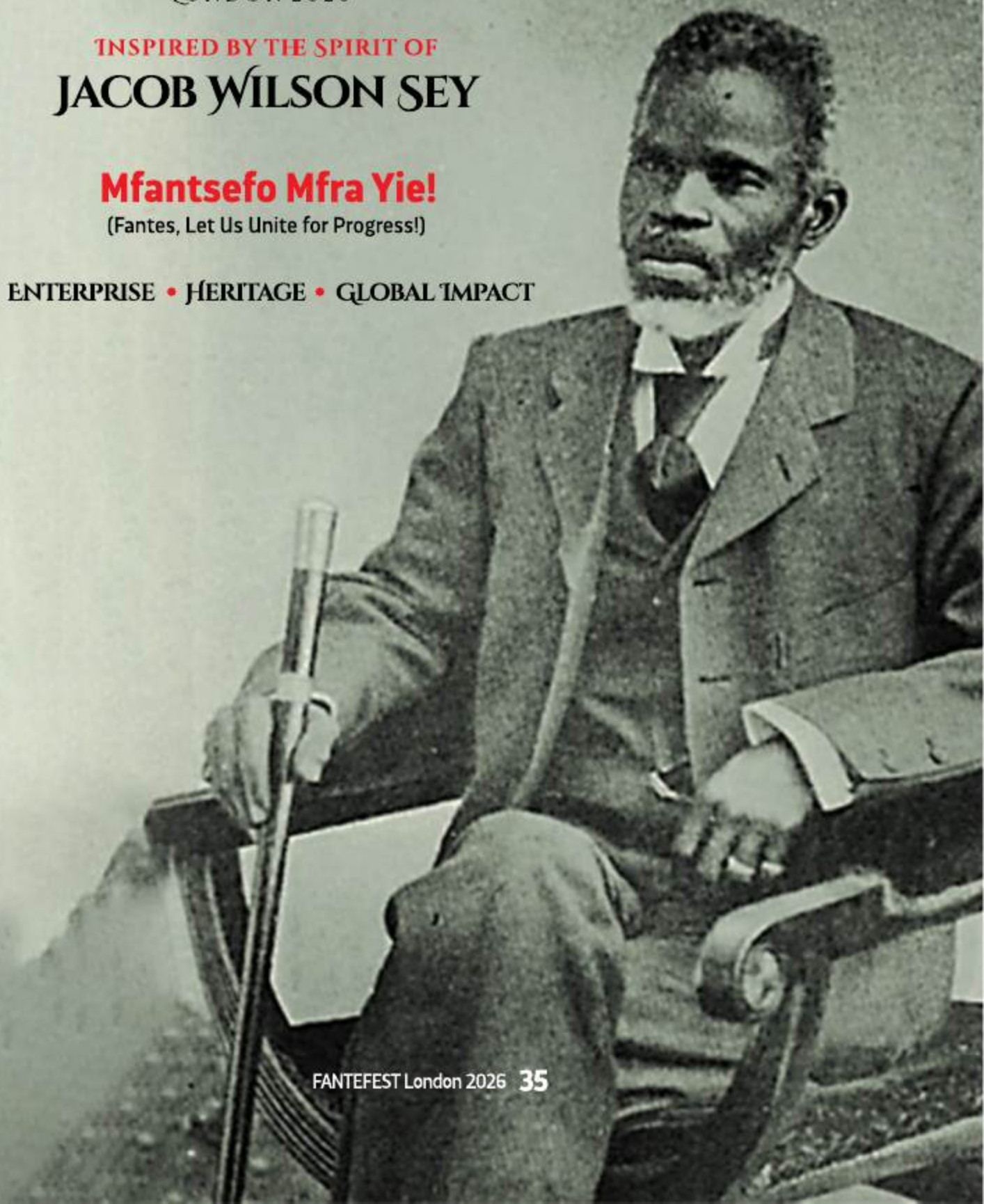


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