



H.E Paa Kwesi Bekoe Amissah-Arthur, was born in Cape Coast in the Central Region on the 29th of April 1951. He had his General Certificate of Education ‘O’ and ‘A’ Level at the Mfantshipim Secondary School in Cape Coast from 1964 to 1971.

He proceeded to the University of Ghana, Legon where he obtained the B.Sc. in 1974 and M.Sc.in 1976, both in Economics. He wrote his thesis on “Public policy and economic growth. A model of economic growth-Ghana, 1956-1974” He is married with two children.

Amissah-Arthur lectured at the Department of Economics at the University of Ghana between 1980 and 1988. Prior to this, he was a research assistant at the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research between 1974 and 1975.

He later joined the Economics Department of the University of Ghana as a teaching assistant from 1977 to 1978 going on to become an assistant lecturer in 1979. He has also been a lecturer at the Department of Economics, Anambra State College of Education, Awka, Anambra State, Nigeria. (August, 1981 – July, 1983).

Between 1983 and 1986, Amissah-Arthur served as a special assistant to the PNDC Secretary of Finance and Economic Planning, Dr. Kwesi Botchwey in the Provisional National Defence Council. He became a Deputy Secretary for finance in the PNDC government from February 1986 until March 1993. From April 1993, he continued as the Deputy Minister for Finance in the first National Democratic Congress (NDC) government after the establishment of constitutional rule until March 1997. He was responsible for the preparation of the Annual Public Investment Programme, Management of the budget of the Government of Ghana and managing the bilateral and multilateral assistance to Ghana.

He worked as a Consultant for the World Bank in The Gambia and also served as a consultant for the Netherlands government Education project in Ghana. Between 1998 and 2000 he worked as Senior Economist for the Sigma One Corporation in Ghana. Between 2001 and 2002, he was on assignment for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark.

Amissah-Arthur was appointed Governor of the Bank of Ghana in October 2009 by H.E. President Mills. He held this position till 6 August 2012 when he became the Vice President of Ghana.

