

Fostering Commitment & Leadership for Philanthropy's Engagement in the Post-2015 & Ghana's Development Agendas



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Fostering Commitment and Leadership for Philanthropy's Engagement in the Post-2015 Development Agenda for Ghana

Thursday, 9 July 2015, 8.00-17.00

La Palm Royal Beach Hotel, Labadi Road

Purpose

Ghana was one of the 50+ countries selected to host national consultations to contribute to defining potential priorities for the Post-2015 Development Agenda, as well to reflect on issues of implementation and the 'how', while drawing lessons for localization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It also has an active inter-governmental group supporting the intergovernmental negotiations on the SDGs. The implementation is expected to benefit from multi-stakeholder partnerships and engagement. Philanthropic foundations are contributing to global and local development debates and implementation at national levels. Yet at the national level, systematic engagement of philanthropy is often missing, as is data on their contributions even in a country such as Ghana which has a vibrant NGO and philanthropic sector.

Through this workshop, participants will help to identify priority problems that philanthropy can more effectively address through collaborative efforts and systems-based approaches. The workshop will also serve as a milestone rallying call for defining joint initiatives and working together on commitments going forward. Specifically:

- In thematic areas identified as priorities for Ghana, participants will create stronger linkages and identify opportunities that go beyond pilot projects to systemic problem-solving between the UN, foundations, civil society and the government, to achieve scale and deeper impact.
- Connections will be strengthened between the organizers and other partners who want to "plug in" through greater use of data and information.
- Participants will explore concrete ways for foundations and their partners to develop a structured dialogue with the government and the UN, as well as private sector and civil society, in leveraging resources for common objectives.

Agenda

8:00 Registration opens. Networking opportunity over refreshments

8:30 **Welcome and Setting the Scene for the Workshop**

Honorable Mona Quartey, Deputy Minister of Finance

Dominic Sam, Country Director, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Edmund Cain, Vice President for Grant Programs, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

9:00 Meeting the Post-2015 Ambition in Ghana: Best Pathways to Link Global Goals, National Priorities and the Efforts of Philanthropy

A moderated conversation between speakers followed by Q&A:

Dr. Edith Tetteh, Commissioner, National Development Planning Commission (NDPC)

Christine Asare, Director SEA Unit, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Innocent Chukwuma, Representative for West Africa, Ford Foundation

Moderator: Christopher Johnston, Sr. Manager, Research and Policy, The MasterCard Foundation

10:00 The Post-2015 Partnership Platform for Philanthropy

Karolina Mzyk-Callias, Policy Specialist, Foundations, UNDP

Angela Hariche, Director, Foundation Center

10:15 Break

10:30 Enabling Environment for Philanthropy and Partnerships in Ghana: stakeholder perspectives

Kizzita Mensah, Senior Lawyer, Reindorf Chambers

Joann Ofori, head, Administration & Human Resources, Donewell Insurance Company

Emos Ansah, Manager, KPMG International Development Advisory Services (IDAS)

Moderator: Pearl Darko, Director, African Philanthropy Forum (APF)

11:15 Data and Knowledge Management: Building Blocks for Effective Collaboration: Opportunities and Challenges for the Post-2015 Agenda in Ghana

Jacqueline Anum, Representative from Ghana Statistical Service(GSS)

Theo Sowa, Chair, African Grantmakers Network (AGN)

Charles Abugre, CEO, Savannah Accelerated Development Authority (SADA)

Samuel Aggrey, Representative, Ministry of Finance

Moderator: Angela Hariche, Director, Foundation Center

Brief presentations and a discussion with the audience will illuminate the situation and opportunities in Ghana vis-à-vis requirements for more effective philanthropic financial and programmatic data sharing and analysis for the Post-2015 Agenda.

12:15 Lunch

13:15 [Overview of afternoon session and segue into 3 concurrent thematic workshops](#)

Session Methodology

Each session will begin with a brief overview of the theme in Ghana, which may include data points to share (statistics); current government priorities; the Sustainable Development Goals and associated targets related to this theme; and the landscape of philanthropic giving on this theme.

Moderators and rapporteurs/note takers will capture the assessment of existing work and initiatives, stakeholders, existing partnerships, and identification of gaps where participants believe more collaborative efforts between foundations, UN, government, private sector and civil society organizations would enable faster, deeper achievement of SDGs.

The session will examine how existing or new collaborations can be strengthened by new and more diverse partners, and what would need to happen for this involvement to become a reality.

Themes for Breakout Workshops

Workshop 1: Education (including vocational training and skills development)

Key questions for this session:

- Ghana has seen strong progress in the Education sector with improved performance in enrollment rates, literacy and other measures. However, challenges remain in terms of completion rates, reaching the most marginalized, and building a high quality system for Technical and Vocational Education & Training. How can development partners and philanthropy support the Government of Ghana to reach its objectives in Education?
- What are the challenges and priorities for Ghana in reaching SDG 4: *Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all?*
- What is the unique role for philanthropy in Ghana in support key actors in basic, secondary and tertiary education, as well as TVET?

Panelists

Charles Aheto-Tsegah, Ag. Executive Director, National Council Curriculum and Assessment, Ghana Education Service

Dr. Augustine Tawiah, Executive Secretary, National Teaching Council

Dolores Dickson, Executive Director, Camfed Ghana

Araba Botchway, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, Ashesi University

Christopher Johnston, Senior Manager, Research & Policy, The MasterCard Foundation

Moderator: Tirso Dos Santos, UNESCO Head of Office & Representative

Deliverables from this session should include concrete recommendations that address the questions above, new partnerships or specific task forces, or information exchange mechanisms.

Workshop 2: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH Sector)

Key questions for this session:

- Despite significant investment by official donors and philanthropy in recent decades in the WASH sector, there are enduring challenges related to functionality, quality and sustainability - so how can philanthropy support the Government of Ghana to address these challenges in meeting their 2030 Plan on WASH (or other relevant national plan)
- What resources will government need to achieve SDG 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for *all*?
- What catalytic role can philanthropy play in providing collaboration among government, civil society and the business community work together to achieve lasting gains in this sector?

Panelists:

Fred Addae, Director of Water, Ministry of Water Resources, Works, and Housing
Ben Arthur, Executive Secretary of the Coalition of NGOs in Water and Sanitation (CONIWAS)
Vida Duti, Country Director, IRC International Water and Sanitation Centre
Magdalene Apenteng, Director of Public Investment Division, Ministry of Finance
Edmund Cain, Vice President for Grant Programs, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
Moderator: David Duncan, Chief WASH, UNICEF in Ghana

Deliverables from this session should include concrete recommendations that address the questions above (such as further landscaping of the WASH community, new partnerships or specific task forces, or information exchange mechanisms).

Workshop 3: Connecting the dots to promote jobs & livelihoods for youth & women

Key questions for this session:

- Stimulating inclusive businesses and provision of services: What are emerging areas for women and youth? How can philanthropic foundations contribute to strengthening livelihoods, employability and local enterprises?
- Financial Inclusion & Catalytic Financing Mechanisms: How can philanthropic entities work with government and stakeholders to promote financial and business literacy and access to finance? What types of innovative and integrated financing mechanisms can be supported to stimulate local development and businesses?
- Sustainable training Initiatives: What types of capacity building are most effective? How to ensure that training activities respond to the needs of the private sector, local market and service opportunities? How to connect 'capacitated' service providers (partnerships/entities for schools, health facilities, sanitation, renewable energy) to access markets and finance?

Panelists

National Employment Policy framework and employment focus in SDGs

- *Sammy Longman Attakumah, Chief Director, Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations*

Promoting diverse array of jobs – in the IT sector, and in value chains

- *Innocent Chukwuma, Representative for West Africa, Ford Foundation*
- *Dr. Sionne Rameah Neely, Knowledge Management Specialist, AWDF*
- *Dorothy Gordon, DG of Ghana India Kofi Annan Center for Excellence in ICT*
- *Gertrude Fefoame, Africa Social Inclusion Adviser, Sightsavers*

Inclusive Finance

- *Hermann Messan, Microlead Program Specialist, UNCDF Ghana*
- *Tony Fosu, CEO, Sinapi Aba Savings and Loans (SASL)*
- *Dr. William Derba, Director, Inclusive Banking & CSR, Inclusive Banking Unit, Fidelity Bank*

Experience sharing by partners

Moderator: Radhika Lal, Economic Advisor and head of Inclusive Growth Cluster
UNDP Ghana

Deliverables from this session should include concrete recommendations that address the questions above and facilitate potential partnerships, integrated approaches, or specific task forces, or information exchange mechanisms.

15:15 **Coffee break**

15:30 **Report back from workshop sessions with specific ideas for follow-up and next steps in the coming year**

Workshop Moderators or Rapporteurs

Facilitator: Karolina Mzyk-Callias, Policy Specialist, Foundations, UNDP

16:15 **Wrap up**

Dominic Sam, Country Director, UNDP

16:30 **Adjourn**

Wifi access: to be provided on the day of the event.

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Workshop Organizing Team

MC - Bossman Owusu

Angela Hariche, Bossman Owusu, Heather Grady, Karolina Mzyk, Karina Grosheva, Kordzo Sedegah, Lauren Bradford, Radhika Lal and Sylvia Sefakor Senu

Bios of Speakers

OPENING REMARKS



Hon. Mona Helen K. Quartey,
Deputy Minister of Finance

The Hon. Mona Quartey, currently the Deputy Minister Finance of the Republic of Ghana. She has broad treasury, risk management and corporate finance experience in the private and public sectors with close to twenty five years of banking and mining experience. Previously, Mrs. Mona Quartey served as a Partner of BVM Advisory Services. She also served as Business Banking Officer with Citibank NA, as Financial Executive with Citicorp's Investment Services, and as Financial as Advisor with American Express Financial Advisors. She was Group Treasurer for the AshantiGold Company Limited and Treasury Analyst with Ecobank Ghana. She has been a director on the boards of a number of companies, and most recently served as nonexecutive director of Merchant Bank (Ghana) Ltd.



Dominic Sam,
Country Director, UNDP
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Dominic Sam was appointed the Country Director of UNDP in Ghana in September 2013. He was previously the Country Director for UNDP in Liberia from 2008 to 2013; Acting Resident Representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization in the same country for 5 months until January 2012; Deputy Director for Country Office Support Division for Resources Mobilization in the Bureau for Resources and Strategic Partnerships, UNDP New York from December 2002 to November 2007. Prior to that, Dominic worked as the Portfolio Manager in the United Nations Office for Project Services, Africa Division from 1997 to 2000; and as an Assistant Resident Representative from 1991 to 1997 at UNDP in Cameroon. Before joining the UN system, Mr. Sam worked as a Senior Planning, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer with the North-West Development Authority in Cameroon between 1987 and 1990.



Edmund Cain,
Vice President for
Grant Programs,
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Edmund J. Cain oversees all domestic and international grant programming at the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, including overall responsibility for the Foundation's strategic planning. Prior to joining the Foundation, Cain served as Director of The Carter Center's Global Development Initiative, which facilitated national development strategies in post-conflict countries. A senior member of The Carter Center's Peace Program team, Cain advised former President Carter on global development issues and participated in election monitoring missions. Prior to that, Cain had a long career with the United Nations serving in Malaysia, Myanmar, and Afghanistan, and was a UN Resident Coordinator in Turkey and Egypt. He was also the first Director of the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) Emergency Response Division. In that capacity he oversaw the formulation of UNDP's disaster response policy and led missions to war-torn and disaster-affected countries. Cain also served in the UN Secretariat as the Chief of Staff to the UN Undersecretary General for General Assembly and Political Affairs. .



Edith F. Tetteh,
Commissioner, National
Development
Planning Commission
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Dr. Edith Tetteh is currently the Director of Research at the Centre for Health and Social Services (CHeSS). She represents the Volta Region as a Commissioner on the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC). She has over 30 years of experience in public health and development communication. She is also a part-time faculty member of the School of Public Health College of Health Sciences, University of Ghana, Legon. In the past she has served as Vice-Chairperson of the Commission and has held various other assignments including being a capacity-building team leader with USAID/AED/GSCP, where she managed capacity-building activities at national, regional and district levels of Ghana's health care delivery system in support of reproductive and child health, and HIV/AIDs prevention, care and support. She has published widely and consulted on numerous public health assignments for projects funded by UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO, USAID, DFID, Plan Ghana and World Vision Ghana-Dutch Collaboration for Health Research and Development. .



Christine O. Asare,
Director, Environmental
Protection Agency (Strategic
Environmental Assessment
Unit)

She has had an exceptional career spanning over a period of 25 years working in the environment sector. She was the Deputy National Focal Person for Rio+20 and conducted negotiations on behalf of Ghana as part of G77 plus China Group. Her areas of specialty include Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Environmental Governance, Environmental law and International negotiations. Her work and experiences have been focused in the development of training modules, capacity building in SEA and the coordination of strategic environmental assessment of the Ghana Poverty Reduction Strategy (GPRS), the energy sector, water and transport sectors in Ghana. She has also been involved in project formulation, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of environmental impact assessment studies with particular focus on social impacts. As the project head and coordinator of the Ghana Environmental Assessment Support Project, she facilitated SEA training for local as well as international personnel and was involved in the review of environmental management plans, socio-economic studies and the incorporation of gender factors into projects. She has also contributed to ensuring that environmental issues are mainstreamed into public planning processes in bid to achieving the MDG 7.

Innocent Chukwuma, Representative for West Africa,
Ford Foundation



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Innocent Chukwuma serves as representative for the Foundation's office in West Africa. He oversees all grant-making in the sub-region from the Lagos office, which has the mission to ensure that all people have equal access to economic and social opportunities. In this position, Innocent manages the work on issues of democratic and accountable government, freedom of expression, and sexuality and reproductive health and rights issues. In addition, Innocent makes grants to support arts and culture. Innocent is a globally renowned advocate for human rights and good governance. Before joining the foundation in 2013, he founded and led the CLEEN Foundation to promote public safety, security and accessible justice in West Africa. CLEEN was the first African NGO to receive the prestigious MacArthur Foundation Creative & Effective Institutions Award. In addition, Innocent has held various posts within the Civil Liberties Organization, one of Nigeria's first human rights organizations. He was also the chair of the Altus Alliance, a global network of nonprofits. Innocent is the recipient of numerous honors, including the Reebok International Human Rights Award. He served as visiting lecturer at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, where he designed and taught a course on the management of nonprofits in the Global South.



Christopher Johnston,
Sr. Manager, Research
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The MasterCard
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Chris Johnston is Senior Manager for Research & Policy with The MasterCard Foundation, based in Toronto. He returned to Canada in 2014 following diplomatic postings with the Government of Canada in Afghanistan and in South Africa where he managed Canada's development cooperation programs and policy engagement in a range of countries in Southern Africa. With 20 years of experience in the international development sector, Chris has worked in management positions with several organizations including the Aga Khan Foundation, the National Judicial Institute and the Canadian Co-operative Association. He has an extensive background in strategic policy, development research, technical cooperation, program design, and M&E, and has worked in over 30 countries. He has managed a range of programs covering rural poverty reduction, private sector development, aid architecture, microfinance/microinsurance, community development, micro- and small-enterprise, gender and economic empowerment, youth employment, legal-judicial reform, health and education, capacity development, leadership, knowledge management and governance. He has served on the board of the Canadian Cooperative Association the Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit and the Philippines Development Assistance Program (an NGO coalition).

DESCRIPTION AND AUDIENCE RESPONSE ON THE POST-2015 PARTNERSHIP PLATFORM FOR PHILANTHROPY



Karolina Mzyk-Callias,
Policy Specialist,
Foundations, UNDP
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Karolina Mzyk-Callias works for UNDP and is responsible for coordinating global relations with philanthropic foundations. Karolina facilitates conversation between philanthropic foundations and UNDP on global sustainable development and poverty reduction, and provides support in developing concrete partnerships between UNDP and foundations. A recent global initiative that Karolina has been working on is the engagement of foundations and their civil society partners in a dialogue about global development after 2015. Between 2008 and 2010 Karolina worked in the UNDP HQ, supporting UNDP country offices around the world in their work with the private sector and corporate social responsibility. Between 2005 and 2008, Karolina worked in the UNDP Regional Centre in Bratislava where she was responsible for regional projects advocating for the UN Global Compact and brokering of multi-stakeholder partnerships. Karolina joined UNDP in 2001 in the country office in Poland where she coordinated UN activities, managed the production of the National Human Development Report, facilitated the launch of the Polish Global Compact network and managed partnership projects between UNDP and the private sector at the local level. Before coming to UNDP, she worked for an NGO in Poland.



Angela Hariche,
Director, Foundation Center
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Angela Hariche has been working in international development for almost 15 years. Currently, she is the Director of International Data Relations at the Foundation Center working to build a global network around philanthropic data and knowledge. In 1999, fresh from working at high tech startups in San Francisco, she started working in the area of sustainable development with the International Energy Agency in Paris, focusing on energy statistics and innovative knowledge sharing techniques. In 2007, she moved to the UN Peacekeeping Mission in Liberia working in the area of key performance indicators at the mission level, as well as capacity development projects in the areas of information technology and gender equality with the Liberian National Action Plan (Resolution 1325). In 2009, Angela returned to Paris to join the Global Project for Measuring the Progress of Societies at the OECD where she was the Head of the Networks Unit bringing together hundreds of organizations and thousands of people for dialogue on and analysis of the issues regionally. She has also worked in the areas of social cohesion, the digital divide, social institutions and gender equality, and child well-being.

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Kizzita Mensah,
Senior Lawyer, Reindorf
Chambers

Kizzita Frances Mensah is a partner of Reindorf Chambers. She has over fourteen years of legal practice experience and has worked extensively on providing legal advice within the context of corporate organization, project finance, policy formulation and organizational development. She has worked with Matrix International Holdings, London, Ernst & Young Ghana, and Awoonor Law Consultancy, among others. She has served as executive director for the Chapter 58 Trust, which is committed to providing innovative solutions to poverty alleviation in part through microfinance solutions in urban areas.



Emos Ansah,
Manager, KPMG

Emos Ansah is a manager with KPMG International Development Advisory Services (IDAS) which is a Centre of Excellence in KPMG solely dedicated to working with donors and foundations. Emos supports the West Africa Director in developing and managing IDAS business in the sub-region. He is a Development Economist with over 8 years' experience in the public and private sector. Emos has served as Economist at the Bank of Ghana and National Planning Commission (Nigeria) where he was an ODI Fellow from 2007-9. He has had short stints with Her Majesty's Treasury (UK) and UBS Investment Bank.



Joann Ofori,
Head of Administration and
Human Resources,
Donewell Insurance Company

Joann Ofori is Head of Administration and Human Resource at Donewell Insurance Company Limited. Prior to this, she was the Executive Director of Youth and Women Foundation, an NGO, whilst doubling as the National Coordinator for Ghana Women Land Access Trust - an affiliate NGO of UN-Habitat. Joann, a project and procurement management expert, has over the past ten years been involved with the management of donor funded projects. She is also a member of Institute of Directors (Ghana).



Pearl Darko,
Director, African
Philanthropy Forum
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Pearl is Director of the African Philanthropy Forum (APF). She has over 20 years of experience in both the public and private sectors. Prior to joining APF, she worked as the marketing director for an internationally recognized legal firm in her home country of Ghana. From 2009 until February of this year, Darko worked in a senior position with The Global Fund, an international financing agency focused on combating AIDS, TB and Malaria. Among other things, Darko provided strategic marketing, communication direction and implementation of the private sector resource mobilization strategy. She also provided leadership on an innovative marketing campaign 'Gift from Africa', which focused on Africa's contribution to The Global Fund's objectives. Prior to her work with The Global Fund, Darko was Senior Regional Manager & Head of Public Affairs & Communication for the Coca-Cola Africa Group (2005-2009), and Director of Public Relations and Communication, West & Central Africa, for Boeing International Corporation, Ghana (2001-2005).

DATA AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT: BUILDING BLOCKS FOR EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION – OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR THE POST-2015 AGENDA IN GHANA



Jacqueline Anum,
Statistician, Ghana Statistical
Service

Jacqueline Anum is a Principal Statistician and Head of the Data Warehouse Unit of the Ghana Statistical Service. She is responsible for documenting and archiving all the data sources and metadata on the National Data Archive on the GSS website. Her work also involves the compilation, computation and management of indicators as input into the GhanalInfo and CensusInfo databases. Mrs. Jacqueline Anum is expert in the management of survey and census data. She was instrumental in the management of the Ghana Living Standards Survey Rounds 4-6, which have been used to estimate poverty profiles and mapping in Ghana, and the 2000 and 2010 Population and Housing censuses of Ghana, among others. She is currently leading two teams: one team to estimate poverty levels for the 216 administrative districts to be launched by August 2015 by the Service, and the other team to process an Integrated Business Establishment Survey data for analysis.



Theo Sowa,
Chair, African Grantmakers
Network
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Theo Sowa is an independent advisor and consultant, specializing in international social development with a particular emphasis on children's rights and protection issues. She is currently the CEO of the African Women's Development Fund. Born in Ghana, she has lived and worked in many countries in Africa, as well as Europe and the USA. Her work includes advisory roles to African and other international women and children's rights activists and leaders, plus policy development and advocacy with a variety of international agencies and organizations. She was Senior Programme Advisor on the UN study on Children and Armed Conflict (the Machel Report) and led the five year review of the report. Theo is a board member of various national and international civil society organizations and grant making foundations, including: being a trustee of Comic Relief (a multimillion grant making foundation) and Chair of Comic Relief's International Grants Committee, a member of the African Advisory Board of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, a Patron of Evidence for Development, a member of the UBS Optimus Foundation and a board member of the Graça Machel Trust. She has authored many publications, including being a contributing editor to 'The Impact of War on Children', a contributing author and co-editor of a Harvard Law School/UNICEF Innocenti publication called 'Children and Transitional Justice', and co-author of 'Groupwork and Intermediate Treatment'. Theo was awarded a CBE in June 2010.



**Charles Abugre, CEO,
Savannah Accelerated De-
velopment Authority
(SADA)**

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Charles Akelyira Abugre is the current Chief Executive Officer of the Savannah Accelerated Development Authority (SADA). SADA is an independent and autonomous statutory public corporation with an extensive mandate to address the problem of relative underdevelopment by providing a framework for the comprehensive and long-term development of the Northern Savannah Ecological Zone which covers 54.4% of the land mass of Ghana. Prior to this, he was the Africa Regional Director of the UN Millennium Campaign in Nairobi, Kenya. In the past, Abugre worked as Head of the Global Advocacy and Policy Division at Christian Aid, UK, and was responsible for the management of over 100 research and policy professionals across five continents. He previously worked as Director for Third World Network – Africa and later the Integrated Social Development Network for 10 years. He has also led organizational change processes and been involved with local government reforms for various international and local organizations. He has led several multi-disciplinary specialist teams in a variety of fields including trade and industrial policy, artisanal mining, illicit financial flows; inequality and revenue allocation; and structural adjustment programmes both locally and internationally. He has to his credit several publications and research papers in the area of poverty reduction and social and economic development.



**Samuel Aggrey,
Ministry of Finance**

Mr. Samuel Aggrey is a Senior Economic Officer in the External Resource Mobilization Division of the Ministry of Finance (MoF). He formally joined the Ministry in July, 2006.

His core responsibility is to coordinate the formulation and management of programmes funded by the European Union in the infrastructure and environment sectors. He is currently the Ministry's focal person for the formulation of the "Productive Investments in Infrastructures for Sustainable Agriculture in Northern Ghana" programme to be funded under the 11th European Development Fund.

Furthermore, he is Ghana representative on the secretariat of the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI). The initiative seeks to increase the transparency of development cooperation, and improve its effectiveness in tackling poverty.

BREAK-OUT SESSION MODERATORS



Tirso Dos Santos, UNESCO Head of Office & Representative

Mr. Dos Santos has more than 30 years' experience working in education across sub-Saharan Africa. He was trained as a teacher in Mozambique, and went on to become the National Director for Teacher Education at the Ministry of Education. Mr. Dos Santos then moved on to work as a Program Specialist in education with UNESCO in Zimbabwe, where he worked for 16 years. Since 2009, he has been working in Ghana and across West Africa on UNESCO's education programs and policy issues. He is the author or co-author of several UNESCO policy publications, teacher training manuals, case studies and even a textbook for SHS students in Mozambique..



David Duncan, Chief WASH, UNICEF in Ghana
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David Duncan is the UNICEF Ghana Chief of WASH, a position he has held since 2013. He has 20 years' experience in the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) sector, working in fourteen countries, with experience as a consultant, government regulator, university lecturer and in international organizations. David has led national policy development, designed household and city-wide sanitation and water supply systems, served on numerous national and international committees and developed technical guidelines for numerous countries. In sector development he has worked with funding from national governments, philanthropic grants and internally generated funds...



Radhika Lal, Head, Inclusive Growth Cluster, UNDP Ghana
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Radhika is currently Economic Advisor and also heads UNDP's Inclusive Growth Cluster in Ghana. Previously she was strategic planning advisor for the UN country team in South Africa. Prior to that she served as Deputy Director and co-coordinator of the Employment, Social Protection and Development Innovation Team at the International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) based in Brasilia and before that she was Senior Policy Advisor with UNDP's poverty group in New York. For the last many years she has been working on three sets of issues: employment and productive inclusion issues including creation of green jobs; policy integration between social and economic policies, and inclusive structural transformation options. Her work on innovation and structural transformation has been focused on the analysis of country experiences and the identification of policy space to support

innovations and to foster structural transformation in the context of addressing various development imperatives. In this regard she has also worked for many years on information and communication technologies for development policy and mainstreaming. Prior to working with UNDP, she undertook research, taught economics and

worked with civil society research organizations. In addition to supporting country programmes and identifying emerging policy options and promising implementation modalities, she has been active in various global fora and partnerships.

INVITED BREAKOUT SESSION SPEAKERS



Dolores Dickson,
Executive Director,
Camfed Ghana

Dolores has 15 years' experience as an international development practitioner. She has worked with the UN's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), where she conducted socio-economic research for the UN advisory committee for Guinea Bissau and with the British Red Cross in the UK. Dolores joined Camfed in 2007, since her appointment as Executive Director, the Ghana program has grown substantially in reach and influence and high-level dialogue with the Ministry of Education is securing replication of Camfed's strategies. She sits on Ghana's National Education Sector Working Group. Dolores completed an MA in Development Studies at the University of Manchester in the UK and has Executive Education Certificates from Harvard University.



Araba Botchway,
Director of Admissions
and Financial Aid, Ashesi
University

Araba Botchway joined Ashesi University in 2013 as Director of Development, and serves on the Executive (Management) Team of the university. In 2014 she changed roles to be the Director, Admissions and Financial Aid. She also manages the MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program at Ashesi. Prior to joining Ashesi, Araba was based at the Association of African Universities where she worked as the Program Officer for the Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program in West Africa for 12 years. With her experience in project and grants management working in an international, multicultural and non-governmental setting, Araba hopes to use her skills and passion for youth development to attract the support necessary to educate future African leaders. Hopefully these new leaders will look beyond personal gain and work for the common good of Africa's people.



Dorothy K. Gordon,
Director-General,
AITI-KACE, Ghana

Dorothy is the Director-General of Ghana's Advanced Information Technology Institute (AITI-KACE), the Ghana-India Kofi Annan Centre of Excellence in ICT. She leads a team committed to using the opportunities that exist within the global innovation economy to bring about accelerated development in Africa. AITI provides globally benchmarked IT training, works to create the right environment to stimulate context-responsive ICT R&D, and provides consulting services to support clients in achieving global quality standards. A strong network of global partnerships and local networks support AITI's work in diverse areas ranging from digital inclusion projects at the community level through to advisory services private sector and governments on key issues including open education resources, big data, cyber-security, and climate-modelling using high-performance computing resources. Her work as a specialist in international development spans over 20 years with increasing leadership and management responsibilities. Her extensive experience within the UN is complemented by work in the private sector and with civil society organizations globally. She is actively involved at board level in a number of global organizations working on defining our digital future. The present direction of her work relates to how best ICT can be 'owned' by developing countries. Capacity- building must set a sound foundation for innovation and cutting-edge research both to improve overall competitiveness, job creation as well as identify solutions for survival.



Benjamin Arthur,
Executive Secretary,
Coalition of NGOs in
Water and Sanitation

Ben Arthur is currently the Executive Secretary of the Coalition of NGOs in Water and Sanitation in Ghana. His other professional affiliations include: focal person for Sanitation and Water for All / AfricaSan commitment monitoring, CSO representative to the Volta Basin Authority, and member of the National Sanitation Technical and Water and Sanitation working groups, and the Ghana-Netherlands Water and Sanitation Programme.



Anthony Gyasi- Fosu,
CEO, Sinapi Aba Trust

Tony Fosu is currently CEO of Sinapi Aba Trust, where he worked for over 12 years. He has participated in a number of training seminars on microfinance, both locally and internationally. Through these, Tony has acquired in-depth knowledge on the formation, running and management of microfinance/microenterprise development. Tony holds an executive MBA and a post graduate diploma in business administration from the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration. Tony also holds a BSC in Agricultural Economics from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana. Sinapi Aba operates in all the 10 regions of the country in over 300 communities and currently employs 600 staff serving in different capacities all over Ghana, tackling poverty's complex root causes.



Hermann Messan,
Microlead Program,
UNCDF Ghana

Hermann joined the MicroLead programme of UNCDF in 2013, overseeing a portfolio of grantees in Ethiopia, Cameroun, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Ghana, DRC, Benin and Burkina Faso. Before joining UNCDF, Hermann worked as Marketing and Savings TA manager with Accion. Prior to that he worked in different capacities with MicroSave and CARE – i.e., in the areas of marketing, financial services design, deposit mobilization and micro-finance program management. As a consultant, Hermann provided technical expertise in the areas of inclusive finance policies and projects design, financial sector assessment, strategy and management, to a range of Financial Service Providers (Postal Banks, Commercial Banks, Non Bank Financial Institutions, Credit Unions, NGO MFIs and Microfinance Projects), Donor Agencies (GTZ, USAID, IFAD, CGAP), Governments and International Organizations across Africa, India and the Caribbean. He is an accredited trainer with MicroSave and the ILO Making Microfinance Work management course.



Vida Duti,
Country Director of IRC
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Vida Duti has 20 years working experience with national and international entities in the areas of community development and poverty reduction; gender and development; capacity development of local government actors; democratic governance and public sector reforms (Legislative and Executive arms of Government) and social investment fund management. She is currently involved in WASH policy and sector change management processes which is resulting in transformational changes and partnerships for sustainable water service delivery in the water sector of Ghana. She is a member of the Ghana Institute of Planners and an Organization and Systems Development Practitioner.



Sionne Rameah Neely,
Knowledge Management
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Sionne Rameah Neely is the Knowledge Management Specialist at the African Women's Development Fund (AWDF). In this capacity, she also manages AWDF's Resource Centre, a library featuring over 3,000 items on the African women's rights movement, feminism, capacity building, philanthropy, art, literature, media, and more. Sionne is also a researcher, writer, teacher and multimedia producer. Since 2005, she has completed more than 150 interviews with West African musicians and cultural producers. Her research and writing revolves around independent arts, the rights of artists, the history of cultural production in Ghana, and pan-African recollections about the transatlantic slave trade. In 2010, she co-founded ACCRA [dot] ALT, an independent arts network that promotes the work of emerging Ghanaian creatives and collaborative projects with international artists. She received her Ph.D. in American Studies and Ethnicity at the University of Southern California in 2010.



**Gertrude Oforiwa
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Gertrude Oforiwa Fefoame has been working for Sightsavers since 2006. Her role as a Social Inclusion Advisor involves advocating for and providing technical advice on social inclusion programmes to country teams and partners to incorporate the needs of people with disabilities. A special education teacher by training and a blind person herself, Gertrude is well placed to speak out on the issues that affect people with disabilities. She is a prolific and eloquent advocate for disability rights, often speaking publicly and to the media on behalf of Sightsavers. Gertrude's contributions to the rights and inclusion of people with disabilities has led to a series of awards, including 'Excellence Grand Medal' award from the President of Ghana in 2007 for her contributions to Teacher Education and 'Volunteerism, a Media' award in 2010 from TV Africa in Ghana for her contributions to gender equality and an award in 2011 from the Ghana Blind Union Women's Committee for her contributions to women's empowerment and persons with disabilities. Prior to joining Sightsavers Gertrude was a Support Training Officer for WBU Institutional Development Programme (IDP), which is a capacity building programme for organizations of and for the blind. .



Dr. William Derban,
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Dr. William Derban set up the first agency banking programme in the country at Fidelity Bank. Prior to working at Fidelity, Dr. Derban was the Head of Community Relations with Barclays Africa and Emerging Markets where he managed the community investment strategy across 14 countries in Africa, Middle East and Asia with a budget worth over \$20m. He also held various senior positions in the global community investment and financial inclusion departments in Barclays London. His experience includes financial inclusion, microfinance, digital financial services, sustainability and corporate responsibility. In addition to financial inclusion, he has established successful projects on youth entrepreneurship, preventative health, clean energy solutions, women's empowerment and integrated rural development programmes. Dr. Derban holds many awards in recognition of his work, including awards from the Kalahari Mobile Awards, Ghana Banking Awards, Clinton Global Initiative, Coffey awards and has been highlighted in the Financial Times, New Africa, The BBC and Harvard Kennedy School and the UNDP best example case studies..



Dr. Augustine Tawiah,
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National Teaching Council

Dr. Augustine Tawiah is a tertiary educator who lectures, writes, consults, and speaks on human and social development, leadership, governance, quality education, faith based organizations, organizational change, and continuing professional development. Dr. Tawiah is the founding Executive Secretary of the National Teaching Council and currently holds additional responsibility in the Ministry of Education as the Acting Chief Inspector of Schools. Dr. Tawiah was Director of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness at Lemoyne-Owen College in Memphis, USA. He has also been a Dean of Graduate Studies at Ghana Christian University College and Principal of Ghana Bible College for over ten years. At GIMPA he was a faculty member and Coordinator of the Master of Governance and Leadership as well as serving as chairman of the Doctoral Program in Governance and Leadership. Currently, he serves on the Steering Committee of the Civil Society Organization Platform in Oil and Gas. He is also the Coordinator of the Partnership for Quality Education in Ghana and the President of the Ghana Association of Educational Planners and Administrators. He is the founder of Lamp-lighter Community Academy which provides innovative approaches for quality education for rural children and best practices for teacher professional development.

