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GAAS FOUNDER'S WEEK CELEBRATION, 2024

THEME

LEVERAGING THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER – FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER, 2024

SPEAKERS



Prof. Kofi Opolu Nti, FGA
President, Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences.



Rev. Prof. Hans Adu-Danquah, FGA
Vice President, CSIR College of Science and Technology (CGST).



Dr. Andrews Mark Ayiku
Lecturer, Faculty of Management Studies, UPSA.



Mr. Ace Anan Ankamah (Esq.), FGA,
Senior Partner, Bentsi-Enchill, Letsa & Ankamah, Accra.



Mrs. Kobi Hemaa Osisiele-Bekoo
Director of Corporate Affairs,
Ghana-India Kofi Annan Centre of Excellence in ICT (GI-KACE).



Emeritus Prof. Clifford N. B. Tagoe
MBCh.B. (Ghana), PhD (Leicester), FGA
Professor of Anatomy.

DAY 3

DATE: THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER, 2024 **TIME:** 5:30 PM

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**SYMPOSIUM ON THE SUB-THEME:
Bridging the Digital Divide**

■ **Introduction of Chairman**

Prof. Ben Abunu, FGA, Former Honorary Secretary, GAAS

■ **Chairman's Remarks and Introduction of Speaker**

Prof. Joseph R. A. Ayee, FGA, Vice President, Arts Section, GAAS

■ **Topic I: Legal Framework, Cyber Security, Data Protection, Standards and Governance**

Speaker: *Mr. Ace Anan Ankomah (Esq.), FGA, Senior Partner, Bentsi-Enchill, Letsa & Ankomah, Accra.*

■ **Topic II: Preparing the Workforce for the Future: Digital Technologies, Literacy Programmes, and Sustainable Collaborative Initiatives.**

Speaker: *Mrs. Kobi Hema Osisiadan-Bekoe, Director of Corporate Affairs, Ghana-India Kofi Annan Centre of Excellence in ICT (GI-KACE)*

■ **Q & A**

■ **Chairman's Closing Remarks**

■ **Honorary Secretary's Remarks**

■ **Closing [Guests to pick up bagged refreshments in the foyer]**



Joseph R.A Ayee is the Vice President, Arts Section of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences since January 2023. He held the positions of Rector, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Dean and Head of Department in three higher education institutions in Ghana and South Africa. He was elected a Fellow of the Academy in 2005 and served as Assistant Honorary Secretary (Arts Section), 2014 - 2015 and Honorary Treasurer, 2016 - 2017.

He was the occupant of the UNESCO/United Nations University Leadership Academy (UNULA) Chair in Leadership Studies, University of Jordan in 2001 and the Emeka Anyaoku Visiting Chair of Commonwealth Studies, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London in 2013.

He served as a member of a team of experts that drafted Ghana's National Decentralization Policy Framework and Action Plan, 2015 - 2019 and the National Decentralization Policy and Strategy, 2020 - 2024.

Prof. Ayee has over 200 publications in several areas of Political Science, Public Policy, and Administration. His latest publications include three co-edited books: (1) *Think Tanks, Governance and Development in Africa*; (2) *Political Institutions, Party Politics and Communication in Ghana: Three Decades of the Fourth Republic*; and (3) *Public Sector Management and Economic Governance in Ghana: Three Decades of the Fourth Republic*.

His current research interests include higher education governance and management, politicians and bureaucrats' relationship, political transitions, and democratic backsliding.

Mr. Ace Anan Ankomah (Esq.), FGA,

Senior Partner, Bentsi-Enchill,
Letsa & Ankomah, Accra.

Mr. Ace Anan Ankomah is the Senior Partner and Head of the Disputes Department of the law firm, Bentsi-Enchill, Letsa & Ankomah. He is a member of the Ghana Bar Association and has 32 years' experience in legal practice. He has served on the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, on the Panel of Experts of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), as Regional Vice-Chair for Europe/Middle East/Africa of the Lex Mundi Managing Partners Committee, on the Board of Directors of Lex Mundi, and on the Governing Boards of the Law Reform Commission and the Parliamentary Service.

He holds an LL.B. (University of Ghana), Qualification Certificate in Law (Ghana School of Law), and an LL.M. in International Taxation (Queen's University, Canada.)

Mr. Ankomah is an acknowledged leader in civil litigation, alternative dispute resolution and regulatory investigations and white collar defence, and has been involved in numerous local and international trials. He has wide experience in teaching Company Law, Tax Law, Civil Litigation & Procedure and Legal Writing & Editing Skills.

MRS. KOBİ HEMAA OSISIADAN-BEKOE,

Director of Corporate Affairs, Ghana-India Kofi Annan Centre of
Excellence in ICT (GI-KACE)

Kobi Hema Osisiadan-Bekoe is a distinguished communications, marketing, and public diplomacy professional with over 16 years of experience.

Kobi Hema has led significant enterprise-level projects focusing on negotiations, investor relations, market entry strategies, multicultural relations, brand sustainability, protocol, and public diplomacy across Ghana, Nigeria, and the Netherlands.

Kobi's educational background includes a Master's degree in Public Relations from the Ghana Institute of Journalism, a Certificate in Digital Marketing Strategy from the University of the Arts, London, and an MBA in Corporate Strategy and Economic Policy from Maastricht School of Management, Netherlands. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Information Systems from Regent University College of Science and Technology and a Certificate "A" from St. Louis College of Education, Kumasi.

Since 2007, Kobi Hema has hosted and produced several influential TV shows in Ghana and mentored many young talents in the media industry. In 2016, she was recognized as one of Ghana's top five female television morning show hosts. She transitioned to the corporate world in 2018, becoming the Head of Corporate Communications at Ghana Post, Ghana's designated postal service operator. She believes the climate crisis is also a leadership and communication crisis. Therefore, as the Snr Vice President of External Relations and Corporate Strategy for Sustainable Climate Change for All (SUCCA) Africa, she has stepped in to fill the communication void in the fight against climate change that has yet to be the status quo in the climate movement.

As the Director of Corporate Affairs for the ICT Capacity Building Agency of the Government of Ghana, Kobi Hema is deeply committed to promoting digital literacy. In this role, she spearheads initiatives to bridge the digital divide, ensuring that individuals and communities across Ghana gain access to essential digital skills and technologies. Her efforts focus on creating inclusive digital education programs, fostering technological innovation, and empowering the workforce to thrive in a digital economy.

Kobi Hema's exemplary leadership and dedication have earned her numerous accolades. In December 2019, she was awarded TV Personality of the Year at the Ghana Leadership Awards. In 2022, she was named one of the 22 Female Achievers in Africa by the US Consulate, Lagos, Nigeria & African Entrepreneurship Support and Mentorship Program. Additionally, she received the Outstanding Woman in Communication Leadership award at the 2022 National Communications Award, Ghana, and the Public Sector Communications Personality of the Year in 2024.

Kobi Hema is currently the Director of Corporate Affairs and Media Relations at the Ghana-India Kofi Annan Center of Excellence in ICT.

UPCOMING PROGRAMME

DAY 4: FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2024 | 5:30 PM

5.30PM KWAME NKRUMAH MEMORIAL LECTURE

Topic: Developments in Higher Education in Ghana:
Searching for Relevance

Speaker: Emeritus Prof. Clifford N. B. Tagoe, *MBCb.B.*
(Ghana), PhD (Leicester), FGA
Professor of Anatomy

Chairman: Prof. Kofi Opoku Nti, *FGA,*
President of the Academy

BRIEF HISTORY ABOUT FOUNDER'S WEEK CELEBRATIONS

The Academy's Anniversary programme is the oldest of its traditions. It started in November 1960 as the first Anniversary celebration and in November every year, since then, the Academy has celebrated the Anniversary. The week is always intense with activities, as attention is firmly focused on important national or topical issues. The Founder's Week starts with the Presidential Address delivered by the President of the Academy. It is followed by a three-day symposium on a selected subject, quite often, of topical or national interest. The last day is dedicated to what used to be called the Anniversary Lecture, now renamed the 'Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Lecture' in memory of the Founder.

In 2003 a foundation member of the Academy, Professor Alexander Kwapong, who was then Chairman of the Council of State, delivered the maiden Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Lecture on "The Academy's Foundations, and its Role in National Development". Another foundation member, Emeritus Prof. J. H. Kwabena Nketia gave the 2004 Kwame Nkrumah Memorial lecture on 'Kwame Nkrumah and the Arts'. In 2005, Dr. Letitia E. Obeng, Past President of the Academy, gave the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Lecture on the topic 'Kwame Nkrumah and the Sciences'.

Since then the following Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Lectures have been given:

- 2006 Vision and Commitment in National Leadership, *Prof. Akilagpa Sawyerr, FGA*
- 2007 Ideology, Leadership and Aspects of Kwame Nkrumah's Political and Social Agenda, *Justice Prof. Modibo Tawiah Ocran*
- 2008 The Foreign Policy of Kwame Nkrumah: The Legacy and What Is in It for Us, *Dr. E. M. Debrah*.
- 2009 The House that Kwame Nkrumah Built, *Prof. Agyeman Badu Akosa, FGA*
- 2010 The Real-politic of Kwame Nkrumah, *H. E. K. B. Asante*
- 2011 Kwame Nkrumah and the Private Sector: Lessons in Economic Development for the Twenty First century, *Mr. Tony Oteng-Gyasi*
- 2012 The Changing Face of Ghanaian Towns since Independence: From Nkrumah to Contemporary Times, *Prof. K. K. Adarkwa, FGA*
- 2013 Science, Technology and Innovation for National Development, *Prof. Kwadwo Asenso-Okyere, FGA*.
- 2014 Political Leadership and Economic Transformation in Ghana, *Prof. E. Gyimah-Boadi, FGA*.
- 2015 People and Planet: The (Moral) Imperative to Change Course (Pope Francis' Encyclical on Integral Ecology), *His Eminence Peter Cardinal K. Appiah Turkson, FGA*.
- 2016 The Future of the University in Africa, *Prof. Ernest Aryeetey, FGA*.
- 2017 Kwame Nkrumah, the Man and his Legacy, *Prof. E. S. Ayensu, FGA*.
- 2018 Saving Lake Chad and the Unification of Africa: The Inspiration of Kwame Nkrumah, *Horace Campbell*

2019	Engendering Scholarly Excellence: The Challenge for Knowledge Production, Policy and Practice, <i>Emerita Prof. Takyiwaa Manuh, FGA</i>
2020	Building a Lasting Democratic Culture Through the Exercise of Political and Religious Tolerance, <i>Most Rev. Dr. Peter Sarpong, FGA.</i>
2021	Reflections on the Ghanaian Regulatory State, <i>Prof. Joseph Roland Atsu Ayee, FGA</i>
2022	Educational Reforms in Ghana and Their Impact on the Youth, <i>Emeritus Prof. Ivan Addae-Mensah, FGA</i>
2023	Realising The Ecosystem Integrity of The Ghanaian Environment for National Development <i>Prof. Alfred Apau Oteng-Yeboah, FGA</i>

Themes of the Founder's Week Lectures till date are as follows:

Year	Theme
1971	Management, Administration and Development
1972	Education and Society: Education in Ghana at the Beginning of the 21st Century
1973	Food, Population and Politics
1974	Education and Manpower
1975	Traditional Institutions of Our Society
1976	Energy for Development*
1977	Education in Ghana at the Beginning of the 21st Century
1978	Science and Technology for Development*
1979	Agricultural and Industrial Production for National Survival*
1980	Human Rights and the Democratic Process
1981	National Development: Problems, Solutions and Strategies
1982	Health for the Community*
1983	The Political Economy of Ghana: Analysis, Perspectives and Options
1984	The Place of Learning in National Life
1985	Management and Development
1986	Education and Human Values in Nation Building
1987	Decentralization and National Integration
1988	Natural Resources and their Management: Present and Future Challenges*
1989	The Future of Our Cities
1990	Accountability in National Life
1991	Ghana in the Year 2000
1992	Sustainable Development and the Environment
1993	The Culture of Dependency
1994	Conflicts in Africa
1995	Management of Ghana's Natural Resources*
1996	Financing Education in Ghana into the 21st Century
1997	Land as a Resource for Development*

1998	The Notion of the State in Contemporary Africa
1999	Critical Issues and the Challenges of the 21st Century
2000	The Information Age*
2001	Some Critical Development Issues facing Ghana
2002	Globalization
2003	National Integration
2004	Gender: Evolving Roles and Perceptions
2005	From Stability to Growth: Challenges of National Development
2006	Water*
2007	National Development: The Past 50 Years
2008	The Challenges of Oil Discovery in Ghana*
2009	50 Years of Promoting Excellence in Knowledge
2010	Climate Change*
2011	Ghana's Employment Challenge
2012	Ghana's Urbanisation Challenge
2013	Education For National Development
2014	Transforming the Economy of Ghana
2015	Managing Ghana's Oil Resources*
2016	Sustainable Land Administration In Ghana
2017	Managing Healthcare*
2018	Managing National Water Resources for Future Survival: Agenda 2063*
2019	Beyond 60 Years of Scholarly Excellence: New Frontiers and Prospects
2020	This Covid-19 Pandemic*
2021	The 1992 Constitution: Fitness for Purpose in the 21 st Century
2022	The Socio-Economic and Health Impacts of Covid-19 and Other Emerging Infectious Diseases*
2023	International Order in A Changing World: Implications for Rules, Institutions, Norms, Alliances, And Ghana

*Science-oriented Presentations

The Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences is Ghana's Premier Learned Society. It was founded in November 1959 by Government Instrument of Incorporation. Its aim is to bring together the highest level of intellectuals, experts and professionals in the country to constitute a 'Think Tank' in the Arts and Sciences to enable it advise government and other relevant bodies on issues of importance to national development.

Mission

The mission of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences is to encourage the creation, acquisition, dissemination and utilization of knowledge for national development through the promotion of learning.

Objectives

The Academy's objectives partly reviewed over the years are to:

- Promote the study, extension and dissemination of knowledge of Arts and Sciences.
- Establish and maintain proper standards of endeavour in all fields of the Arts and Sciences.
- Recognize outstanding contributions to the advancement of the Arts and Sciences in Ghana.
- Contribute actively to the development of Ghana and Africa generally by examining and addressing critical issues of development.
- Do such things as are conducive or incidental to the attainment of all or any of the foregoing objectives.

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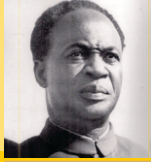
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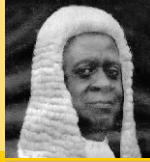
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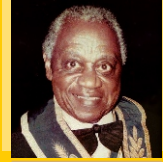
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1969 - 1972



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1977 - 1980



Prof. F.G.T. Torto, FGA
1981 - 1982



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1983 - 1986



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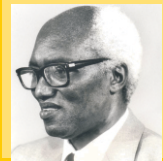
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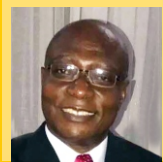
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2017 - 2019



Justice Prof. Henrietta J.A.N.
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