

DAY 3



GAAS PUBLIC FORUM 2025

THEME

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02 - 04 JUNE 2025

5:30 PM DAILY

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Owusu-Dabo



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DAY 3: WEDNESDAY JUNE 04, 2025

SUB-THEME:

Proffering Solutions

Topic A: Overhaul of National Institutions Regulating Mining:
Role of Local Institutions Including Chiefs

Speaker: Mr. Ace Ankomah, *Esg, FGA*

Topic B: The Way Forward

Speakers: Prof. RoseEmma Mamaa Entsua-Mensah, *FGA* and
Prof. Yaw Adu-Gyamfi, *FGA*

Chairman: Prof. Alfred A. Oteng-Yeboah, *FGA*,
Vice-President, Sciences

- 5:30 PM

Welcome Address and Introduction of Chairperson

Prof. George Obeng Adjei, FGA, Honorary Secretary, GAAS

- **Chairperson's Remarks and Introduction of Speakers**

Prof. Alfred A. Oteng-Yeboah, FGA, Vice-President, Sciences

- **Lecture Begins**

- **Topic A: Overhaul of National Institutions Regulating Mining:
Role of Local Institutions Including Chiefs**

Speaker: *Mr. Ace Ankomah, Esq, FGA*

- **Topic B: The Way Forward**

Speakers: *Prof. RoseEmma Mamaa Entsua-Mensah, FGA and
Prof. Yaw Adu-Gyamfi, FGA*

- **Q & A**

- **Chairperson's Closing Remarks**

- **Honorary Secretary's Remarks**

- **Closing & refreshments**

PROF. ALFRED APAU OTENG-YEBOAH, FGA

VICE PRESIDENT, SCIENCES SECTION, GAAS



Professor Alfred Apau Oteng-Yeboah is a retired Professor at the University of Ghana. He has taught and trained many students in several African universities, especially in Nigeria, Kenya, and his native Ghana.

He has published extensively in reputable international journals and also provided several feature articles on the Environment and Biodiversity at the local and international levels.

He has chaired many high-profile local and international environmental and biodiversity meetings. He is a founding bureau member and former Vice-Chair representing Africa of the Intergovernmental Science-policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). He has chaired the Steering Committee of the International Partnership for Satoyama Initiative (IPSI), a joint UNU and the Ministry of Japan initiative, since its establishment in 2010. He chairs the Trusteeship Board of the A Rocha Ghana (ARG), an NGO that advocates for nature and its conservation and sustainable use. He also chairs the Tropenbos Ghana Board.

He was awarded the 2014 international prestigious Midori Prize for Biodiversity and the John C. Phillips Memorial Medal for 2020, the highest global conservation award of the IUCN.

Mr. Ace Ankomah, Esq, FGA

Senior Partner and Head of the Disputes Department at the law firm of
Bentsi-Enchill, Letsa & Ankomah



Ace Anan Ankomah, FGA, is the Senior Partner and Head of the Disputes Department at the law firm of Bentsi-Enchill, Letsa & Ankomah, where his practice covers Civil Litigation, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Regulatory Investigations and White Collar Defence. He is a member of the Ghana Bar Association and has 33 years' experience in legal practice.

He has served on the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), as a director of Lex Mundi (the world's largest association of independent law firms), as a member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), member of the Governing Board of the Ghana Law Reform Commission, member of the Advisory Board of Millicom Ghana Limited, member of the Governing Council of Central University, and member of the Advisory Board of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. He is currently a fellow of the Aspen Global Leadership Network (AGLN), Africa Leadership Initiative, West Africa (ALIWA) and the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences (where he serves as a member of the Governing Council.) He has lectured at both the University of Ghana and Ghana School of Law in the Law of Taxation, Company Law and Civil Procedure.

Ace holds a Master of Laws (LLM) degree in International Taxation from Queen's University, Canada, Qualification Certificate in Law (QCL) from the Ghana School of Law, and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of Ghana. He also holds a Certificate in Business Management from the Judge Business School of the University of Cambridge and the Lex Mundi Institute, and Certificates in Advanced Leadership and Management, and in Cross-Border Disputes also from the Lex Mundi Institute.

He has written peer-reviewed articles on several aspects of Ghana law, which are published in journals such as the University of Ghana Law Journal, the Review of Ghana Law and the Banking and Financial Law Journal. He has contributed chapters to books edited by the International Bureau of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and published by the Regent Press, and by the School of Law of the University of Ghana. He a co-author and co-editor of the recently launched treatise on Ghana's company law titled Companies, Corporate Insolvency and Restructuring in Ghana: The Law and Practice, published by LexisNexis. He has also self-published a book titled *Is There Not a Cause to Rant?* which won the first Kofi Awoonor Creative Non-Fiction Award from the Ghana Association of Writers in 2018.



PROF. ROSEEMMA MAMAA ENT SUA-MENSAH, holds a B.Sc in (Zoology), Diploma in Education, M.Sc. (Aquatic Biology) from the University of Cape Coast and a Ph.D. in Fisheries Science from the University of Ghana. She also holds a Certificate in Aquatic Resource Management from the University of Hull, UK, a Certificate in Environmental Impact

Assessment, and a Certificate in Aquaculture Production, Environmental Consideration and Food Safety from Israel as well as a Post Graduate Certificate in Business Administration from GIMPA.

She is a Fishery Scientist and an Aquatic Ecologist and has done extensive research nationally and internationally. She attained the position of Chief Research Scientist and Deputy-Director General at the CSIR, Ghana from 2008-2018. Her main research focus was on lagoons and freshwater bodies in Ghana and other countries in the West African Sub-region, documenting fish species and providing knowledge on their ecology and traditional management. She assessed the status of freshwater fishes in West Africa for the IUCN. Her research was also on coastal ecology and waterfalls of Ghana, women in water management and sanitation, science education and policy, among others. She has been involved in drafting two National Science and Technology Policies for the Ministry of Environment Science Technology and Innovation in Ghana.

She was one of the few African Scientists involved with the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (2004-2005). Her research on the effects of illegal mining on aquatic life in water bodies of Ghana, on manatees and fisheries have received extensive recognition locally and internationally. She has to her credit several publications including refereed journal articles, books, consultancy reports, edited and unedited conference papers, project and technical

reports. She has consulted for the World Bank and the Food and Agriculture Organization. In 2005 she was a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Knoxville, Tennessee (USA) and taught at the University of Winneba (2001-2003) and the University of Cape Coast (2006-2009). In 2010 she was invited by the National Research Foundation of South Africa to be part of a 3-member international team to assess 3 of their research institutes.

She holds membership of several local and international professional associations, boards and committees. She was awarded the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award in 1978 and the Tonolli Memorial Award for Limnologists in 1994. In 2012, Ghana's Ministry of Women and Children's Affairs honored her with an Excellence Award for her Research in Fisheries. Also, in 2012 the University of Cape Coast honored her as one of their Distinguished Alumni. In 2013, she was adjudged Africa's Most Influential Woman in Agricultural Research for her work in Fisheries by the Group Creating Excellence in Organizations in South Africa. She is a Fellow of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences. She was the Chair of the University of Ghana College of Basic and Applied Sciences Advisory Board 2019-2022. She has just been appointed as a member of Executive Committee of the International Human Rights Network of Academies and Scholarly Societies. She retired from the CSIR in September 2019 and is currently the Director of the Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the CSIR College of Science and Technology.

Prof. Yaw Adu-Gyamfi, FRCA, FWACS, FGCP&S, COV, FGA



Prof Yaw Adu-Gyamfi hails from Kumawu and he attended Adisadel College after which he selected to join the pioneer Class of the University of Ghana Medical School (UGMS). In December 1971, he was awarded a British Council Scholarship to embark on postgraduate studies in Anaesthesiology and Critical Care and pain management. He obtained his Fellowship of the Royal College of Anaesthetists of England (FRCA) in February, 1974. He returned to Ghana in September 1975 to become the first of the pioneer graduands to join the teaching staff of UGMS, His Alma Mater. He became a Fellow of the West African College of Surgeons (FWACS) and a foundation Fellow of the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons at its inception, in 2003.

As a student he became the third President of Ghana Medical Students Association. He represented Ghana at the 1968 conference of International Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA), in Helsinki, following which he convened a conference of all Africa Medical Student Associations, out of which was established the All-Africa Medical Students Association.

Prof Adu-Gyamfi joined the advocacy group that promoted the setting up the Ghana Postgraduate College that resulted in the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons. He was a member of the Foundation Executive Board and first Chairman of Faculty of Anaesthesiology and Critical Care. He was given a Meritorious Award on the 10th Anniversary of the College and an Award for the Great and Famous of the College, in 2024. He was Chairman of the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons from 2021 to 2024. He is a full Professor and has quietly been pursuing and promoting qualitative and quantitative improvement in Anaesthesiology and Critical Care in Ghana. He was once Head of UGMS' Department of Anaesthesia and

Critical Care. He is currently mentoring and nurturing a new Medical establishment, College of Medicine and Allied Sciences as its Chairman of Council.

Prof Adu-Gyamfi also advocated for the setting up of the Ghana Health Insurance Scheme and joined in the preparatory work. He subsequently served as Chairman of the Board of the National Health Insurance Authority, from 2017 to 2020. He was the President of the Ghana Medical Association (GMA) from 2003 to 2005 and used his Presidency to promote the health insurance scheme and reform of the Additional Duty Hours Allowance (ADHA).

He worked as a Consultant Trainer for UNFPA for five years, in Sierra Leone. He trained anaesthesia personnel, who contributed towards reduction in maternal mortality from 2000 deaths per 100,000 live births to 800 per 100,000 during his Consultancy.

He served on the Presidential Taskforce on COVID-19 and the National Technical and Coordinating Committee of the Ministry of Health, for which he was given the award of Companion of the Order of the Volta, (COV). He is a Fellow of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences (FGA).

Prof Yaw Adu-Gyamfi currently works as a part-time consultant at UGMS and also at the FOCOS Hospital, as consultant on pain management. He is married to his classmate Ambassador Dr (Mrs) Mokowa Blay Adu-Gyamfi, who is, herself, a Foundation Fellow of the Ghana College and Fellow of the West African College and, formerly, Presidential Advisor on HIV/AIDS. They have two grown up children.

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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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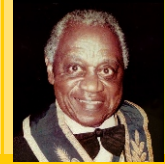
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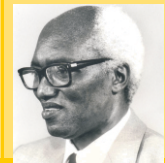
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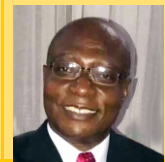
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