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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Every time I reflect on the impact of KNUST around the world, I am reminded that the true strength of this University lies not only in its academic excellence, but also in the remarkable community of Alumni who continue to represent KNUST with distinction across generations and across borders.

To all our Global Alumni, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your continued support, engagement, and commitment to the growth of your alma mater. Your contributions in various fields and professions continue to inspire the next generation of students and strengthen the legacy of this great institution.

At KNUST, we remain committed to building stronger and more meaningful relationships with our alumni community. We recognise the importance of staying connected, listening, collaborating, and creating opportunities that allow Alumni to remain actively involved in the life and progress of the University.

It is encouraging to see the growing interest in Alumni engagement initiatives and the increasing participation on platforms such as Tek Connect, which continues to help bridge the connection between the University and Alumni across the world. We believe that stronger engagement will open new opportunities for mentorship, collaboration, networking, and institutional advancement.

As members of one Global KNUST family, I encourage you to continue staying connected, supporting one another, and contributing in ways that will help shape an even brighter future for the University and generations yet to come.

On behalf of the University Management, I would like to thank you for your continued confidence in KNUST and for always carrying the spirit of this institution wherever you go.

You are forever our Knight in Shining Armour.

*Prof. (Mrs.) Rita Akosua Dickson*

Vice-Chancellor, KNUST



**Dr. Herman Yobo Addae**  
Global Alumni Assoc. President

## TONE FROM THE TOP —●

Fellow Alumni and stakeholders of our great University,

As we step into the celebratory season of **KNUST's 75th Anniversary**, I extend my warmest greetings to you wherever you are across the globe. Seventy-five (75) years of excellence, innovation, leadership, and service is no small milestone. It is a testament to the enduring vision of our founders, the dedication of faculty and staff, and most importantly, the remarkable impact of generations of alumni who continue to shape industries, communities, and nations.

KNUST's story is one of bold ideas translated into practical solutions. From science and technology to business, health, governance, and the creative arts, our alumni remain living ambassadors of the University's motto: **Nyansapɔ, Wɔsane no Badwemma**. As we celebrate this legacy, we are also called to reflect on how we can strengthen our bonds, renew our commitments, and inspire the next generation of 'Teknokrats'.

It is in this spirit that I formally invite you to the **14th Global Alumni Biennial Congress**, scheduled as follows:

Date: **Thursday, 22nd October - Sunday, 25th October 2026**

Venue: **KNUST campus, Kumasi.**

This Congress will be more than a statutory gathering; it will also be a Homecoming, proudly forming part of the University's 75th Anniversary celebrations.

The Congress has been thoughtfully designed to

reconnect us with one another, give back to our university, and look boldly into the future. Key highlights include:

- **Mentorship Engagements:** Experienced alumni from industry will engage freshmen within their departments, faculties, colleges, and halls of residence, sharing real-life experiences, insights, and guidance to inspire academic and professional growth.

- **Congress Opening Ceremony:** A grand gathering of alumni, University leadership, partners, and stakeholders to celebrate KNUST's legacy and reaffirm collective commitment to its future.

- **Business Session:** Strategic deliberations on the affairs of the Association, including accountability and the election of Global Executives to take up the mantle of leadership.

- **Chancellor's Ball:** This shall be the signature evening hosted by the Chancellor, **HRM Otumfo Osei Tutu II**. The evening shall bring together alumni, University Management, and Captains of Industry, strengthening partnerships that support institutional growth. The event will also unite distinguished partners and stakeholders with the key objective of raising funds for the KNUST Alumni Endowment Fund (KAEF) and the University's Season of Giving initiative.

- **Nyansapɔ Dialogue Series:** Alumni-led panel discussions with students, offering reflections on life on campus and beyond, and passing on lessons drawn from professional and personal journeys.

These and many other thoughtfully curated educative and fun activities are designed to deepen alumni engagement, strengthen intergenerational connections, and reinforce our collective commitment to the future of KNUST. The Congress will conclude with moments of gratitude, reflection, and fellowship, reaffirming our shared responsibility to guide the future of our beloved University.

I encourage every alumnus, local and international, young and seasoned, to **save the date** and make plans to **return home to campus**. Your presence matters. Your story connects. Together, we will celebrate 75 years of impact while shaping the next chapter of the KNUST journey into Global Eminence.

Let us come home. Let us reconnect, and let us build forward, together.

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# KNUST ALUMNUS PROFESSOR CHRISTIAN AGYARE APPOINTED 13TH VICE-CHANCELLOR OF KNUST

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The Governing Council of Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, at its 292nd (Special) Meeting held on Wednesday, 13th May 2026, appointed distinguished KNUST alumnus, Professor Christian Agyare, as the next Vice-Chancellor of the University for a four-year term spanning 1st August 2026 to 31st July 2030.

Professor Agyare succeeds Professor (Mrs.) Rita Akosua Dickson and becomes the 13th Vice-Chancellor in the history of KNUST since the University's establishment in 1951.

A respected academic, globally recognised researcher, pharmacist, and transformational leader, Professor Agyare's appointment marks another proud moment for the KNUST alumni community. His journey from student to Vice-Chancellor reflects years of dedication, excellence, service, and commitment to advancing higher education and scientific research both in Ghana and internationally.

Professor Agyare obtained his Bachelor of Pharmacy and Master of Pharmacy degrees from KNUST before pursuing a Doctor rerum naturalium (Dr. rer. nat.) degree at the University of Münster in Germany. Over the years, he has built an outstanding international academic and research profile through research and postdoctoral appointments at institutions including Novartis/Seeding Labs in Boston and the University of California, San Francisco.

Currently serving as Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Professor Agyare has played a significant role in shaping academic growth, research development, and institutional transformation within KNUST. Under his leadership, the College has expanded academic programmes, increased postgraduate enrolment, and undertaken major infrastructure development initiatives.

Beyond administration, Professor Agyare is widely recognised for his remarkable contributions to pharmaceutical sciences and healthcare research. As a Professor of Pharmaceutical Microbiology, he has authored over 200 peer-reviewed publications and earned international recognition for his research in antimicrobial resistance, natural products pharmacology, wound healing, parasitology, ethnopharmacology, and anticancer drug discovery. His scholarly work has attracted global attention and positioned him among Ghana's leading researchers.

Over the years, he has secured more than USD 11 million in competitive research grants and funding support from globally respected institutions and organisations, including the German Research Foundation (DFG), DAAD, the Mastercard Foundation, the World Bank, and other international partners.

Professor Agyare has also held several strategic leadership roles within KNUST, serving on key University committees and previously leading the Quality Assurance and Planning Unit, where he championed major institutional reforms, policy development, and technology-driven systems to improve governance and operational efficiency.

Known for his commitment to mentorship, innovation, collaboration, and human capital development, Professor Agyare continues to inspire many within and beyond academia. His vision for KNUST is centred on advancing research, innovation, entrepreneurship, sustainability, and student-centred learning while strengthening the University's global competitiveness and impact.

The KNUST alumni community proudly celebrates Professor Christian Agyare on his appointment and wishes him success as he prepares to lead the University into a new chapter of growth, innovation, and transformation.

# KNUST ALUMNUS PROF. KUMI-BOATENG APPOINTED VICE-CHANCELLOR OF UMAT

A distinguished alumnus of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST), Prof. Bernard Kumi-Boateng, has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of the University of Mines and Technology (UMaT), Tarkwa, effective August 1, 2026.

Prof. Kumi-Boateng, a Professor of Geomatic Engineering, is currently the Dean of the Faculty of Geosciences and Environmental Studies and a Licensed Surveyor.

His academic foundation was shaped at KNUST, where he obtained a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree in Geomatic Engineering and a Master of Science (MSc) degree in Geomatic Engineering.

He later earned an additional MSc from the International Institute for Geo-information Science and Earth Observation (ITC), Netherlands, and completed a PhD in Geomatic Engineering at UMaT in a record two years. He also holds a Professional Doctorate in Project Management, alongside certificates in Theology, Pastoral Studies, Counselling and Family Therapy from Pentecost University.

His research and consultancy interests span Resettlement Action Planning, Rapid Asset Survey (RAS), Full Built Asset Survey (FBAS), Environmental Management, Compensation and Cadastral Surveying, Drone Surveys, Socio-economic Baseline and Impact Assessment, Land Access, Sustainable Community Development, Urban Mining (E-waste), and Informal E-waste Stakeholder Engagement.



Prof. Kumi-Boateng is a member of several professional bodies, including the International Association of Engineers (IAENG), Canadian Institute of Geomatics (CIG), African Association of Remote Sensing of the Environment (AARSE), American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS), Ghana Institution of Engineers (GhIE), Ghana Institution of Surveyors (GhIS), and the Ghana Geospatial Society (GGS).

He is also a Fellow of the West African Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (WAIMM) and a Distinguished Fellow of the Institute of Project Management Professionals (IPMP), Ghana.

Within academia, he has held several leadership roles, including Dean of Planning and Quality Assurance, Dean of Students, University Chaplain, Vice Dean of Students, Vice Dean of International Programmes, and Head of three departments, Geomatic Engineering, Mathematical Sciences, and Computer Science and Engineering.

# KNUST ALUMNUS PROF. ERIC KWASI OFORI APPOINTED VICE-CHANCELLOR OF GARDEN CITY UNIVERSITY

A distinguished alumnus of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Professor Eric Kwasi Ofori, has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of Garden City University.

Professor Ofori, a renowned scholar in medical imaging and higher education administration, earned a Bachelor of Science degree with honours in Agricultural Engineering from KNUST in 1993 before pursuing advanced studies abroad.

Born on March 6, 1966, in Kyebi in Ghana's Eastern Region, he attended Kyebi Methodist Primary School and Kyebi Experimental Junior High School before proceeding to Suhum Secondary Technical School, now Suhum Senior High School, where he obtained his GCE Ordinary and Advanced Level certificates.

Following his studies at KNUST, he obtained an MPhil in Radiography from City University London and a PhD in Health Sciences (Radiography) from the University of Liverpool in 2009. He also holds a Certificate in Agricultural Engineering from the

Professor Ofori has built an extensive academic and professional career across several Ghanaian universities, including the University of Ghana, University of Health and Allied Sciences and University of Cape Coast.

In January 2017, he was appointed Associate Professor of Medical Imaging at the School of Allied Health Sciences at UHAS and was promoted to full professor in April 2021. Prior to joining UHAS, he served as lecturer and senior lecturer at the School of Biomedical and Allied Health Sciences at the University of Ghana from 2010 to 2016.

He later served as a visiting professor at the Department of Imaging Technology and positions, including Dean of the School of Allied Health Sciences at UHAS for six years and Head of the Imaging Technology and Sonography Department at UCC.



He also acted on several occasions as Pro-Vice Chancellor at UHAS.

With more than two decades of teaching and research experience, he has supervised 10 PhD students, 15 MPhil students and more than 60 undergraduate dissertations.

His research interests include quality assurance and radiation protection in diagnostic imaging, medical imaging instrumentation, radiography education and women's health. He has published more than 40 articles in peer-reviewed medical imaging journals and presented at several local and international conferences.

Professor Ofori has also contributed significantly to higher education governance and professional advocacy in Ghana. He served as National Vice-President of the University Teachers Association of Ghana and local Vice-President of the association at the University of Ghana between 2015 and 2017.

He currently serves as an external assessor for the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission and as a member of the Appointments and Promotions Board of Ho Technical University.

Professor Ofori is a registered member of the Allied Health Professions Council and the Ghana Society of Radiographers.

He is also affiliated with the International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists and the Pan-African Congress of Radiology and Imaging.

## KNUST CELEBRATES ALUMNUS PROF. MARK ADOM-ASAMOAH ON UEAS VICE-CHANCELLOR APPOINTMENT

His academic and research contributions have earned him international recognition as a Fulbright Fellow, Commonwealth Scholar, and British Council Scholar. He has undertaken research and academic engagements at globally recognised institutions including Arizona State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, and the University of Bristol.

Prof. Adom-Asamoah's research has focused extensively on structural engineering, earthquake-resistant design, reinforced concrete behaviour, and sustainable construction materials. His work has contributed significantly to improving understanding of how buildings and structural systems perform under stress, particularly within developing and resource-constrained environments.

His studies on bamboo-reinforced concrete, recycled aggregates, palm kernel shell concrete, phyllite aggregates, and locally milled steel bars have explored innovative and sustainable approaches to construction using locally available materials. His research has also contributed to seismic hazard modelling and structural resilience, particularly in relation to earthquake vulnerability and reinforced concrete structures in Ghana and similar low-to-moderate seismic regions.

Through his teaching, leadership, research, and public service, Prof. Adom-Asamoah has continued to bridge the gap between academia and practical engineering solutions while mentoring generations of engineers and professionals.

The KNUST alumni community proudly celebrates Prof. Mark Adom-Asamoah on this remarkable appointment and wishes him success as he leads the University of Engineering and Agricultural Sciences into its formative years.



Professor Mark Adom-Asamoah, distinguished alumnus and former Provost of the College of Engineering at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), has been appointed the Foundation Vice-Chancellor of the newly established University of Engineering and Agricultural Sciences (UEAS), Bunso.

A Professor of Civil Engineering at KNUST, Prof. Adom-Asamoah continues to exemplify the excellence, leadership, and innovation associated with the KNUST alumni community. His appointment marks another significant milestone in a remarkable academic and professional journey dedicated to engineering education, research, and national development.

Prof. Adom-Asamoah holds a PhD in Civil Engineering from the University of Bristol, United Kingdom, an MSc and Diploma of Imperial College (DIC) in Structural Steel Design from Imperial College London, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from KNUST.

Over the years, he has served KNUST in several key leadership capacities, including Provost of the College of Engineering, Dean of the Faculty of Civil and Geo-Engineering, Head of the Department of Petroleum Engineering, and Head of the Structural Engineering Section of the Department of Civil Engineering. He also served as Interim Pro Vice-Chancellor of KNUST and later as a STEM Policy Advisor at Ghana's Ministry of Education.

# SMS 1999 YEAR GROUP DONATES GH¢135,000 TO STRENGTHEN TRAINING

Alumni of the 1999 year group of the School of Medical Sciences at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, have donated GH¢135,000 to support medical education at the School.

The contribution was presented during a brief ceremony with the Dean of the School, Professor Antwi-Kusi, and his management team where representatives of the cohort formally handed over the cheque on behalf of their classmates. Members of the group noted that the gesture reflects their gratitude to the institution that laid the foundation for their professional journeys. The alumni also reminded the School of an earlier contribution in April 2023, when the cohort donated nine 65-inch television sets valued at nearly GH¢150,000 to support teaching and learning activities.

Speaking during the ceremony, Professor Antwi-Kusi expressed appreciation to the alumni for their continued support for the School and the University. He commended members of the year group for remaining actively engaged with their alma mater over the years.

The Dean also provided an update on the School's Legacy Project, a major development initiative estimated to cost more than US\$5 million (approximately GH¢52–55 million). He encouraged alumni and partners to support the project, noting its importance for expanding facilities and strengthening medical training at the University.

"Our achievements today are a testament to the strong foundation we received, and this contribution reflects our commitment to empowering the next generation of medical professionals," said Dr. Kwame Amponsa-Achiano, a physician epidemiologist and consultant public health physician.

Members of the 1999 cohort recalled that they were among the smaller groups admitted during the period, entering with about 32 students and graduating 36 doctors, despite the academic and logistical challenges of the time. Today, members of the class serve in academia, clinical practice, and public service in Ghana and across the world, continuing to contribute to healthcare delivery and medical research.

Those who represented the year group at the presentation ceremony included Dr. Kwame Amponsa-Achiano, Dr. Vivian (Adonteng) Paintsil, Dr. Emmanuel Ameyaw, Dr. Rita (Adomako-Bamfi) Baiden, Dr. Bhavana Singh, Dr. Kwarko E. Kwadwo P., and Dr. Charles Mawunyo Senaya.



# TEK. MARIAM MOHAMMED WINS 2025 JAY LIT PRIZE



An alumna of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST) Mariam Mohammed has been named winner of the 2025 JAY Lit Prize for Poetry.

Miss Mohammed, now a PhD student studying Writing, Rhetoric and Cultures at Michigan State University, won the award for her poem “The B(lack)ody as a Map to Self,” published in Issue 9 of the Journal of African Youth Literature (JAY Lit). The award recognises outstanding contributions to African writing published in the journal over the past year.

Her selection places her alongside other continental winners, including Nigerian writer Olayinka Yaqub (Fiction) and Kenyan essayist Naomi Nduta Waweru (Non-Fiction), in a cohort celebrated for pushing the boundaries of contemporary African literature.

Judge Bash Amuneni described Mohammed’s work as deeply intentional and emotionally resonant.

“For me, Mariam’s poem was the best of the four because every image is placed with care, every fracture intentional,” he said. “Her attention to detail is almost surgical, cutting precisely into lineage, body, and belonging, and then leaving behind a tenderness that lingers long after the final line of the poem.”

The JAY Lit Awards, an initiative of the Journal of African Youth Literature, aim to recognise and honour emerging and established voices shaping literary expression across the continent. Winners are selected through a multi-tier judging process involving category editors and leading literary figures.

# KNUST ALUM DR SAMUEL AMOAKO-KUSI WINS \$10,000 AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY COMPETITION FOR TELEMEDICINE STARTUP

An alumnus of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST), Dr Samuel Amoako-Kusi, has won \$10,000 after placing second in the Innovate@BU 2026 New Venture Competition at Boston University.

Dr Amoako-Kusi secured the prize in the social impact track for his telemedicine startup, JoHil eKlinics, which aims to improve access to specialist healthcare in underserved rural communities in Ghana.

He holds a Master of Business Administration in Management and Organisational Development from KNUST and is currently pursuing a Master of Public Health (MPH) in healthcare management at Boston University's School of Public Health.

Drawing on his background in dental surgery and his experience running a peri-urban primary care clinic he founded in 2021, Dr Amoako-Kusi identified a persistent challenge: patients with chronic conditions such as hypertension and diabetes often failed to follow through on specialist referrals due to long travel distances and high costs.

To address this, he developed a digital solution through eDok Technologies, a telemedicine platform that connects patients in rural clinics with specialists in urban centres.

Under the hybrid model, patients visit JoHil eKlinics for initial assessments, where nurses take vital signs and prepare them for virtual consultations with doctors. The approach enables regular follow-ups and improves access to medication.

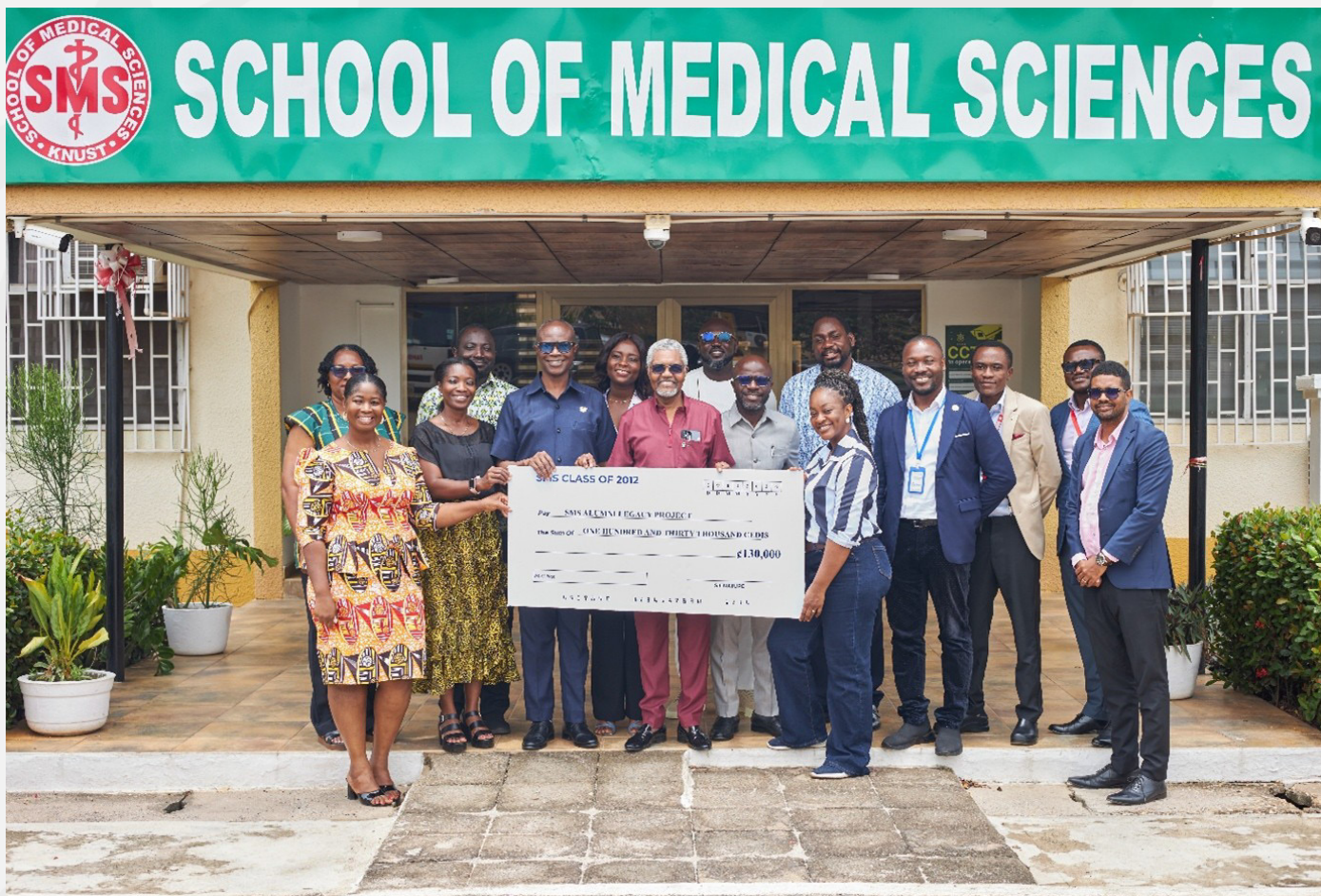
Dr Amoako-Kusi said improved monitoring has helped prevent dozens of stroke cases while significantly reducing emergency room visits.

The model has also lowered the financial burden on patients, cutting average annual healthcare costs.

Looking ahead, he plans to expand JoHil eKlinics with the establishment of a second facility while continuing his academic work, with ambitions to pursue a PhD in health services research.



## SMS CLASS OF 2012 DONATES GH¢130,000 TO SUPPORT ALUMNI LEGACY PROJECT



The School of Medical Sciences (SMS) at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST), has received a donation of One Hundred and Thirty Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢130,000) toward its Alumni Legacy Project from the SMS Class of 2012.

Dr. Charles Martyn-Dickens, Alumni Coordinator for the SMS Class of 2012, explained that the donation reflects a sense of duty rather than obligation.

Dr. Martyn-Dickens emphasized that the motivation behind the contribution stems from the deep connection alumni share with their alma mater and forms part of a broader alumni-driven effort to support infrastructure and development within the school.

“If you understand the meaning of ‘alma mater’, then you realize that supporting the institution that trained you is not something you have to be persuaded to do. It is a responsibility,” he noted.

The Dean of SMS, Prof. Akwasi Antwi-Kusi, expressed appreciation to the alumni for their consistent support over the years. He noted that alumni contributions have become a critical source of funding for the school, particularly in the face of limited financial resources.





“For the past few years, alumni have continuously supported the school with donations ranging from computers to printers and other resources. Virtually everything you see here has come from alumni support,” he said. The Dean further encouraged younger graduating classes to actively participate in alumni initiatives, noting that their numbers position them to make even greater impact.



Global Alumni President for SMS, Professor Joslin Dogbe, described the Legacy Project as a long-term, collective responsibility of all alumni. He underscored the importance of sustained engagement and contributions to ensure the successful completion of the project. “This is just the beginning. We will continue to call on alumni to support until the project is fully realized,” she said.

Professor Dogbe also highlighted ongoing challenges facing the school, particularly space constraints affecting student accommodation and academic scheduling and expressed optimism that the Legacy Project would help address some of these issues.

## APPOINTMENT OF DR. DOREEN ADOMAKO AGYEI TO THE CENTRAL LAW SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

Central University has announced the appointment of Dr. Doreen Adomako Agyei to the Advisory Board of the Central Law School, a development that has been widely welcomed within academic and legal circles. Her appointment reflects the university's commitment to strengthening legal education through the inclusion of accomplished professionals and distinguished scholars with extensive experience in law, academia, and leadership.

Dr. Doreen Adomako Agyei currently serves as a Lecturer at the Faculty of Law of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) and Editor for the Legal Hub- a law news section of the Tek Connect newsletter. Over the years, she has distinguished herself as a committed academic, legal professional, and mentor who has contributed immensely to legal scholarship, policy discussions, and the development of future legal practitioners in Ghana. Her expertise, professionalism, and dedication to excellence make her a valuable addition to the Advisory Board.

The Central Law School Advisory Board comprises eminent personalities from the judiciary, academia, legal practice, and industry, all tasked with providing strategic guidance and support towards the advancement of the law school. Dr. Agyei joins a distinguished group of accomplished individuals under the chairpersonship of Her Ladyship Justice Sophia Akufo, former Chief Justice of Ghana. Her inclusion on the board is expected to further enhance the school's academic vision, strengthen industry and institutional collaborations, and contribute to curriculum and policy development within legal education.



As a respected legal academic, Dr. Agyei brings on board a wealth of knowledge in legal research, teaching, and institutional development. Her appointment also serves as an inspiration to young legal professionals and students, particularly women pursuing careers in law and academia. Through her experience and leadership, she is expected to contribute meaningfully to discussions aimed at improving practical legal training, research output, and professional ethics within the legal profession.

The appointment of Dr. Doreen Adomako Agyei marks another important step in Central University's drive to position its Law School as a center of excellence in legal education and professional development. Her contribution to the Advisory Board is anticipated to positively impact the institution's growth and strengthen its reputation within Ghana's legal and academic landscape.

# ALUMNI-COUNCIL MEETING

The Alumni-Council meeting held on 14th May 2026 brought together key stakeholders from the school administration, alumni leadership, SRC, and GRASAG to deliberate on strategic matters concerning institutional development and alumni engagement. The meeting primarily focused on strengthening collaboration between the school and the alumni body in line with the broader vision and implementation framework of the Plan 2K30 Agenda. Discussions emphasized the importance of aligning alumni initiatives with the institution's long-term developmental goals to ensure continuity, sustainability, and measurable impact across academic, infrastructural, and student-centered interventions.

A major highlight of the engagement was the shared commitment to creating a more coordinated relationship between the school and the alumni association. Participants discussed avenues through which alumni expertise, resources, and networks could be leveraged to support the school's strategic ambitions under the Plan 2K30 Agenda. The Council acknowledged the critical role alumni continue to play in mentorship, infrastructure support, policy advocacy, and student empowerment, while encouraging stronger institutional collaboration to maximize these contributions.

The meeting also provided an opportunity for youth representatives and student leadership to present their proposed activities and priorities for the year. Particular attention was given to the upcoming Congress, which was described as a major platform for engagement, networking, leadership development, and policy discussions among students and alumni. The Global President and Council members stressed the need for early alignment and approval of planned activities to avoid future administrative delays and to ensure seamless execution of programs under the alumni structure.



Furthermore, discussions centered on improving communication channels, operational coordination, and strategic planning between all stakeholders. The Council reiterated the importance of maintaining a unified vision that advances the interests of both the institution and its alumni community. Members also encouraged the operationalization of youth-focused initiatives within the alumni framework to promote inclusivity, continuity of leadership, and active student participation in alumni affairs.

In conclusion, the meeting was highly productive and reaffirmed the collective commitment of both the school and alumni leadership towards fostering institutional growth, youth development, and strategic collaboration under the Plan 2K30 Agenda. Participants expressed optimism that the resolutions and partnerships established during the meeting would significantly contribute to the successful execution of future programs, including the upcoming Congress and other developmental initiatives.



# BRIGHTEN YOUR CORNER

## 1. Your name, occupation, year of completing KNUST, hall of residence, any positions held while in KNUST, which chapter/branch you belong to.

"My name is Dr. Samuel Amoah Osei. I am a pharmacist by profession, passionate about healthcare delivery, patient education, and public health advocacy. I completed Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in 2023, and I am a proud Royal from Queens Hall. I currently belong to the Spintex chapter of the Alumni Association."

## 2. Why KNUST and what experience from KNUST has made you who you are today?

I chose KNUST because if you want to study pharmacy in Ghana, you want to learn where the benchmark is set. But what truly made me who I am wasn't just the lecture halls; it was the sheer resilience the environment builds. Balancing the intense pharmaceutical chemistry, pharmacology labs, and dispensing exams teaches you mental toughness and precise time management. KNUST forces you to transition from a student who memorizes facts to a clinician who solves real-time therapeutic problems under pressure. Beyond academics, interacting with students from different backgrounds broadened my worldview and strengthened my emotional intelligence. KNUST didn't only train me to become a pharmacist; it trained me to become solution-oriented and adaptable in life."

## 3. If you were to go back to KNUST, what would you do differently?

If I could go back, I would focus more heavily on interdisciplinary collaboration and digital health tools early on. As pharmacy students, we often lived in a bubble between the Faculty of Pharmacy and SMS (School of Medical Sciences). I would actively seek out collaborations with the computer science or business students. Healthcare today is driven by data, technology, and entrepreneurship, and building those networks across faculties early on is invaluable.



## 4. A little about your professional/occupational experience.

My professional journey spans both public healthcare with the Ghana Health Service and the private sector in Community Pharmacy. My time with the GHS sharpened my clinical precision and multi-disciplinary teamwork in fast-paced institutional settings. On the other hand, my community pharmacy experience grounded me in healthcare business dynamics and the role of the pharmacist as an accessible primary caregiver. Combining these two worlds has made me a well-rounded healthcare professional, proving that pharmacists are far more than dispensers—we are clinical educators, strategists, and the frontline defenders of patient safety.

## 5. What advice do you have for a student or young graduate looking to emulate you?

My advice to students or young graduates is to focus on competence before recognition. Build your skills quietly, protect your integrity fiercely, and master soft skills like communication and emotional intelligence. Your degree can open doors, but your character determines how long you stay in the room.

## 6. Contributions to the Alumni Association.

I view the Alumni Association as a vital bridge between experience and aspiration. A clear reflection of this was my participation in the recent Kaptains of Industry Awards, where we launched the KNUST Alumni Endowment Fund (KAEF) to support sustainable research and infrastructure. My focus is on paying this momentum forward through mentorship offering career guidance and structural visibility to younger graduates.

## 7. What science or technology do you look forward to changing the world

I am incredibly excited about the intersection of Artificial Intelligence and biotechnology in healthcare. From accelerating drug discovery to predicting disease outbreaks, these tools will revolutionize medicine. My goal is to help ensure these innovations are ethically and practically deployed to close healthcare gaps in developing regions like ours.

## 8. Favorite book.

My favorite book is Atomic Habits by James Clear. In pharmacy, we know that small things matter—a minor dosage tweak changes everything. This book reinforced my belief that small, consistent actions and daily disciplines ultimately shape long-term professional success."

Word In bracket- **"Long Live KNUST Alumni Association, long live KNUST, Long Live Ghana"**



# INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY

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International Workers' Day, observed on the 1st of May every year, traces its roots to the labour movement of the late 19th century in the United States. On 1 May 1886, workers across American cities went on strike demanding an eight-hour working day. The movement culminated in the Haymarket affair in Chicago, where a peaceful protest turned violent, leaving workers and police officers dead. The event shocked the world and became a defining moment in the history of labour rights. In 1889, the International Socialist Congress declared May 1st as an international day of solidarity for workers everywhere.

## What It Stands For

At its core, Workers' Day is about dignity. It is a recognition that the people who build roads, grow food, teach children, clean hospitals, and keep cities running deserve fair pay, safe conditions, and basic respect. The struggles that gave birth to this day were not easy. They were won through organisation, sacrifice, and persistence. Workers' Day exists to honour that struggle and to remind every generation that the rights enjoyed today were not given freely; they were fought for.

## Global Significance

Today, May Day is observed in over 160 countries. In many parts of the world, it is a public holiday marked by marches, rallies, and speeches. Trade unions and workers' organisations use the occasion to raise awareness about ongoing issues like unemployment, wage inequality, poor working conditions, and the erosion of workers' rights. Governments are reminded of their responsibility to uphold labour laws and protect workers from exploitation. The day carries different weight in different places, but the message is universal: workers matter.

## Workers' Day in Ghana

In Ghana, Workers' Day is a national public holiday. The day is typically marked by a national parade and rally, often addressed by the President and senior government officials. Trade unions, including the Trades Union Congress (TUC) of Ghana, use the platform to present the concerns of workers to government - ranging from minimum wage adjustments to job security and social protection. It is both a celebration and an advocacy moment, a day when the voice of the ordinary worker is placed at the centre of national attention.

## Conclusion

Despite the progress made over the decades, the work is far from finished. Millions of people around the world still work in informal sectors with no job security, no benefits, and no protection under the law. Child labour persists. Gender pay gaps remain wide. Workers in many industries face unsafe conditions daily. International Workers' Day serves as a reminder that solidarity is not a relic of the past. It is an ongoing commitment to building a world where every person who works is treated with fairness and respect.

# EID AL-ADHA IN GHANA: A FESTIVAL OF FAITH, FAMILY, AND SACRIFICE

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Every year, millions of Muslims across Ghana join the global Islamic community to observe Eid al-Adha, the Festival of Sacrifice. It is one of the two most important celebrations in the Islamic calendar, and in Ghana, it carries deep religious meaning alongside a vivid local character that makes it distinctly Ghanaian.

## What the Day Commemorates

Eid al-Adha marks the willingness of the Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) to sacrifice his son Ismail as an act of obedience to God. Before the sacrifice could be carried out, God intervened and provided a ram in place of the boy. The festival honours this act of devotion and submission, the very meaning of the word Islam. It also coincides with the climax of the Hajj pilgrimage in Mecca, when Muslims who have made the journey to the holy city complete their final rites.

## Ghana's Muslim Community

Islam has been present in Ghana for centuries, arriving through trans-Saharan trade routes long before European contact. Today, Muslims make up roughly 20 percent of Ghana's population, a community concentrated largely in the Northern, Upper East, and Upper West regions, but with a strong and growing presence in Accra, Kumasi, and other urban centres. The Zongo communities found in virtually every major Ghanaian city are vibrant centres of Islamic life, and Eid al-Adha is perhaps their most visible celebration.

## How It Is Celebrated in Ghana

The day begins before sunrise. Families wake early, bathe, put on their finest clothes, often new outfits bought specially for the occasion and make their way to the nearest mosque or open prayer ground. In cities like Tamale, Accra's Nima and Mamobi neighbourhoods, and Kumasi's Zongo, these prayer gatherings draw enormous crowds. The Eid prayer is short but significant, followed by a sermon reminding worshippers of the spirit of sacrifice and gratitude.

After prayers comes the centrepiece of the day: the Udhiya, the ritual slaughter of a ram, cow, or goat. The animal must meet specific conditions of health and age. Once slaughtered, the meat is divided into three portions; one for the family, one for relatives and friends, and one for the poor and those in need. This act of sharing is not a formality. In Ghanaian communities, it is taken seriously. Neighbours often receive portions of meat, making Eid al-Adha a moment that reaches beyond religious lines.

## A Celebration That Belongs to Everyone

One of the most striking things about Eid al-Adha in Ghana is how naturally it draws in non-Muslims. Ghana's long tradition of religious tolerance means that Christian friends and neighbours frequently join the festivities – sharing meals, exchanging greetings, and celebrating together. In many homes, the day looks like any major Ghanaian family gathering: jollof rice, fried meat, and conversation stretching long into the afternoon.

*Eid Mubarak — Blessed Celebration — to all who observe!*

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## GHANA MARKET IN FOCUS

	Growth (%)	Growth (%)	Growth (%)	Growth (%)	Growth (%)	Growth (%)	Growth (%)	Growth (%)
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2026
Ghana								
	6.2%	6.5%	0.5%	5.4%	3.8%	3.1%	5.7%	4.7%

Source: *Ghana Statistical Service, 2025*

## ECONOMIC RATES

Country	91 Day T-bill (InterestRate)	182 Day T-bill (Interest Rate)	Inflation (%)	PolicyRate (%)
Ghana				
	4.96	6.71	3.4	14.0

Source: Bank of Ghana

## EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Buy	Sell
USDGHS	11.9930	12.0040
GBPGHS	15.9945	16.0106
CHFGHS	14.2397	14.2523
AUDGHS	7.8166	7.8265
CADGHS	8.0824	8.0898
EURGHS	13.0375	13.0504
CNYGHS	1.5903	1.5917
GHSNGN	122.7804	122.8713

Source: Bank of Ghana

Category Headline	Summary
BoG's GH¢93bn equity hole could burden taxpayers — Abena Osei-Asare	Former Minister of State at the Finance Ministry and Chairperson of Parliament's Public Accounts Committee, Abena Osei-Asare, has warned that the worsening financial position of the Bank of Ghana (BoG) could eventually place a significant burden on taxpayers, describing the central bank's growing negative equity as a major fiscal risk that demands urgent parliamentary scrutiny.

Source: CitiNewsroom: <https://www.citinewsroom.com/2026/05/bogs-gh%2a293bn-equity-hole-could-burden-taxpayers-abena-osei-asare/>

Category Headline	Summary
Mining localisation policy may worsen worker conditions – Extractive Industries Workers Union	The Executive Director of the Extractive Industries Workers Union of Ghana, Victor Asare Gyapong, has raised concerns about the potential impact of the government's new localisation policy on workers in the mining sector. The policy requires international mining firms to transition all surface operations to fully Ghanaian-owned contractors, while underground operators must ensure at least 50 per cent Ghanaian ownership by 31 December 2026.

Source: Citi Newsroom: <https://www.citinewsroom.com/2026/05/mining-localisation-policy-may-worsen-worker-conditions-extractive-industries-workers-union/>

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