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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: **Nyansapo, Wosane 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.

- **Nyansapo 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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TEK. REV. DR. GRACE SINTIM ADASI WINS 2026 ICSOR GLOBAL RESEARCH GRANT



Rev. Dr. Grace Sintim Adasi, a distinguished alumna of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST), has won the highly competitive 2026 International Centre for the Sociology of Religion (ICSOR) Grant Award after emerging as the highest-scoring applicant in a global competition. The Presbyterian Church of Ghana minister and Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, achieved a perfect score of 10 points with her research proposal, according to results released by ICSOR on May 24, 2026.

Her award-winning project, titled “Digital Pulpits: Ghanaian Women as Online Evangelists and Faith Influencers,” investigates the growing role of social media in shaping Christian ministry, religious authority, theology and moral discourse in contemporary Ghana. The study focuses particularly on how women are using digital platforms to influence faith communities and transform religious engagement in the digital age.

Rev. Dr. Adasi earned an MPhil in Educational Innovation and Leadership Science from KNUST in 2023. She also holds a PhD in the Study of Religions, an MPhil in African Studies and a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership and Management from the University of Ghana. Over the years, she has established herself as a leading scholar in the fields of religion, gender and society, combining academic excellence with active ministry and public engagement. Her research has explored issues relating to African Christianity, spirituality, culture, women’s leadership, indigenous religions and social transformation.

She has published extensively in internationally respected academic journals and is the author of the book *Gender and Change: Roles and Challenges of Ordained Women Ministers in the Presbyterian Church of Ghana*, a widely referenced work that examines the experiences of women in Christian leadership. Beyond her publications, Rev. Dr. Adasi has secured several international research grants and presented scholarly papers at conferences and academic gatherings across the world.

Her current research interests include African Christianity and mission studies, religion and society, digital religion, gender and theology, indigenous spirituality, education and social mobility, and women’s empowerment. The 2026 ICSOR Grant Award recognizes innovative research that advances understanding of religion and its role in contemporary societies.

KNUST UNVEILS THEME AND ACTIVITIES FOR 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST), has unveiled plans for its 75th Anniversary celebration, announcing the official theme, commemorative logo, anniversary cloth and a year-long programme of activities to mark the milestone. The celebrations was officially launched on June 24, 2026, under the theme, ***"From Excellence to Eminence: 75 Years of KNUST."***

Speaking to KNUST Management at the Council Chamber, Chairman of the Anniversary Planning Committee, Professor William Otoo Ellis, said the theme emerged from extensive consultations and aligns with the University's strategic aspirations. ***"We deliberated extensively on the theme for the anniversary and took into consideration the University's strategic plan and focus,"*** he said. According to Prof. Ellis, the theme reflects KNUST's determination to build on its tradition of excellence while positioning itself for greater global relevance, impact and leadership in higher education, research and innovation.

As part of the launch, the University will also unveil a commemorative publication documenting its history, achievements and contributions over the past seven decades. Prof. Ellis explained that the idea for the publication was conceived during preparations for KNUST's 70th Anniversary celebrations after concerns were raised about the need for a comprehensive record of the University's growth and impact. ***"We realized that so much has been done by this University, but unfortunately not much has been documented comprehensively. We therefore set out to produce a publication that captures the KNUST story and preserves its legacy for future generations,"*** he said.



He noted that the anniversary celebrations will feature a wide range of activities beginning in June and continuing throughout the year. These include a 75th Anniversary Inter-College Quiz Competition, radio and television documentaries highlighting KNUST's innovations and inventions, and community impact projects to be undertaken by the University's colleges.

Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rita Akosua Dickson, commended the Planning Committee for its dedication and hard work, describing the preparations as a significant step towards a memorable celebration. ***"We are thrilled with the progress made so far and are looking forward to a very exciting 75th Anniversary celebration. The report confirms that we are indeed preparing to celebrate 75 solid years. The University is grateful for the commitment and hard work that has gone into this process,"*** she said.

The Vice-Chancellor assured the committee of Management's continued support and encouraged members to promptly communicate any challenges that may arise during the planning process. ***"When you realize that you have hit a wall, please quickly get back to us. Let us work together so that we are able to have a very smooth process and make the celebration as stress-free as possible,"*** she added.

The programme will also culminate in an anniversary awards ceremony to honour distinguished alumni, staff and students whose contributions have advanced the University's mission and reputation over the years.



KNUST ALUMNUS DR. JOSEPH BONNEY ELECTED TO INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICINE BOARD



An alumnus of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST), Dr. Joseph Bonney, has been elected to the Board of the International Federation for Emergency Medicine (IFEM). Dr. Bonney was elected during the International Conference on Emergency Medicine (ICEM 2026) held in Hamburg, Germany. His election places him among global leaders responsible for advancing emergency medicine practice, education, research and policy across member countries.

In a further recognition of his contributions to the field, Dr. Bonney was also inducted as a Fellow of the International Federation for Emergency Medicine (FIFEM), one of the federation's highest honours bestowed on emergency medicine professionals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the specialty. The distinction recognizes his remarkable contributions to emergency medicine, research, education and health systems strengthening across Ghana and the wider African region.

A medical doctor, public health specialist and emergency medicine physician, Dr. Bonney has played a pivotal role in the development of emergency medicine in Ghana and across Africa.

As President of the African Federation for Emergency Medicine (AFEM), he has championed efforts to strengthen emergency care systems, build professional capacity, promote research and foster collaboration among emergency medicine practitioners across the continent.

His election to the IFEM Board is expected to provide a stronger voice for Africa in global emergency medicine discussions and contribute to ongoing efforts to improve emergency care delivery in low- and middle-income countries. The International Federation for Emergency Medicine is a global organization that brings together national emergency medicine associations and colleges from across the world to advance the specialty through education, research, advocacy and international collaboration.

The FIFEM distinction is awarded to individuals who have made significant contributions to advancing emergency medicine and supporting the mission of the International Federation for Emergency Medicine worldwide. The achievement marks a proud moment for KNUST and the broader medical community, underscoring the growing influence of African experts in shaping the future of emergency medicine globally.

KNUST ALUMNUS WINS US\$100,000 OPEC FUND YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARD



A Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST) alumnus and Founder and Chief Executive Officer of AkoFresh, Mathias Charles Yabe, has won the Youth Entrepreneurship Award at the OPEC Fund's 2026 Annual Award for Development.

The award, valued at US\$100,000, was presented in recognition of AkoFresh's innovative efforts to address post-harvest losses and strengthen food security among rural farming communities through sustainable agricultural solutions.

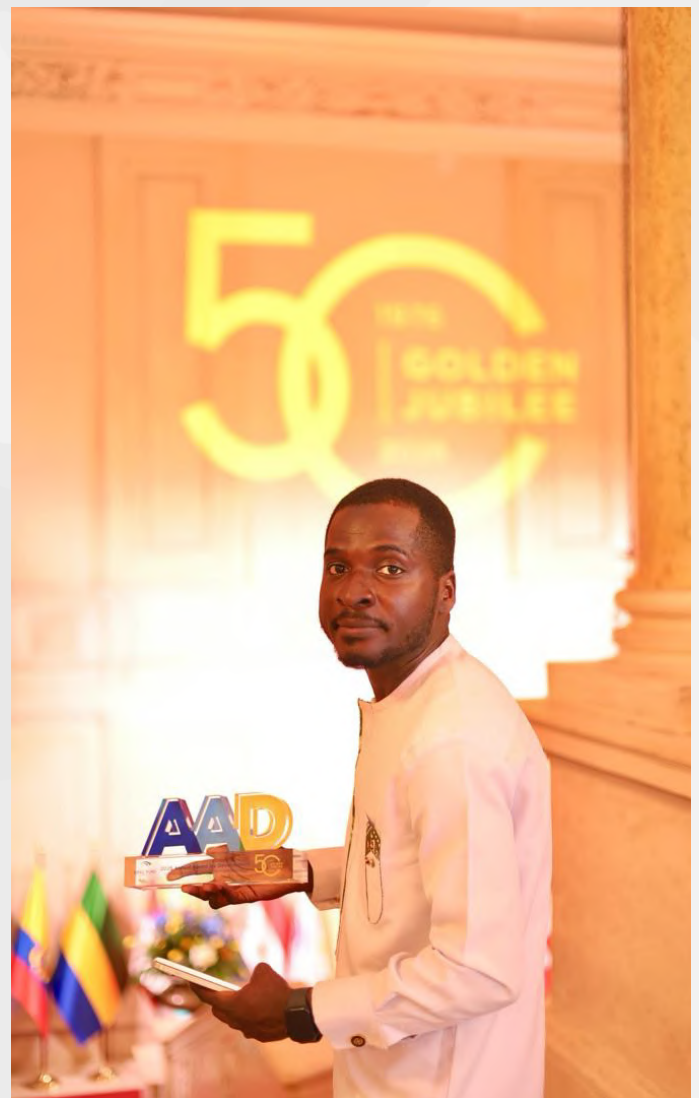
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Mr. Yabe encouraged young innovators to remain committed to their aspirations despite challenges. *"To every young person with a dream that feels too big, too difficult or too early: keep going. The world needs your ideas, your energy and your determination,"* he said.

He expressed appreciation to the OPEC Fund for supporting youth-driven innovation and creating opportunities for young entrepreneurs to contribute to sustainable development.

"Thank you to the OPEC Fund for believing in youth-led innovation and for creating this platform to empower the next generation to build a more inclusive and sustainable future," he added.



KNUST ALUMNUS CALLS FOR TEXTILES TO DRIVE GHANA'S 24-HOUR ECONOMY



Distinguished KNUST alumnus Professor Ebenezer Kofi Howard has called on the Government of Ghana to position the country's textiles and apparel industry as a key driver of the proposed 24-Hour Economy, describing the sector as one of Ghana's greatest untapped opportunities for industrial transformation, job creation, and sustainable economic growth.

A product of Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Prof. Howard's academic journey reflects a remarkable commitment to excellence in the arts and education. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Industrial Art (Textiles) in 2001, Master of Arts in Art Education in 2005, Master of Fine Arts in Textile Design in 2008, and PhD in Art Education in 2014, all from KNUST.

Delivering his inaugural lecture titled *"Beyond Clothing the Nudity of Humanity: How Sustainable Textiles and Apparel Industry Can Rescue Ghana from Its Socio-Economic and Environmental Quagmire,"* Prof. Howard proposed a bold policy framework to establish textiles and apparel production hubs across all sixteen regions of Ghana. He argued that the industry's labour-intensive, shift-based nature makes it ideally suited to support the country's 24-Hour Economy agenda while creating thousands of jobs and strengthening local manufacturing.

"The textiles and apparel industry has been tried and tested by many leading economies and has consistently proven to be a catalyst for industrialisation, productivity, and employment," he noted.

Professor Howard expressed concern over Ghana's growing dependence on imported textiles and second-hand clothing, describing the trend as both an economic and environmental challenge. He urged government to implement deliberate policies that strengthen local cotton production, modernise textile manufacturing, promote innovation, and empower Ghanaian experts to lead the industry's revival.

Drawing on more than two decades of research, he highlighted the enormous potential of the global textiles and apparel industry, valued at over US\$5 trillion and employing more than 300 million people worldwide. He pointed to countries such as Bangladesh, Vietnam, China, India, and Cambodia as examples of nations that have successfully transformed their economies through strategic investment in the sector.

Beyond policy recommendations, Prof. Howard emphasized that revitalising Ghana's textiles and apparel industry would preserve the nation's cultural heritage, reduce import dependence, promote environmental sustainability, and create meaningful employment opportunities for future generations.

The KNUST Alumni community proudly celebrates Professor Ebenezer Kofi Howard for his outstanding scholarship, visionary leadership, and continued commitment to advancing national development through research and innovation. His achievements exemplify the University's enduring mission of producing graduates whose knowledge and expertise create lasting impact in Ghana and across the world.



KNUST LAUNCHES 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



The Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST), has launched its 75th anniversary celebrations under the theme, ***“From Excellence to Eminence: 75 Years of KNUST,”*** marking a major milestone in the University's history as a leading institution for higher education, research, innovation and national development. The launch brought together traditional leaders, government representatives, alumni, students, staff, development partners and friends of the University to celebrate KNUST's achievements and contributions to Ghana, Africa and the global community.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Rita Akosua Dickson, reflected on the University's impact over the past seven and a half decades. ***“This city has been more than classrooms, laboratories, studios and workshops. It has been a home, a family, and a place where dreams are nurtured and futures are shaped,”*** she said.

Professor Dickson described KNUST's journey as one defined by resilience, vision and generations of people who believed in the transformative power of education. She noted that the University has, for 75 years, served as a platform for groundbreaking research, innovation and the training of leaders who continue to shape society across diverse sectors.

According to her, KNUST's legacy is measured not only by the degrees it has awarded but also by the lives it has transformed and the opportunities it has created. She highlighted the achievements of alumni who occupy leadership positions in government, industry, academia, medicine, engineering, law, business, science, technology and the creative arts across the world.



Professor Dickson also underscored the University's contribution to economic and social development, noting that KNUST has played a significant role in the growth of communities around the campus while remaining one of the largest employers in the Ashanti Region.

"As we celebrate 75 years of excellence, we are looking beyond our achievements toward a future of greater impact, global recognition, transformative research, innovation and societal influence. Our journey is now from excellence to eminence," she stated.



Chairman of the KNUST 75th Anniversary Planning Committee, Professor William Otoo Ellis, said the celebration offered an opportunity to honour the University's past while embracing its future. ***"We gather not only to honour our past but to celebrate an enduring legacy of achievement and a future filled with possibilities,"*** he said.

Professor Ellis traced the University's evolution from a vision conceived by Ghana's founding leaders into a globally respected institution known for academic excellence, research, innovation and service to society. He noted that KNUST graduates have made significant contributions to national and global development as engineers, scientists, medical practitioners, architects, entrepreneurs, policymakers and leaders across various fields.

Chancellor of KNUST, Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, praised the University's growth and reaffirmed its importance to national development. He paid tribute to the visionaries whose foresight led to the establishment of a university in Kumasi, noting that their dream had grown into a world-class institution advancing science, technology and innovation. The Chancellor described KNUST as a globally respected university that has consistently demonstrated the ability to adapt, innovate and lead in a rapidly changing world.

"The story of KNUST is a story of possibilities, a story of students who arrived with dreams and departed with the capacity to change the world," he said.

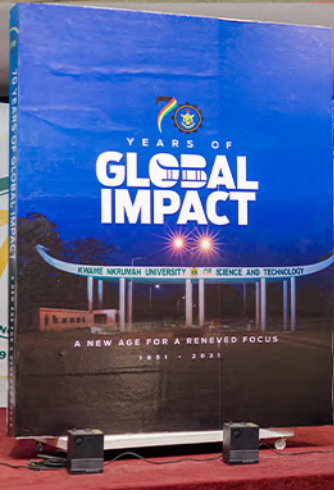
Otumfuo Osei Tutu II commended the University for maintaining its relevance through academic excellence, research innovation and responsiveness to emerging societal needs. He also lauded KNUST's long-term strategic vision to advance research, embrace digital transformation, strengthen global partnerships and deepen its contribution to national development.

While celebrating the University's achievements, he challenged KNUST to continue addressing pressing national issues through research and innovation, particularly in areas such as infrastructure development, environmental sustainability and technological advancement.

"As we celebrate 75 years of achievement, we must also prepare deliberately for the future. We must continue to invest in infrastructure, strengthen research capacity, embrace digital transformation, and foster a culture of innovation," he urged.

The Chancellor also encouraged students to pursue excellence with integrity and called on alumni, government, industry and development partners to deepen their support for the University's next phase of growth.





KNUST ALUMNA AND VICE-CHANCELLOR RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOUR FROM PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF GHANA

Distinguished KNUST alumna and Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Mrs.) Rita Akosua Dickson, has been honoured by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ghana (PSGH) in recognition of her exceptional leadership and outstanding contributions to pharmacy education and the advancement of the pharmacy profession in Ghana.

The award was presented by His Majesty Otumfuo Osei Tutu II during the Society's flagship Pharmacy Education Forum and Gala Night, held at the Otumfuo Osei Tutu II Jubilee Hall at the Manhyia Palace as part of activities commemorating the Society's 90th Anniversary.

A proud product of KNUST, Prof. Dickson has built an inspiring career in academia, research, and university leadership. Her appointment as the University's first female Vice-Chancellor continues to inspire students, alumni, and professionals across Ghana and beyond, reflecting the excellence, resilience, and leadership that KNUST strives to instill in its graduates.

In recognising her achievements, the Pharmaceutical Society of Ghana commended Prof. Dickson for her visionary leadership and for serving as an outstanding role model to the pharmacy profession, particularly to the next generation of pharmacists.

The event, held under the theme "*Futureproofing Pharmacy Through Pharmacy Education*," also celebrated the enduring legacy of Prof. Albert Nee Tackie, the first Ghanaian Dean of Ghana's first Faculty of Pharmacy, through a forum established in his honour.

The KNUST Alumni community proudly congratulates Prof. Rita Akosua Dickson on this well-deserved recognition and celebrates her continued dedication to advancing higher education, the pharmacy profession, and national development.



ALUMNI PERSONALITIES OF THE WEEK



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KNUST and its Alumni Association presents

ALUMNI PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK



**Tek. Prof.
Abigail Padi**

Prof. Abigail Padi is a proud KNUST alumna, accomplished academic, entrepreneur, and development economist who currently serves as Dean of the Faculty of Business Studies at Takoradi Technical University (TTU).

Through her leadership, research, mentorship, and advocacy, she has contributed significantly to entrepreneurship development, gender empowerment, youth development, and higher education in Ghana.

She also continues to give back to her alma mater as Vice Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the KNUST Alumni Endowment Fund, supporting initiatives that strengthen alumni engagement and the long-term growth of the University.

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are truly proud of you.
Keep up the good work!*



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ALUMNI PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK



**Tek. Arc. Prof.
Daniel Y. Addai Duah
(PhD, FHIA, DhPMP)**

Arc. Prof. Daniel Yaw Addai Duah is a distinguished KNUST alumnus and the University's first full Professor of Sustainability and Inclusivity in Architecture.

Currently serving as **Head of the Department of Architecture**, he has made significant contributions to research, international partnerships, and institutional development.

A passionate advocate for KNUST, he continues to support the Alumni Association and co-led the introduction of the **KNUST Day of Giving initiative**.

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Keep up the good work!*



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Week of 29/06/2026

TOP ALUMNI OF THE MONTH



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Top Alumnus
Month of June

**Tek.
Richard
Apau, Ph.D.**

Systems Analyst, Cybersecurity
Expert & AI Policy Specialist



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Questionnaire Responses

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 **Emmanuel Mensah Quaye**. I recently resigned from my position as **Executive Assistant to the CEO of Zonda Tec Ghana Limited** to co-found Vynix Tech, a software development company, together with fellow KNUST alumnus Martin Luther Famiyeh. We specialize in building practical software solutions for small and medium enterprises, including office management systems and inventory management software.

I completed my BSc in Agriculture with a specialization in Agricultural Economics at KNUST in 2016 (having enrolled the same year). I was affiliated with CONTI Hall but resided in hostels throughout my time on campus. I did not hold any formal leadership positions during my undergraduate years; however, I remained focused on academic excellence and personal growth. I currently belong to the Spintex Chapter of the KNUST Alumni Association.

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

My journey to KNUST was deeply personal and purpose-driven. My late grandfather, George Asibey Okley, a sawyer by profession, often shared vivid stories about Kumasi and the opportunities that education could unlock. Having lived in Accra all my life, these stories sparked in me a burning desire to explore Kumasi and pursue higher education there.

In 2013, while in JHS 3, my teacher Conrad Lenny (who was then a student at KNUST) introduced me to the university its vibrant community, world-class facilities, and the transformative education it offered. From that moment, KNUST became my singular focus. I wrote "KNUST" in my exercise books and on every educational material I owned. It became my daily motivation to study hard, not just to pass exams, but to experience the rich academic and social environment my teacher described and to honour the legacy my grandfather envisioned.



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

If I had the opportunity to return to KNUST, I would be far more intentional about acquiring practical, marketable skills alongside my academic studies. While I gained a solid foundation in agricultural economics, I would have started exploring digital tools, basic programming, and software development much earlier. The future belongs to those who can combine domain knowledge (like agriculture and economics) with technology and I would have positioned myself better by building side projects and learning to code during my undergraduate years.

I would also have engaged more actively in entrepreneurship and innovation clubs, sought out internships that bridged agriculture and technology, and built a stronger network with alumni and industry players. Most importantly, I would have finished my degree with a clearer mindset of creating value and opportunities for myself rather than solely seeking traditional employment. These shifts would have accelerated my transition into the tech space I am now passionate about.

4. A little about your professional/occupational experience.

My professional journey has been one of deliberate transition and growth. I previously served as

Executive Assistant to the CEO at Zonda Tec Ghana Limited, where I gained valuable exposure to corporate operations, strategic decision-making, and the realities of running a business in Ghana's competitive landscape.

Recognizing the immense potential of technology to solve everyday business challenges particularly for SMEs I made the bold decision to resign and co-found Vynix Tech with Martin Luther Famiyeh, another proud KNUST alumnus. At Vynix Tech, we develop user-friendly, affordable software solutions tailored to the Ghanaian and West African market. Our current flagship products include office management software (Vynix Docs and Nkabom) and inventory management systems (Inventra) designed to help businesses streamline operations, reduce waste, and make data-driven decisions and an e-commerce platform for small business' (Vendar)

This entrepreneurial path allows me to combine the analytical mindset from my agricultural economics training with my passion for building practical digital tools. It has been both challenging and deeply fulfilling to move from supporting business leadership to becoming a business builder myself.

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

My strongest advice is this: Be skill-oriented, not exam-oriented. Studying merely to pass exams is a poison that produces graduates who are theoretically sound but practically limited. Strive to deeply understand what you are being taught, then deliberately add a practical skill to it. In today's world, a degree alone is never enough you need tangible, marketable skills for survival, relevance, and impact.

Be versatile and willing to adapt. My favourite quote captures this perfectly: "Adaptation is inevitable." Change whether in technology, markets, industries, or personal circumstances is constant. Those who embrace adaptation thrive; those who resist it become obsolete. View every season as an opportunity to evolve, learn, and reposition yourself.

Finally, approach your education with the end in mind: finish school with the intention of creating something for yourself. Whether it is a business, a product, a service, or a solution to a real problem, cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset from day one.

Do not see graduation as the end of learning or the beginning of job-hunting only see it as the launchpad for building value.

And remember: your spiritual life and academic/professional excellence are not in competition. You can walk closely with God and still achieve outstanding results in your studies and career. The two can beautifully coexist.

6. Contributions to the Alumni Association.

I am committed to giving back to the KNUST Alumni Association in meaningful, practical ways. My primary contribution will be to work closely with the leadership to develop and implement a comprehensive digital platform that streamlines the association's operations membership management, event coordination, communication, and financial dealings.

Beyond operational efficiency, I envision a platform that makes it significantly easier for alumni to mentor current students and recent graduates. This mentorship module would connect experienced professionals with students based on industry, skills, and interests, fostering knowledge transfer, career guidance, and stronger intergenerational bonds within the KNUST family.

As someone who has transitioned from corporate employment to building software for SMEs, I understand the power of well-designed digital tools to transform how communities connect and function. I am excited to bring that expertise to serve my alma mater and fellow alumni.

7. From a policy or legal perspective, what key reform, policy, or law would you like to advocate for or see passed, and why?

I would strongly advocate for the development and passage of a comprehensive National Startup and Digital Innovation Act (or similar policy framework) that creates an enabling ecosystem for young graduates and tech entrepreneurs in Ghana.

Key elements I would push for include: Simplified business registration and tax incentives for startups in their first five years; Dedicated government-backed funding, grants, and low-interest credit facilities specifically accessible to recent university graduates; Public-private partnership frameworks that allow



local tech companies to participate in government digital transformation projects; Integration of practical entrepreneurship and digital skills training into university curricula across disciplines (including agriculture, engineering, and social sciences); and Stronger intellectual property protection and enforcement for software and digital innovations.

Why this matters: Ghana produces thousands of talented graduates annually, many with innovative ideas capable of solving local problems in agriculture, healthcare, education, and commerce. Yet the journey from idea to sustainable business is often blocked by bureaucracy, limited access to capital, and a lack of structured support. A well-crafted Startup Act would reduce youth unemployment, retain talent in the country, accelerate digital transformation in traditional sectors like agriculture, and position Ghana as a regional leader in tech-driven solutions. It is both an economic imperative and a legacy investment in the next generation.

8. Favorite book.

My favourite book is *Sharpen Your Discernment* by Robert Liardon. It has been instrumental in shaping how I make decisions, discern opportunities, and navigate both personal and professional challenges with wisdom and clarity.

CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY: HONOURING THE PILLARS OF OUR FAMILIES

Father's Day is a special occasion dedicated to celebrating fathers, father figures, and all men who play significant roles in nurturing, guiding, and supporting their families. Observed annually in many countries, including Ghana, the day provides an opportunity to express gratitude for the sacrifices, love, and commitment of fathers who contribute immensely to the growth and well-being of their children and society. Beyond the exchange of gifts, Father's Day is a time for reflection on the invaluable role fathers play in shaping responsible individuals and strong communities.



Recognising the Sacrifices of Fathers

Behind every successful family is often a father who has made countless sacrifices, many of which go unnoticed. Many fathers work long hours, forgo personal ambitions, and endure financial and emotional pressures to ensure their families have access to education, healthcare, shelter, and other basic necessities. Others provide unwavering emotional support, standing by their families during moments of joy, uncertainty, and hardship. Father's Day offers an opportunity to acknowledge these often-unseen sacrifices and to celebrate fathers not only for what they provide but also for their presence, wisdom, and unconditional love.

Strengthening Family Bonds

The celebration of Father's Day serves as a reminder of the importance of family unity and appreciation. Simple acts such as spending quality time together, expressing heartfelt gratitude, sharing meals, or offering words of appreciation can strengthen family relationships and create lasting memories. The occasion also encourages fathers to reflect on their responsibilities and continue serving as positive examples for younger generations. At the same time, it reminds children and society of the need to honour, respect, and support fathers throughout the year rather than on a single day.

The Importance of Fathers in Society

Fathers are often regarded as providers, protectors, mentors, and role models. Their influence extends beyond meeting the financial needs of the family; they contribute significantly to the emotional, moral, and intellectual development of their children. Through discipline, encouragement, and guidance, fathers instill values such as integrity, responsibility, resilience, and respect. Research has consistently shown that children who enjoy positive relationships with their fathers are more likely to perform well academically, develop higher self-esteem, and build healthy interpersonal relationships. Fathers also play a critical role in nurturing confidence and helping children navigate life's challenges with courage and determination.



Looking Beyond Biological Fatherhood

Father's Day also recognises the contributions of grandfathers, uncles, guardians, mentors, teachers, pastors, and other father figures who have stepped into parental roles and positively impacted the lives of many. These individuals provide guidance, encouragement, and support that help shape future leaders and responsible citizens. Their contributions demonstrate that fatherhood is not solely defined by biology but also by commitment, care, and the willingness to invest in the lives of others.



Conclusion

Father's Day is more than a celebration; it is a recognition of the enduring influence fathers and father figures have on families and society. Their sacrifices, leadership, and unwavering dedication deserve appreciation and respect. As families gather to celebrate this important occasion, they are reminded that the greatest gifts they can offer fathers are love, gratitude, respect, and continued support. By honouring fathers today and every day, society reinforces the values of responsibility, compassion, and strong family relationships that are essential for national development and future generations.



THE FLOODING CRISIS IN ACCRA: A GROWING URBAN EMERGENCY

Accra, the capital city of Ghana, continues to face recurring floods that have become one of the country's most pressing urban challenges. Every rainy season, heavy downpours inundate roads, homes, businesses, schools, and public institutions, causing significant economic losses and, in some instances, loss of lives. The recent flooding incidents have once again exposed the city's vulnerability and underscored the urgent need for sustainable interventions to address the problem.



Causes of the Flooding Crisis

The flooding situation in Accra is largely driven by a combination of natural and human-induced factors. While intense rainfall associated with changing climate patterns contributes to excessive surface runoff, rapid urbanization has significantly worsened the situation. Many waterways and drainage channels have been encroached upon through unplanned developments, restricting the natural flow of water. Another major contributing factor is the indiscriminate disposal of solid waste into gutters and drains. Plastic waste, sand, and other debris frequently clog drainage systems, reducing their capacity to channel stormwater effectively. In addition, inadequate maintenance of drainage infrastructure and insufficient investment in flood control systems continue to compound the problem.

Socio-Economic and Environmental Impacts

The consequences of flooding extend far beyond damaged roads and submerged buildings.

Businesses are forced to suspend operations, resulting in lost revenue and disruptions to economic activity. Families are displaced from their homes, while valuable household possessions are destroyed by floodwaters. Flooding also poses serious public health risks. Stagnant water creates breeding grounds for mosquitoes, increasing the incidence of malaria, while contaminated floodwaters expose residents to diseases such as cholera, typhoid, and other waterborne infections. Transportation networks become severely disrupted, affecting productivity and delaying emergency response efforts. Furthermore, the environmental impact is considerable, as floodwaters often carry waste and pollutants into rivers, lagoons, and coastal ecosystems, degrading water quality and threatening biodiversity.

The Need for Sustainable Solutions

Addressing Accra's flooding crisis requires a comprehensive and coordinated approach involving government agencies, local authorities, private institutions, and citizens.



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Existing drainage systems must be expanded, rehabilitated, and regularly desilted to improve water flow during periods of heavy rainfall. Strict enforcement of planning regulations is equally important to prevent construction on waterways and flood-prone areas. Waste management systems should also be strengthened through improved collection services, public education campaigns, and stricter penalties for indiscriminate dumping. In addition, urban planners should incorporate green infrastructure such as retention ponds, wetlands, permeable pavements, and increased green spaces to absorb excess rainwater naturally. Public awareness and community participation remain essential. Residents have a responsibility to dispose of waste responsibly, protect drainage channels, and support environmental sanitation initiatives. Disaster preparedness measures, including early warning systems and emergency response plans, should also be enhanced to minimize the impact of future flood events.

Conclusion

The recurring flooding in Accra is no longer merely a seasonal inconvenience but a major urban development and public safety challenge. Without decisive and sustained action, the frequency and severity of flooding are likely to increase due to rapid urban expansion and the effects of climate change. By combining effective urban planning, improved infrastructure, environmental stewardship, and active citizen participation, Accra can build greater resilience against flooding and create a safer, healthier, and more sustainable environment for present and future generations.

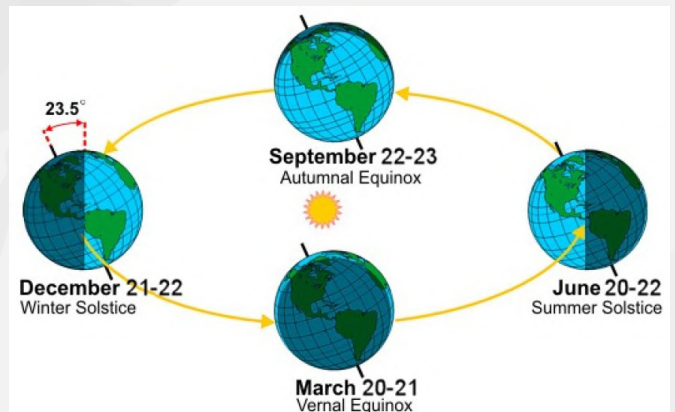
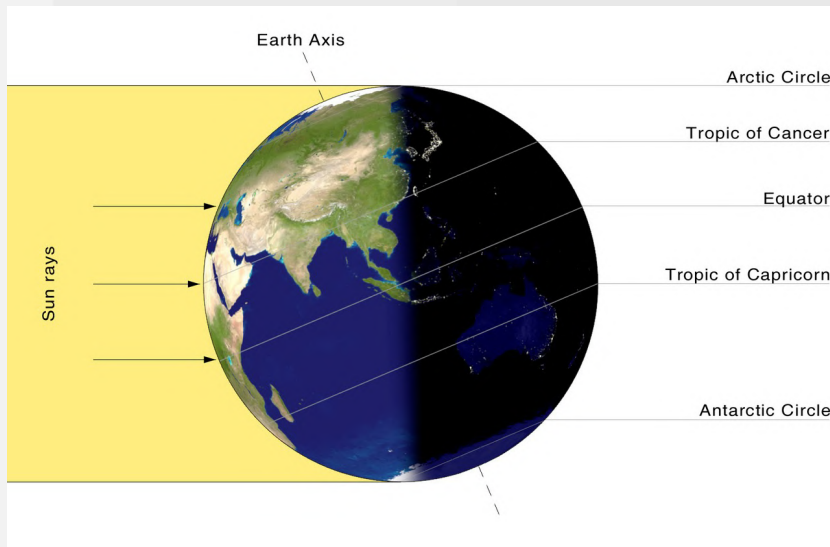




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	Growth (%)	Growth (%)	Growth (%)	Growth (%)	Growth (%)	Growth (%)	Growth (%)	Growth (%)
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2026
Ghana								
	6.2%	6.5%	0.5%	5.4%	3.8%	3.1 %	5.7%	4.7%

Source: *Ghana Statistical Service*, 2025

ECONOMIC RATES

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

Source: Bank of Ghana

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Currency	Buy	Sell
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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

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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%c2%a293bn-equity-hole-could-burden-taxpayers-abena-osei-asare/>

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