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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Carrying the Legacy Forward: Our Journey from Excellence to Eminence

As a proud alumnus of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, serving today as Vice-Chancellor is a profound honour. KNUST is the institution that shaped my journey, equipped me with knowledge and values, and continues to stand as a beacon of excellence, innovation and service. In this role, I have the privilege of representing not only the University, but also the many generations of alumni who have passed through its gates. I therefore carry this responsibility with deep humility and a strong sense of duty to the institution that has shaped so many lives.

KNUST is a university built on a proud legacy of excellence, shaped over decades by the vision and contributions of successive leaders, dedicated staff, students, partners and, importantly, our Alumni. This rich legacy is both an inheritance and a responsibility. As we look ahead, our task is to build boldly on what has been achieved, embrace new possibilities and position KNUST for even greater impact as we journey from excellence to eminence.

KNUST Alumni are an integral part of this journey. Across Ghana and around the world, members of the KNUST family continue to make meaningful contributions in academia, industry, business, healthcare, public service and many other fields. Your achievements are a reflection of the transformative impact of this University, while your continued connection with your alma mater strengthens the KNUST community and creates opportunities for future generations. Together, we can harness this collective strength, experience, and goodwill to advance the University's mission and carry the KNUST legacy forward.

As we pursue our journey from excellence to eminence, we must deepen this connection and align our collective efforts with the aspirations guided by **our Strategic Plan, Plan2K35**. Our ambition is to build boldly on our achievements, embrace innovation, strengthen partnerships, and expand KNUST's impact in Ghana, Africa, and the world. Fellow alumni, *the legacy is ours to carry, and the future is ours to shape*.

In this journey, my vision is to strengthen the vital triangle of academia, industry, and alumni, creating greater opportunities for collaboration, mentorship, innovation, research, and knowledge exchange. Our Alumni are an invaluable source of experience, expertise and networks, and I believe that your collective strength can help shape the future of KNUST, advance the ambitions of Plan2K35 and create new opportunities for our students and faculty. I count on your continued support, partnership and commitment as we work together to carry the KNUST legacy forward and take our University from excellence to eminence.

I invite all Alumni; home and abroad to remain active partners in the KNUST journey. The legacy we have inherited is significant, but the future before us is even greater. Together, let us build on what has been achieved, embrace new possibilities and carry KNUST confidently from **Excellence to Eminence**.

Prof. Christian Agyare

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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KATANGA ALUMNI PARTNER KNUST MANAGEMENT TO BUILD 2,100-BED STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Alumni of University Hall (Katanga) of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST) have partnered with the University's management to construct a 2,100-bed student accommodation facility as part of efforts to expand residential capacity on campus.

The proposed development is expected to help address KNUST's student accommodation deficit by providing additional residential spaces and adopting a construction method intended to accelerate project delivery.

Representatives of Geospatz Company Limited, the contractor for the project, disclosed details of the development following an engagement with the Vice-Chancellor of KNUST, Prof. Christian Agyare.



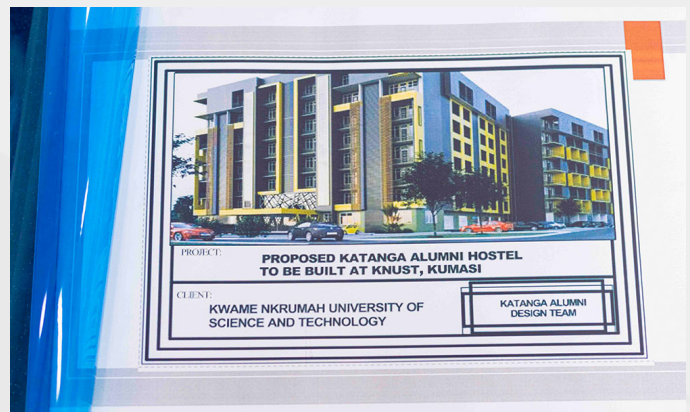
Director and Chief Executive Officer of Geospatz Company Limited, Mr Alexander Amoah, said the project was designed to respond to the shortage of student accommodation on the KNUST campus.

He said the project would use what the company describes as a carbon-free or graphene construction method, incorporating precast technology to support faster and more environmentally efficient construction.

Mr Amoah said although the project has been allocated a maximum construction period of 24

months, the company is targeting completion within about 18 months.

He added that discussions with the Vice-Chancellor also touched on the future composition of the University Hall community, with Prof. Agyare expressing support for the project and noting the University's interest in partnerships that could help address its accommodation needs.



According to Mr Amoah, the Vice-Chancellor also raised the issue of affirmative action and the possibility of incorporating female Katanga affiliates into the hall community.

The proposed facility could therefore provide additional residential capacity as discussions continue about the future composition of University Hall and greater inclusion within the Katanga community.

Director and Secretary of Geospatz Company Limited, Ms Mariam Efua Impraim, said the company was encouraged by its engagement with the Vice-Chancellor and the support expressed for the development.

She said preparations for the 2,100-bed project were progressing, financing was in place and Geospatz was ready to undertake the development.



A sod-cutting ceremony is expected to take place in November 2026 to formally pave the way for construction, with the contractor targeting completion within 18 months.

The partnership brings together Katanga alumni, KNUST management and Geospatz Company Limited to deliver additional residential capacity in response to the University's growing accommodation needs.

Upon completion, the project is expected to add 2,100 beds to University Hall and contribute to ongoing efforts to improve student accommodation at KNUST.

KNUST ALUMNUS EMMANUEL BRIGHT QUAICOE WINS INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL JOURNALISM AWARD

A Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST), alumnus, Emmanuel Bright Quaicoe, has been named among 10 recipients of the 2026 IFAJ/Alltech Young Leaders in Agriculture Award.



Mr Quaicoe, who earned a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree in Biochemistry from KNUST, is a journalist with JoyNews and the only Ghanaian selected for the 2026 cohort of the International Federation of Agricultural Journalists (IFAJ) Young Leaders programme, which recognises and develops emerging professionals in agricultural journalism and communication.

The 2026 recipients are drawn from 10 countries across four continents, including Argentina, Canada, Germany, the United States, the Netherlands, Kenya, Ireland, Liberia, Ghana and Sweden.

Mr Quaicoe graduated from KNUST with a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree in Biochemistry before pursuing a career in journalism, where his work has included reporting on agriculture, science and related development issues.

His transition from the biological sciences into journalism reflects the increasingly interdisciplinary nature of science and agricultural communication, where scientific knowledge can support the interpretation and communication of complex issues to the public.

Established in 2006 by IFAJ and Alltech, the Young Leaders programme seeks to identify, recognise and develop promising agricultural journalists and communicators under the age of 35.

IFAJ Secretary General Adrian Bell said the programme extends beyond recognising individual achievement to developing professionals who can contribute to the growth of agricultural journalism.

"The IFAJ Alltech Young Leaders programme is not just about recognising and nurturing individual talent, important though that is, but also to bring together those with the ability to apply that talent to lead and develop the wider profession," he said.

As part of the programme, Mr Quaicoe and the other recipients will participate in a specialised Young Leaders Boot Camp ahead of the annual IFAJ Congress in Croatia.

The programme will expose participants to seminars, discussions, practical challenges, skills-development sessions, career guidance and interactions with agricultural journalists from around the world.

KNUST STUDENT WINS MAP FOR IMPACT HACKATHON AS ALUMNA RECEIVES ESRI YOUNG SCHOLAR AWARD



A student and an alumna of the Department of Geomatic Engineering at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST) have received honours at the Esri User Conference West Africa 2026 in Accra.

Dennis Appiah Ansah, a student of the Department, won the Map for Impact Hackathon 2026 with FLOODWATCH, a citizen-centred geospatial solution designed to provide communities with information on flood risks in their local areas.

The hackathon, organised by Sambus Geospatial, formed part of the Esri User Conference West Africa 2026 held at the Mövenpick Ambassador Hotel in Accra.

FLOODWATCH uses geospatial technology to help people access location-specific information on flood risks, demonstrating how geographic information systems (GIS) can be applied to community-level challenges and disaster resilience.

At the same conference, KNUST alumna Monica

Akyeampong officially received the Esri Young Scholar for Ghana 2025 Award in recognition of her achievements and contribution to the geospatial field.

Miss Akyeampong, a graduate of KNUST's Department of Geomatic Engineering, was selected as Ghana's Esri Young Scholar for 2025.



KNUST ALUMNA DR. MARIAN BOKOR WINS TWO AWARDS AT 2026 FORTY UNDER 40 AWARDS GHANA

Dr. Marian Bokor, an alumna of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST), has won two awards at the 2026 Forty Under 40 Awards Ghana.

Dr. Bokor was named Outstanding Personality in the Consultancy Category and also received the People's Choice Award, presented to the nominee who received the highest number of public votes.

The awards were presented on September 12, 2026, at the Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast City in Accra. The annual event recognises young professionals, entrepreneurs and business leaders for their achievements and contributions across various sectors.



She has also built nearly a decade of corporate experience at Nestlé Ghana, where she has served in various roles and currently works as Sales Performance Development Manager. Her work focuses on commercial capability development, distributor performance and sustainable business growth.



Dr. Bokor holds a PhD in Business and Management, obtained through the O. R. Tambo Scholarship Scheme, and an MBA in International Business, both from KNUST. She earned her Bachelor of Education degree with First Class Honours from the University of Cape Coast.

She maintains ties with KNUST as a part-time lecturer at the University's Institute of Distance Learning.

Beyond her corporate and consultancy work, Dr. Bokor is involved in mentorship and leadership development, supporting emerging professionals through initiatives including the Kufuor Scholars Program, YALI West Africa and SHE Ascent Network.

Her leadership philosophy is built around what she describes as GRIT: Growth Mindset, Resilience, Intentionality and Teamwork, principles she applies to the development of people, organisations and businesses.

The Outstanding Personality in Consultancy award recognises her work in the consultancy sector, while the People's Choice Award reflects the public support she received during the awards process.

The double recognition adds to Dr. Bokor's growing professional profile and highlights the contribution of a KNUST alumna to business transformation, leadership development and organisational performance in Ghana.

ALUMNI PERSONALITIES OF THE WEEK



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KNUST and its Alumni Association presents

ALUMNI PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK



Wisdom Gasu is a KNUST alumnus with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering (1999–2003) and former Vice President of MESA.

He is a Safety and Compliance Engineer with British Airways Engineering and a passionate mentor supporting young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

He also serves as Vice President of the UK Branch of the Katanga Alumni Association, supporting student welfare, fundraising and mentorship initiatives.

Tek. Wisdom Gasu



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FROM CAMPUS TO CAREER



The KNUST Alumni community proudly celebrates Daasebre Osei Bonsu III, the Asante Mamponghene, occupant of the Silver Stool of the Ashanti Kingdom and a distinguished alumnus of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), whose remarkable journey brings together academic excellence, technology, international professional experience, alumni service and traditional leadership.

Born Leslie Nkansa Osei-Bonsu in Kumasi, Daasebre Osei Bonsu III is a royal of the Botaase Royal Family of Asante Mampong. His educational journey began at the City of Kumasi Preparatory School before he proceeded to Prempeh College, where he distinguished himself as a student leader, serving as Assistant School Prefect.

His journey at KNUST marked another important chapter. He earned a First-Class Bachelor of Science degree in Geomatic Engineering, laying the foundation for a career at the intersection of technology, geospatial science and software development. He later pursued postgraduate studies in Europe, earning an MSc in Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation, with Distinction, from the University of Twente in the Netherlands,

followed by an MSc in Computational Science and Engineering from the Technical University of Munich, Germany.

Over more than two decades, Daasebre Osei Bonsu III has built an international career as a senior software architect and geospatial systems strategist, working across Europe and Africa. He served as Product and Service Group Manager at GAF AG in Germany, where he led multidisciplinary teams working on software solutions for spatial analysis, agricultural decision support and secure identity management. A certified Scrum Master and Product Owner, he is also a long-standing member of professional bodies including IEEE, ACM and the IEEE Computer Society.

In October 2025, he was nominated to succeed the late Daasebre Osei Bonsu II as Mamponghene, occupying the revered Silver Stool of Asante Mampong. Following the customary processes, he was formally enstooled as Daasebre Osei Bonsu III by Asantehene Otumfuo Osei Tutu II on 19 January 2026. As Mamponghene, he occupies an important position within Asanteman and has pledged to serve the people of Asante Mampong and the wider Asante Kingdom with truth, commitment and integrity.

Daasebre Osei Bonsu III's story is a compelling reflection of the diverse journeys of KNUST alumni. From a First-Class Geomatic Engineering graduate to an internationally experienced technology professional, dedicated alumni leader and now traditional ruler, his journey demonstrates how education, professional excellence, service and heritage can come together to shape purposeful leadership.

KNUST and its Alumni Association proudly celebrate Daasebre Osei Bonsu III for his achievements, service and continued representation of the University's values on both the global and traditional stages.

CREATING, SHARING, PROTECTING: WHAT EVERY GHANAIAN CREATOR SHOULD KNOW ABOUT COPYRIGHT ONLINE

By Dr Doreen Adoma Agyei

With the rise of AI and increased social media activity, there has also been an increase in copyright infringement across the globe, particularly in Ghana. This piece discusses the various ways creators in Ghana can protect their content on social media and on the internet.



Copyright protection for Ghanaian creators online involves both national law and international frameworks. Copyright protection under the Ghana Copyright Act 2005, Act 690 is automatic, and it arises when a work is expressed and fixed in a tangible medium of communication. The Act, however, provides for a voluntary registration of copyright which serves as prima facie evidence of ownership.

Works that enjoy copyright protection includes literary works, artistic works, musical works, sound recordings, audiovisual works, choreographic works, derivative works, computer software/programme. A creator of any of the above works enjoys bundle of rights such as reproduction, adaptation, public performance, broadcasting, distribution, communication to the public among others.



These rights, depending on the type of works enjoy protection for a period Seventy (70) years after the author's death or seventy (70) years after the year of creation.

Because digital content and online works move across borders, it is pertinent to know that protecting such works requires a combination of Ghanaian and international statutory frameworks, platform-level enforcement tools, and practical security habits.

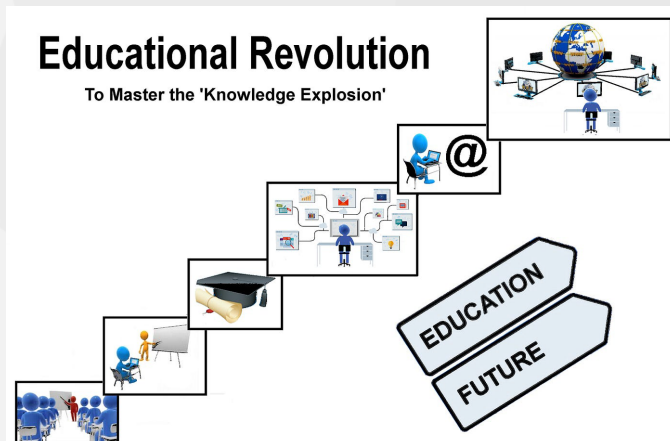


Ghana is a member of the Berne Convention. This means that a copyright work is protected in 180+ countries automatically. Ghana also belongs to WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) and the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO).

For the purposes of securing and protecting your work online, always register your work with the Ghana Copyright Office. Registration serves as proof of ownership in court where a dispute arises.

It is also important to maintain timestamped drafts and project files. Where someone re-uploads your work claiming it as their own, these drafts and files will serve as proof of original authorship.

Another way of protecting your work online is to always append a clear notice to published content (e.g., © 2026 [Your Name/Brand]. All Rights Reserved.). Use visible or semi-transparent watermarks on high-resolution images, video overlays, and audio tags on beats.



Most major social platforms are regulated under international copyright regimes (such as the Berne Convention and the TRIPS Agreement that protect Ghanaian creators home and abroad.

Again, Ghanaian copyright owner should leverage rights management systems. This is done by using specialized software and security controls to govern copyright property and how content is accessed, shared, modified, and distributed. These regimes include the YouTube Content ID & Copyright Match Tool, Meta Rights Manager for Facebook & Instagram, and digital music distribution platforms such as DistroKid and TuneCore, which enroll recordings into YouTube Content ID, TikTok, and Spotify's protection algorithms.

Also, one can issue digital takedown notices. This refers to submitting a Takedown Request when an unauthorised account uploads your content without permission. Here, you will need to provide a link to the original work, a link to the infringing post, and your contact information.



Joining Collective Management Organisations (CMOs) such as GHAMRO strengthens the protection of an owner's copyright work. Joining these CMOs not only facilitate protection but also ensure you get paid when your content is played, broadcast, or streamed.

Now, where a Ghanaian blog, media house, or commercial page uses your content without permission, document the violation and keep evidence by taking full-page screenshots showing the post, timestamp, URL, and account details. Consult a legal practitioner preferably an IP expert, to aid in demanding the immediate removal or an arrangement for a commercial licensing payment. Where any of these are ignored or unsuccessful, you may have to instruct your lawyer to initiate an action against the infringer for copyright infringement in court.

The last tip for protecting your content online is to prefer as much as possible, written agreements when producing work for clients or collaborating with other creators to create a work. These agreements should among other things include express clauses that clearly delineate roles and rights in whatever form as the dictate of the engagements int eh creating process will demand.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001: A DEFINING DAY IN U.S. HISTORY

September 11, 2001, commonly known as 9/11, was one of the most significant and tragic days in modern United States history. On that morning, 19 members of the terrorist organization al-Qaeda hijacked four commercial airplanes as part of a coordinated attack against the United States. The attacks shocked the American people and attracted worldwide attention.

The Attacks

Two of the hijacked planes were flown into the World Trade Center towers in New York City. American Airlines Flight 11 struck the North Tower, while United Airlines Flight 175 hit the South Tower. Both buildings eventually collapsed, causing enormous destruction in Lower Manhattan. A third plane, American Airlines Flight 77, was deliberately crashed into the Pentagon, the headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense, near Washington, D.C. The attack damaged a significant part of the building and resulted in many deaths. The fourth plane, United Airlines Flight 93, crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, after passengers and crew members attempted to regain control of the aircraft. Investigators concluded that the plane was likely headed toward a significant target in Washington, D.C. The actions of the passengers and crew prevented the hijackers from reaching their intended destination.



Loss of Life

Nearly 3,000 people were killed in the attacks, including passengers, office workers, firefighters, police officers, emergency medical personnel, and other first responders. Thousands more were injured. Many families lost loved ones, while survivors and rescue workers faced physical and emotional challenges for years afterward. The destruction also affected businesses and communities in New York and Washington, D.C. The collapse of the World Trade Center buildings created a huge amount of debris and dust, and the recovery and rebuilding process took many years.



Changes in National Security

The events of 9/11 led to major changes in U.S. national security. The federal government introduced new measures to strengthen aviation and border security, including the creation of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). Airport screening procedures became much stricter, affecting how millions of people travel by air. Congress also passed the USA PATRIOT Act, which expanded government powers related to surveillance and counterterrorism. The attacks contributed to the United States launching military operations in Afghanistan against al-Qaeda and the Taliban. These military operations became part of a much larger international effort to combat terrorism.

Impact on American Society

Beyond government policy, 9/11 had a lasting effect on American society. Airport security became much stricter, public awareness of terrorism increased, and emergency preparedness became a greater priority.

The attacks also led to continuing debates about privacy, civil liberties, immigration, national security, and the use of military force. The attacks also affected relationships between different communities within the United States. In the years following 9/11, some Muslim and Arab-American communities experienced discrimination and hostility because of the actions of the attackers. At the same time, many Americans and community organizations promoted tolerance, cooperation, and understanding.

Economic and Global Effects

The consequences of 9/11 extended beyond the immediate destruction. Financial markets were disrupted, businesses in affected areas suffered losses, and the aviation and tourism industries experienced major difficulties. The attacks also influenced international politics and security policies. Countries around the world increased cooperation in areas such as intelligence sharing, airport security, and counterterrorism. The U.S. response to 9/11 also influenced international relations and military operations for many years.

ordinary citizens who responded during the crisis. The date remains an important part of American history.

Conclusion

September 11, 2001, changed the United States and influenced international affairs for years afterward. The attacks resulted in an enormous loss of life and led to significant changes in national security, foreign policy, aviation, and American society. More than two decades later, 9/11 remains an important part of U.S. history. Remembering the events and the people affected by them helps future generations understand the human consequences of terrorism and the importance of learning from major historical events.

THE ABUSE OF CODEINE-BASED MEDICINES IN GHANA AND ITS EFFECTS

Codeine is an opioid medicine that can be used for the relief of certain types of pain and, in some formulations, for cough. When used correctly under appropriate medical guidance, codeine can have legitimate therapeutic benefits. However, the misuse and abuse of codeine-containing medicines have become a public health concern in Ghana. Some young people misuse codeine-based products, including cough preparations, for their perceived calming, euphoric, or sedative effects. This can lead to dependence, health problems, and difficulties in education, employment, and family life.



Remembering 9/11

Today, September 11 is remembered through memorials, museums, ceremonies, and the stories of those who experienced the attacks. The National September 11 Memorial & Museum in New York preserves the history of the day and honors those who died. Every year, memorial services are held to remember the victims and recognize the bravery of firefighters, police officers, medical workers, and





Causes of Codeine Abuse

Several factors can contribute to the misuse of codeine-containing medicines in Ghana. Easy access to some pharmaceutical products, peer pressure, curiosity, stress, and the desire to experience pleasurable or relaxing effects may encourage misuse. Some users may also believe that because codeine is available as a medicine, it is less harmful than other drugs. This misconception can lead people to take larger quantities or use the medicine without medical advice.



Effects on Physical Health

Abusing codeine can have serious effects on the body. Because codeine is an opioid, excessive use can cause drowsiness, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, constipation, and impaired coordination. At high doses, it can slow breathing, which can result in unconsciousness or death. Long-term misuse may also lead to tolerance, meaning that a person needs increasing amounts to experience the same effect. This can increase the risk of dependence and overdose.



Effects on Mental and Social Well-Being

Codeine abuse can affect a person's mental and social life. Regular misuse may result in dependence, making it difficult for the individual to stop taking the drug even when it is causing harm. Users may experience withdrawal symptoms such as anxiety, restlessness, sweating, muscle aches, and difficulty sleeping when they reduce or stop their use. The problem can also contribute to poor academic performance, reduced productivity at work, strained relationships, and financial difficulties.

Young people are particularly vulnerable to the consequences of substance misuse. Codeine abuse can interfere with concentration, learning, decision-making, and participation in school or other productive activities. Students who misuse codeine may experience declining academic performance and become increasingly dependent on substances to cope with stress or social pressures. Early intervention is therefore important to prevent occasional misuse from developing into long-term dependence.



Preventing Codeine Abuse in Ghana

Addressing codeine abuse requires cooperation among families, schools, health professionals, communities, pharmaceutical businesses, and government agencies. Public education should emphasize that medicines containing codeine can be harmful when used incorrectly. Pharmacies and other medicine outlets should follow appropriate regulations concerning the sale and dispensing of controlled medicines. Young people should also have access to accurate information, counselling, mental-health support, and healthy ways of dealing with stress and peer pressure.

Conclusion

The abuse of codeine-containing medicines is an important health and social issue in Ghana. Although codeine has legitimate medical uses, inappropriate or excessive use can lead to dependence, impaired health, overdose, and social problems. Greater public awareness, responsible medicine use, effective regulation, and access to treatment and counselling can help reduce the harmful effects of codeine misuse and protect vulnerable members of society.

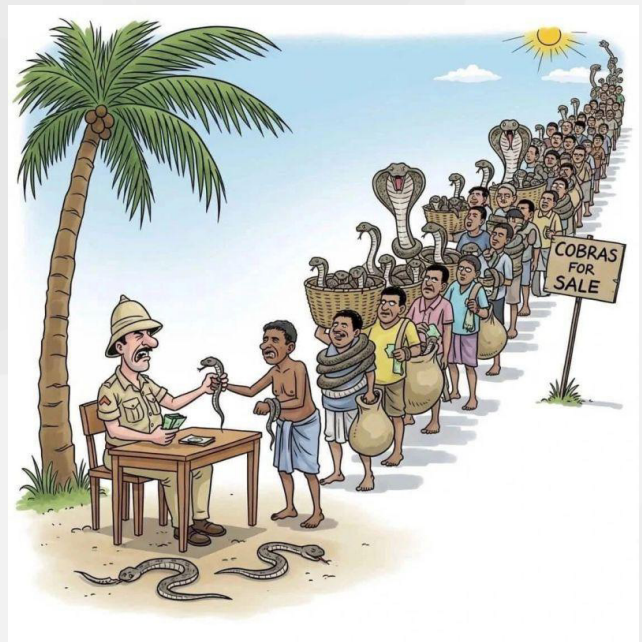
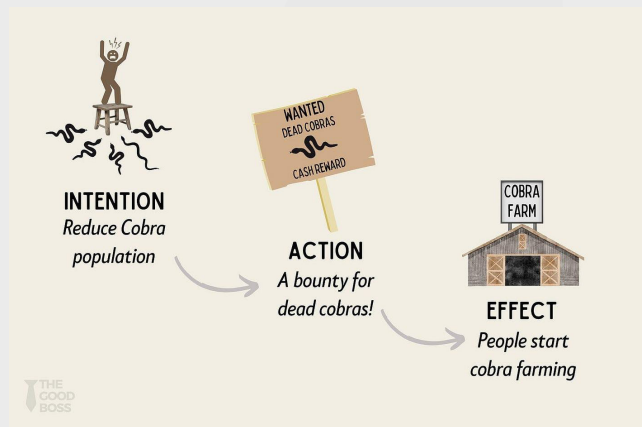


DID YOU KNOW?

1. The Cobra Effect

The Cobra Effect describes a situation where a policy designed to solve a problem accidentally makes the problem worse because people change their behavior in response to the incentive.

The name comes from a famous story about colonial India, in which a reward was reportedly offered for dead cobras. People allegedly began breeding cobras to collect the rewards. When the government ended the program, the bred cobras were released, supposedly increasing the problem.



1. Burning Mountain

In Azerbaijan, Yanar Dag ("Burning Mountain") is a natural gas fire that has burned along a hillside. Gas escaping from underground fuel the flames, creating a remarkable natural phenomenon that has attracted visitors for generations.





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- ▶ University Relations Office
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GHANA MARKET IN FOCUS

	Growth (%)	Growth (%)	Growth (%)	Growth (%)	Growth (%)	Growth (%)	Growth (%)	Growth (%)
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Ghana								
	6.2	6.5	0.5	5.4	3.8	3.1	5.7	6.0

Source: Ghana Statistical Service (latest data available August 2026)

ECONOMIC RATES

Country	91 Day T-bill	182 Day T-bill	Inflation (%)	Policy Rate (%)
Ghana	(Interest Rate)	(Interest Rate)		
	4.8050%	6.6831%	5.0%	14.00

Source: Bank of Ghana (latest data available August 2026)

EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Buy	Sell
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CADGHS	8.2821	8.2895
EURGHS	13.2716	13.2826
CNYGHS	1.7010	1.7026
GHSNGN	115.6594	115.7846

Source: Bank of Ghana, Daily Interbank FX Rates — August 2026

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MIIF targets GH¢9bn in mineral royalty receipts by end of 2026	The Minerals Income Investment Fund (MIIF) is targeting about GH¢9 billion in mineral royalty receipts by the end of 2026 after recording GH¢5.3 billion in the first half of the year, up from GH¢2 billion in the same period of 2025. MIIF said the strong performance puts it on course to exceed its previous results and strengthen the value captured from Ghana's mineral resources.

Source: Citi Newsroom

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Fresh tomatoes record 158.3% price jump in August	Ghana's headline inflation increased to 5.0% in August 2026 from 4.6% in July. Despite food inflation easing slightly to 3.0%, fresh tomatoes recorded a sharp 158.3% year-on-year price increase.

Source: Citi Newsroom

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