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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



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Teknokrats and Partners,

Coming home to KNUST has a way of reminding us who we are. Familiar faces, shared memories and the grounds where our dreams first took shape bring back something the years and distance can never erase: our sense of belonging.

Our **14th Global Biennial Congress in Kumasi** renewed that feeling. It also reminded us how much we can accomplish when we come together with a shared purpose.

On behalf of the Global Executive Committee and Advisory Council, I say a **BIG THANK YOU**. To everyone who travelled from near and far, joined online, contributed to our discussions or worked behind the scenes, you helped make this gathering meaningful. To our partners and friends, thank you for believing in KNUST and choosing to walk this journey with us. You are a valued part of our community.

Beyond the formal proceedings, what stays with me is the warmth of our connections: old friends finding one another again, new relationships taking root, and conversations about what we can do for the University that helped shape our lives.

For many of us, KNUST was where someone first recognised our potential, challenged our thinking or opened a door. Today, a student on that same campus is waiting for an opportunity we may be able to provide.

That is where the spirit of this Congress must lead us.

A mentoring conversation. An internship. A research partnership. A contribution towards KNUST's future. Each of us has something to give, and even a modest act can change the course of another person's life.

Our next opportunity to come together is **KNUST Global Alumni Day** on Friday, **29 January 2027.** Celebrated on the **last Friday of January every year**, this will become a cherished occasion to honour our shared heritage and renew our commitment to service.

I invite every Chapter, wherever you are in the world, to begin preparing. I warmly encourage the **SRC** and **GRASAG** to join us in connecting today's students with our global alumni family. Organise a reunion, mentor young people, undertake a community project or support a University initiative. Choose something meaningful to your community and give others a reason to get involved.

Wherever life has taken you, you belong to this family. Your presence matters. Your contribution matters.

Thank you for keeping the Teknokrat bond alive. Let us carry the warmth we shared in Kumasi into lasting opportunities for others.

Nyansapo, wosane no badwenma!

Warm regards,

Herman Yobo Addae

Global President,
KNUST Alumni Association

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KNUST MEDICAL SCHOOL RECEIVES DONATION FROM CLASS OF 2006

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Professor Akwasi Antwi-Kusi, Dean of the School of Medical Sciences, said alumni contributions had become an important source of support for development projects at the school, with several infrastructure and renovation initiatives benefiting from the generosity of former students.



"The alumni have done so well over the years," he said, noting that the impact of alumni support was particularly visible at the School of Medical Sciences.

He said the school was working towards the development of an ultra-modern facility at Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH) to accommodate clinical departments, faculty offices, lecture theatres and rooms for problem-based learning.

Prof. Antwi-Kusi explained that the need for the facility had become more pressing as student numbers increased significantly and approaches to medical education changed.

"Because the way medicine was taught during our time is different from now," he said, explaining that students in previous years were taught in much smaller groups.

He said the proposed facility would provide dedicated rooms to support problem-based learning and Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs), which are currently constrained by limited space.

"Now we don't have rooms, so we just use the lecture room, and then use poster boards to divide the place and all that," he said.

Prof. Antwi-Kusi also commended the Class of 2006 for supporting the legacy project, noting that alumni often use milestone anniversaries as opportunities to reconnect with their alma mater and contribute to its development.

Prof. Linda Foudjour, Head of the Department of Molecular Medicine and fundraising chair for the school's celebration and alumni activities, expressed appreciation to the Class of 2006 for remembering their roots.

"I guess I'll say a very big thank you to the Class of 2006," she said. "It's a big thank you that you didn't forget your school, your roots, and you have come back to support the legacy project."

She expressed the hope that the donation would contribute meaningfully to the project, adding that every contribution towards the development of the facility would help move the initiative forward.

Prof. Foudjour also encouraged other alumni and year groups to emulate the gesture by supporting the school's development efforts.



Dr. Bernard Anin, Team Lead and Medical Superintendent at Manhyia Hospital, on behalf of the Class of 2006, said the group comprised 108 students who were admitted to the School of Medical Sciences in 1999.

He explained that the delegation represented the entire year group and had returned not only to mark the 20th anniversary of their graduation but also to show appreciation for the institution that had shaped their professional lives.

"We are here not for ourselves, but for the Class of 2006," he said. "We know what SMS has done for us. We know the changes, the experiences, the memories, the learning opportunities and the whole journey."

Dr. Anin said the alumni considered giving back to the institution a responsibility, particularly because of the role the school had played in their personal and professional development.

"When it comes to helping and bringing back to what made you, I think the class has a responsibility," he said.

He stated that preparations for the donation began around KNUST's 50th anniversary celebrations. Although the anniversary event had already taken place, the class continued with its plans until members were able to return to the school and make their contribution.

"We finally got to where the class thought it was fit that we should be able to come to the school, to come and also show our appreciation and contribute our quota to this legacy project," he said.

Dr. Anin said the gesture was also intended to demonstrate the class's gratitude for the opportunities and experiences it received during its years at the School of Medical Sciences.

He explained that their return was ultimately about preserving the connection between graduates and their alma mater while helping to create better learning opportunities for future generations of medical students.

"We cannot say we are who we are now without SMS," he said.

KNUST ALUMNA PROF. PRISCILLA KOLIBEA MANTE LEADS $5.1 MILLION CLIMATE-RESILIENT HEALTHCARE INITIATIVE

KNUST alumna and Professor of Pharmacology, Prof. Priscilla Kolibea Mante, is leading a $5.1 million initiative to strengthen the role of pharmacists in addressing the health impacts of climate change.



A proud alumna of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Prof. Priscilla Kolibea Mante continues to demonstrate how research, leadership and a commitment to public health can translate into meaningful impact. She is leading a KNUST team that has secured $5.1 million from Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited's Global Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Programme to strengthen climate-resilient health systems through the pharmacy workforce.

The project, known as PharmAdapt, will be hosted by the University's Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

It seeks to equip pharmacists with the knowledge, skills and tools needed to respond to the growing health challenges associated with climate change.

Prof. Mante serves as Team Lead, working alongside Prof. Edmund Ekuadzi and Prof. Samuel Asare-Nkansah, who serve as Technical Portfolio Leads. Together, the team will focus on strengthening pharmacists' capacity in climate-related health risks, emergency preparedness, climate-responsive pharmaceutical care and environmentally sustainable pharmacy practices.

Beyond professional training, PharmAdapt aims to develop practical tools, standards and approaches that will help pharmaceutical systems anticipate, prepare for and respond to the health consequences of climate change. The lessons and approaches developed through the initiative are also expected to inform similar interventions in other settings.

Explaining the significance of the initiative, Prof. Mante noted that pharmacists remain an underutilised resource in responding to the health effects of climate change. She expressed the ambition to move beyond individual training towards building systems and approaches that become embedded in pharmacy practice and can be scaled beyond Ghana.

The Vice-Chancellor of KNUST, Prof. Christian Agyare, described the partnership as an opportunity to strengthen the contribution of pharmacists to climate action and health-system resilience. He emphasised the importance of preparing pharmacists for emergencies and developing standards that will continue to serve the healthcare sector beyond the project's implementation period.

The initiative brings together KNUST's expertise in pharmaceutical sciences, health research, workforce development and innovation to address the intersection of climate change and healthcare. Through PharmAdapt, the University aims to support the development of a pharmacy workforce better equipped to respond to emerging climate-related health challenges and contribute to more resilient and sustainable health systems.

PharmAdapt is one of four new collaborations selected under Takeda's 2026 Global CSR Programme to advance climate-resilient health systems.

Takeda has committed a combined $22.2 million to the four initiatives, which support locally led approaches to strengthening healthcare in communities vulnerable to climate change.

For KNUST and its alumni community, Prof. Mante's leadership in this initiative reflects the value of combining scientific expertise with a commitment to addressing pressing societal challenges. Her work demonstrates how knowledge and research can be translated into practical solutions that strengthen healthcare systems and contribute to the well-being of communities in Ghana and beyond.

As PharmAdapt moves forward, the initiative offers an opportunity to position pharmacists as important contributors to climate-responsive healthcare while building approaches that could benefit other countries facing similar challenges.

About Prof. Priscilla Kolibea Mante

Prof. Priscilla Kolibea Mante is a KNUST alumna and Professor of Pharmacology in the University's Department of Pharmacology. Through her work in pharmaceutical sciences and health research, she contributes to advancing scientific knowledge, developing research capacity and addressing health challenges. Her leadership of PharmAdapt adds to these efforts by bringing pharmacy practice into the broader conversation on climate resilience and sustainable healthcare.

FROM ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE TO UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP: KNUST ALUMNUS PROF. KWABENA BIRITWUM NYARKO APPOINTED ACTING PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR

For Prof. Kwabena Biritwum Nyarko, a KNUST alumnus whose career has been shaped by engineering, research and academic leadership, his appointment as Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor marks another milestone in a journey dedicated to advancing

and strengthening higher education.

Professor Kwabena Biritwum Nyarko, Provost of the College of Engineering at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), has been appointed Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor of the University, effective 1 October 2026.

The appointment was made by the University Council in accordance with Statute 13 of the University, following the conclusion of Prof. David Asamoah's tenure as Pro Vice-Chancellor on 30 September 2026. Prof. Nyarko will perform the functions of the office, alongside other responsibilities delegated by the Vice-Chancellor, until a substantive Pro Vice-Chancellor is appointed.



As a KNUST alumnus, Prof. Nyarko's appointment reflects a professional journey that has brought together technical expertise, research leadership and service to the institution. With more than 30 years of experience in teaching, research, professional practice and academic administration, he has established himself as a leading figure in civil engineering and sustainable infrastructure development.

His areas of expertise include water, sanitation and hygiene, water systems, sanitation technologies, and sustainable and climate-resilient water and sanitation services. Through his academic and research work, he has contributed to addressing infrastructure challenges while supporting the development of knowledge and expertise in engineering.

Prof. Nyarko's research record includes the supervision of more than 300 theses and authorship of over 100 publications, which have received more than 2,000 citations. His work has attracted support from international development and research institutions, including the European Union, the World Bank, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Conrad Hilton Foundation.

Among his notable contributions is his leadership of the KNUST component of the USAID-funded Rural Evidence and Learning for Water (REAL-Water) project. The initiative generated evidence to support the expansion of safe and sustainable rural water services. He also served as Project Lead for the KNUST Engineering Education Project (KEEP), a World Bank-supported African Centres of Excellence initiative focused on strengthening postgraduate engineering education and research.

In his role as Provost of the College of Engineering, Prof. Nyarko has contributed to the University's academic leadership and the advancement of engineering education and research. His new appointment extends his responsibilities to the wider University, placing him in a key position to support KNUST's academic and institutional priorities.

His contributions to the engineering profession are also reflected in his fellowship of the Ghana Institution of Engineering, his service on the Board of the Engineering Council of Ghana, and his role as a Council Member of the Ghana Institution of Engineers.

For the KNUST alumni community, Prof. Nyarko's appointment is an opportunity to celebrate one of its own as he takes on a new responsibility in the service of his alma mater. His career demonstrates the important role alumni can play in advancing their professions, contributing to research and development, and providing leadership within the institutions that helped shape their journeys.

As he assumes the role of Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor, the KNUST community looks forward to his continued contribution to the University's pursuit of academic excellence, research innovation and national development.

KNUST TO NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP: ALUMNA MATILDA DIBLONI KOKAR ELECTED USAG PRESIDENT



Matilda Dibloni Kokar, a KNUST alumna whose student leadership journey began at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, has been elected the 24th President of the University Students' Association of Ghana (USAG).

Kokar, who studied Political Studies at KNUST, secured 411 of the 482 valid votes cast, representing more than 85 per cent of the votes, to defeat her sole opponent, Albert Yalley, who received 71 votes. The election took place on Sunday, 4 October 2026, during the 24th USAG Congress at the Islamic University.

Her election marks another step in a student leadership journey that saw her serve as the 44th Local President of the National Union of Ghana Students (NUGS) at KNUST. She handed over the leadership of the local union on 19 September 2026, presenting the outgoing administration's report before transferring responsibility to her successor, Judith Amponsah Ayim.

Taking her leadership experience beyond the University, Kokar contested for the national USAG presidency on the campaign theme, "The Revival: A Clarion Call." Her campaign focused on rebuilding the association and restoring its position as a strong, unified voice for university students across Ghana.

Following her election, Kokar described the outcome as a choice of "service over self" and indicated that the work of renewing the association had begun.

Her victory comes at a significant moment for USAG, which is emerging from approximately two years of inactivity arising from legal disputes. An out-of-court settlement subsequently paved the way for a roadmap to revive the association and convene its 24th Congress.

Held under the theme, "From Dormancy to Impact: Reviving USAG for a Stronger Student Voice," the congress marked an important step in efforts to restore the association's activities and strengthen its representation of students.

USAG serves as an umbrella body for students in public and private universities across Ghana, with more than 45 institutions represented.

For KNUST, Kokar's election highlights the continued contribution of its alumni to student leadership and national engagement. From serving as Local NUGS-KNUST President to assuming the national USAG presidency, her journey reflects the transition from campus leadership to a broader platform for student representation and service.

KNUST ALUMNA PROF. FRANCES OWUSU-DAAKU HONOURED FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND MENTORSHIP

For Professor Frances Thelma Kwabea Owusu-Daaku, a career spanning decades in pharmacy education, academic leadership and professional service has been defined not only by advancing her field but also by helping others grow. The retired Professor of Social Pharmacy at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, has

has been honoured for her contributions to education, mentorship, women's empowerment and the pharmaceutical profession.

Prof. Owusu-Daaku received the Education Excellence (Mentorship Pillars) Award at the 1st GAAS Women's Awards 2026, which celebrated women whose work and leadership have made significant contributions to their professions and society.



The citation accompanying the award recognised her pioneering work in pharmacy education and Social Pharmacy, as well as her dedication to mentoring generations of professionals in academia, pharmacy and public health. It highlighted how her commitment to mentorship has helped nurture a new generation of leaders, including senior women in these fields.

The recognition reflects a career in which education and mentorship have remained central to her professional journey. Prof. Owusu-Daaku has spent 38 years of her working life at KNUST and, although retired, remains in active service at the University.

Her academic journey began in Pharmaceutical Analysis, in which she obtained her PhD.

She later transitioned into Social Pharmacy, making significant contributions to the development of the discipline in Ghana. She became Ghana's first Associate Professor of Social Pharmacy and the country's first female Professor of Pharmacy.

At KNUST, her work has extended beyond teaching and research to include institutional development and the advancement of Social Pharmacy as an academic field. Her influence has also reached beyond the University through leadership roles in professional pharmaceutical organisations.

She served as Vice-President of the Commonwealth Pharmacists Association, Regional Coordinator of the Lady Pharmacists Association of Ghana (LAPAG), and Vice-President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ghana (PSGH) under two presidents. She is also a Foundation Fellow of the Ghana College of Pharmacists and a Fellow of both the Pharmaceutical Society of Ghana and the West African Postgraduate College of Pharmacists.

Her leadership experience further includes service in university administration. Between July 2013 and June 2015, she took sabbatical leave from KNUST to serve as President of Christian Service University College in Kumasi.

For Prof. Owusu-Daaku, the award is a recognition of the wider impact of a career built on education, professional service and the development of others. Her journey as a KNUST alumna and academic leader reflects the contribution of the University's community to advancing knowledge, strengthening professional practice and preparing future generations of leaders.

KNUST ALUMNA LINDA AYESU ELECTED USAG PRESS AND INFORMATION SECRETARY

Linda Ayesu, a former President of the KNUST Media and Communication Students Association, has been elected Press and Information Secretary of the 24th administration of the University Students Association of Ghana (USAG).

Ms. Ayesu, who pursued a Bachelor of Arts in Media and Communication Studies at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, was elected to oversee the Association's public relations and information activities.



She previously served as President of the KNUST Media and Communication Students Association and Coordinating Secretary of the KNUST chapter of the National Union of Ghana Students (NUGS).

As Press and Information Secretary, she will be responsible for the effective publicity of USAG's activities, programmes and projects, as well as the release of relevant information and communication around the Association's conferences.

Ms. Ayesu said her tenure would focus on strengthening communication between USAG and university students across the country and creating opportunities for students to tell their own stories.

Her agenda is anchored on the mantra, "You for Tell Your Story," which she said reflects her commitment to ensuring that students have a voice in the Association.

"It means creating a USAG where students can share their experiences, concerns, ideas, achievements, aspirations and victories and know that their stories matter," she said.

As part of the agenda, she plans to establish "Inform Them," a communication platform connecting the USAG Press and Information Secretariat with public relations officers and student leaders across member institutions.

The platform is expected to improve the flow of information on USAG activities, opportunities, decisions and issues affecting students on their respective campuses.

She also intends to introduce the "You for Tell Your Story" platform, which will provide space for student leaders to share stories about challenges, innovations and successes within their institutions.

According to Ms. Ayesu, the initiative is intended to generate conversations that could increase the visibility of student issues, deepen engagement and encourage meaningful action.

KNUST ALUMNUS-LED AFEM WINS WHO AGREEMENT TO STRENGTHEN EMERGENCY CARE IN FOUR AFRICAN COUNTRIES



The African Federation for Emergency Medicine (AFEM), led by KNUST alumnus Dr. Joseph Bonney, has secured a long-term agreement with the World Health Organization (WHO) to implement a multi-country initiative aimed at strengthening emergency care in four African countries.

The agreement, awarded following a competitive bidding process, will see the AFEM-led Improving Acute Care Transformation (IMPACT) Consortium implement the Acute Care Transformation through Basic Emergency Care (ACTxBEC) initiative in Ethiopia, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda.

The Ministry of Health-WHO-led initiative seeks to strengthen first-contact emergency care through the large-scale implementation and evaluation of the WHO and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Basic Emergency Care (BEC) programme, building on existing national experience and investment in emergency care in the four countries.

The multi-year initiative is expected to reach thousands of healthcare workers in about 800 health facilities, strengthening the capacity of frontline health workers to recognise, assess and manage life-threatening illnesses and injuries.

Dr. Bonney, President of AFEM, is an alumnus of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST) and a Specialist Emergency Physician at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH). He holds a Master of Public Health from KNUST and has been involved in the development of emergency medicine in Ghana and across Africa.

The ACTxBEC initiative will scale up implementation of the BEC programme, combining training with simulation, continuous skills practice and workplace-based learning.

Beyond training health workers, the programme will evaluate how emergency care education can be effectively delivered at scale, how acquired skills translate into clinical practice and their impact on patient care and outcomes.

The IMPACT Consortium brings together national emergency care professional organisations from the four participating countries, including the Ethiopian Society of Emergency Professionals, Emergency Care Association of Uganda, Emergency Medicine Association of Tanzania and Rwanda Emergency Care Association.

Other academic and professional partners include Africa Health Sciences University, the Royal College of Emergency Medicine, Malteser International, Seed Global Health, the Association of Ambulance Professionals Uganda and the University of Cape Town Collaborating Centre for Integrated Clinical Care.

The initiative forms part of broader efforts to scale up Basic Emergency Care in Africa through the WHO Foundation's Lifeline Fund, supported by partners including Laerdal Global Health, the AKO Foundation and the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation.

AFEM said the consortium would place African institutions and national emergency care organisations at the centre of implementing and evaluating the programme, drawing on regional expertise and locally grounded approaches.

For Dr. Bonney, the latest development adds to a growing record of leadership in emergency medicine. In June 2026, he was elected to the Board of the International Federation for Emergency Medicine (IFEM) at the International Conference on Emergency Medicine in Hamburg, Germany. He was also inducted as a Fellow of the International Federation for Emergency Medicine.

As President of AFEM, Dr. Bonney has championed emergency care systems strengthening, professional training, research and collaboration across the continent. He is also a WHO Basic Emergency Care Master Trainer.

KNUST'S AKOSUA ACHIAA SARPONG NAMED BEST OVERALL LAW STUDENT AS ALUMNI WIN FOUR OF 11 AWARDS

Akosua Achiaa Sarpong, an alumna of the Faculty of Law at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), has won the John Mensah Sarbah Award for the best all-round performance in the Professional Law Examinations at the 63rd Call to the Bar ceremony.

She also received the Best Student in Civil Procedure award, contributing to a total of four of the ceremony's 11 awards won by three KNUST law graduates.



Her achievement marks the 11th time a KNUST graduate has won the John Mensah Sarbah Award since 2011 and the fourth consecutive year since 2023.





Eunice Agyei received the Best Student in Advocacy and Legal Ethics award, while Anita Enyonam Dei won the Best Student in Conveyancing and Drafting award respectively.

The University Management congratulates the three awardees on their achievements, celebrating Ms. Sarpong's success in extending KNUST's consecutive wins of the top professional law student award.

NYANSAPO DIALOGUE SERIES V: KNUST STUDENTS URGED TO BUILD CAREER SKILLS, IDENTITY AND RELATIONSHIPS, EMBRACE UNEXPECTED ACADEMIC PATHS



Students at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST) have been encouraged to develop practical career skills, build meaningful relationships, discover their identity and remain open to academic opportunities they may not have initially considered.

Speaking at the fifth edition of the Nyansapo Dialogue Series, scientist, engineer and global technology leader Dr. Ebenezer Jones-Mensah; Ghanaian musician, entrepreneur and KNUST alumnus Okyeame Kwame; and Prof. Priscilla Kolibea Mante, a Professor of Pharmacology and neuroscientist at KNUST, shared experiences from their academic and professional journeys.

Their accounts explored how additional skills, mentorship, personal values and a willingness to reconsider established plans could shape students' experiences and prospects beyond graduation.

Dr. Jones-Mensah urged students to begin preparing for their careers while at university, saying academic qualifications alone might not sufficiently distinguish graduates competing for the same opportunities.



He encouraged them to identify the competencies relevant to their chosen fields and use their time at KNUST to acquire practical skills alongside their academic qualifications.

"Everybody is going to graduate with a degree in mathematics. Everybody is going to graduate with a degree in electrical engineering. But what distinguishes you from the other candidates looking for the same job is that additional skill that you have," he said.

Dr. Jones-Mensah advised students to build their career capital throughout their university education. This, he explained, required identifying professional goals early and pursuing relevant learning opportunities alongside their coursework, rather than waiting until graduation to prepare for employment.

He also emphasised the importance of professional relationships and the role of mentorship in helping students recognise and pursue opportunities.

Recounting an experience from his own life, he said a connection with a former student leader led him to mentor a student who later progressed to postgraduate studies.

"Your degree will take you wherever you take it. But there are people who open the doors for you," he said.

Beyond acquiring skills and building networks, Dr. Jones-Mensah urged students to cultivate integrity and diligence in their professional lives.

He recalled an occasion when his team discovered an error in a work process, explaining that acknowledging mistakes was essential to maintaining trust.

"You have to work diligently with integrity," he advised.

He further encouraged students to give back through mentorship and guidance, noting that helping younger students and prospective applicants was one way to contribute to society.



The importance of mentorship and relationships also featured in the remarks of Kwame Nsiah-Apau, popularly known as Okyeame Kwame, who urged students to use their university experience to understand themselves and develop the values needed for life beyond graduation.

Reflecting on his early experiences with education, he recounted struggles with reading and writing that affected his confidence and influenced his perceptions of what he could achieve.

He said guidance from a mentor helped him develop an interest in language and literature, while his subsequent education at KNUST broadened his understanding of language and society.

His studies, he explained, helped shape his identity and music career and enabled him to appreciate how music could influence people beyond entertainment.

Okyeame Kwame encouraged students to build relationships with lecturers and others who could offer guidance, alongside the friendships they formed with their peers.

He recalled how a lecturer who mentored him during his time at KNUST helped him manage his conduct and avoid responding to provocation in the music industry. That guidance, he said, had lasting implications for his public image.

"It is important that we build relationships, not only with your friends, but also with lecturers," he advised.

He urged students to be deliberate about the company they keep and the values they develop during their university years, saying these choices could influence their conduct and future opportunities.

For Okyeame Kwame, the university experience offered an opportunity to develop a sense of identity, practical skills and ethical values alongside academic qualifications.



Prof. Mante, meanwhile, encouraged students to remain open to unexpected academic opportunities, drawing on changes in her own plans that eventually led her to a career she had not initially envisioned.

She recalled that she first aspired to become a plastic surgeon before developing an ambition to become president of the World Bank. The latter ambition led her to study General Arts in senior high school.

However, she later realised that the programme did not suit her interests and requested permission to transfer to the science class.

After receiving approval, she worked with classmates to catch up on the lessons she had missed and went on to perform well in science.

Another change followed when she applied to study medicine at KNUST but was admitted to Pharmacy, her second-choice programme, because of limited admissions to medicine that year.

Prof. Mante said she embraced Pharmacy and eventually emerged as a top-performing student in her class.

Drawing on that experience, she encouraged students who had not gained admission to their preferred programmes to explore the opportunities available to them before deciding to change direction.

"Regardless of where you sit right now, especially for those of us who didn't get our first choice, I want to encourage you to give it a chance. Explore what you can," she said.

She nevertheless cautioned against remaining in an unsuitable situation simply because of the time already invested in it. Students, she advised, should assess their options and remain willing to consider new possibilities.

"Never ever make any decision out of fear," she advised.

Prof. Mante also encouraged students to balance their academic ambitions with an appreciation of the wider university experience.



KNUST ALUMNUS DR BENJAMIN KISSI SASU STUDIES POULTRY ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE, SECURES TWO TRAVEL GRANTS

Dr Benjamin Kissi Sassu, an alumnus of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST), has investigated antibiotic resistance in Ghanaian poultry production and its implications for food safety.

The study examined resistance patterns in Escherichia coli and Salmonella species from broiler farms and compared antimicrobial stewardship practices among poultry farmers in three regions of Ghana. It explored how antimicrobial use could contribute to the spread of resistance.



Dr Sasu secured two travel grants to present the research at conferences in Greece and the Philippines.

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) of the United Kingdom supported the research. The work had the technical contributions of Prof. Joseph Atalwana & Prof. Faleke Olufemi Oladayo of KNUST School of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr Sasu presented the study at the eighth Congress of the European Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians in Athens, Greece, from 19 to 21 October 2026, where he was the only Ghanaian and the only participant from Africa.

The congress brings together veterinary laboratory specialists, researchers and manufacturers of diagnostic equipment. Its programme includes presentations on new technologies, scientific discussions and an exhibition of laboratory tools designed to improve the quality and speed of testing.

The second grant will support Dr Sasu's participation in the 34th International Congress of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy, scheduled for 7 to 9 December 2026 in Manila, the Philippines, where he is due to present the same study.

Dr Sasu is Deputy Head of the National Food Safety Laboratory, which serves as an antimicrobial resistance reference laboratory for animal health. He is also a Fleming Fellow in antimicrobial resistance.



His research is titled ***"Antibiotic Resistance Patterns of Escherichia coli and Salmonella spp. from Broiler Farms and a Comparative Assessment of Antimicrobial Stewardship among Farmers in Three Regions of Ghana"***.

He previously delivered an oral presentation on the study at the third Biennial Postgraduate Conference of KNUST's College of Health Sciences in June 2026.

The research is also scheduled for presentation at the 2026 Annual Research Meeting of the Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research at the University of Ghana in November.



The speakers met University Management following their engagement with students to express appreciation for its support for the series and explore opportunities for continued collaboration.

The Assistant Registrar at the Advancement and Alumni Relations Office (AARO), Ms. Anita Akua Kyerewaa Kuma, said the University hoped to build on these relationships to connect students with accomplished alumni for mentorship and professional guidance.

Professor Agyare thanked the speakers for sharing their experiences, saying their personal stories could help students navigate academic and personal challenges.

PROFESSOR CHRISTIAN AGYARE CALLS FOR SUSTAINED ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT TO SUPPORT STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

The Vice-Chancellor of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST) Professor Christian Agyare, has called for sustained alumni engagement to support student mentorship, career development and the University's ambition to move from excellence to eminence.

He made the call during a courtesy visit by speakers at the fifth edition of the Nyansapo Dialogue Series: Okyeame Kwame (Kwame Nsiah-Apau), Professor Priscilla Kolibea Mante and Dr. Ebenezer Jones-Mensah.



"As you are aware, the University is moving from excellence to eminence. That is where we need people like you to help us get there, especially inspiring the students for them to know that that is where we are going," he said.

He urged AARO to identify alumni who could contribute to the University's development through mentorship, internships, virtual engagements and support for projects within colleges, faculties and departments.

Such engagements would enable alumni, including those living abroad, to remain connected to the University and support student development, he added.

Dr. Jones-Mensah welcomed the call and expressed his readiness to support KNUST. He said discussions were underway to establish a North American alumni network covering the United States and Canada to strengthen connections among graduates and create opportunities for collaboration.

"We are thinking of starting a North America chapter, breaking it down with the East Coast, North Coast, and Canada, to see, to establish that relationship," he said.

He also stressed the need to prepare student leaders for life beyond university, saying their leadership experience should translate into meaningful contributions to society after they leave office.

Dr. Jones-Mensah reaffirmed his commitment to supporting the University, describing his decision to attend KNUST as one of the best he had made.



KNUST ALUMNUS EBENEZER EFFAH'S STUDY PRESENTED IN POLAND HIGHLIGHTS MEASURES TO IMPROVE ANIMAL WELFARE IN GHANA

Public education and stronger policy enforcement could improve animal welfare in Ghana, according to research presented in Warsaw, Poland, by Ebenezer Effah, a recent Doctor of Veterinary Medicine graduate of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST).

Presented at the 51st World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) Congress, the study highlighted the need to integrate animal welfare into animal health and production practices. It also pointed to potential public health benefits, including reducing the risk of diseases transmitted between animals and humans through improved animal husbandry.

The study, ***"Knowledge, Attitudes and Perception of Animal Welfare in Ghana: Implications for Policy and Advocacy"***, identified public education and stronger enforcement of existing animal welfare policies as key strategies for improving standards and practices.

Effah co-authored the research with Maxwell Asampana and Jacob Osei, both recent graduates of KNUST's School of Veterinary Medicine.





A second study presented at the congress examined how leadership experience during veterinary training could help students develop the competencies needed for professional practice.

Effah and Ekaa Desai, a veterinary student researcher at Mumbai Veterinary College in India, presented the paper, ***"The Relationship Between Early Leadership in Veterinary Students and Professional Competency Building in Veterinary Practice".***

Its findings suggested that taking on leadership roles during training could help veterinary students develop resilience, professional competencies and leadership skills for their future careers.

The 2026 WSAVA Congress brought together veterinarians and other experts from across the world to share research findings and discuss developments in veterinary practice, education and training.

OTUMFUO OSEI TUTU II URGES KNUST ALUMNI TO SUPPORT UNIVERSITY'S PURSUIT OF GLOBAL EMINENCE



The Asantehene and Chancellor of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST), Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, has urged alumni to contribute their expertise, resources and professional networks to help the university achieve global eminence.

Addressing the 14th Global Biennial Congress and Alumni Homecoming, he challenged alumni to look beyond individual achievements and consider the legacy they would leave for future generations.

"We have inherited a great university, one whose history is rich, whose students have distinguished themselves and continue to inspire pride. But we must ask ourselves: What kind of KNUST shall we leave behind for generations yet unborn?" he asked.

He said KNUST had established a strong reputation in science, technology, healthcare, industry and national development but must continue to renew itself to remain relevant in a changing world.

Global eminence went beyond international rankings, he said. It included producing graduates whose competence and character command respect, conducting research that solves societal problems, developing innovations that transform industries and building meaningful international partnerships.

"Excellence is what we have achieved; global eminence is what we must now deliberate on," he said.

The Asantehene commended the university's strategic direction under Plan 2K35, which prioritises academic excellence, impactful research, innovation, entrepreneurship, digital transformation, internationalisation and sustainability.

He also highlighted the importance of effective governance, saying the KNUST Act, 2025 (Act 1157), provided a renewed legislative foundation for the university's governance and administration.

He called for governance arrangements that promote accountability, collaboration, innovation and effective decision-making, saying institutional reforms must produce measurable results.

The Asantehene urged alumni in industry, academia, entrepreneurship and public service to create opportunities for students, facilitate research collaborations, mentor young innovators and strengthen the university's partnerships.

"You do not have to be wealthy to make a difference. You do not have to occupy a powerful position to be useful. What matters is the willingness to contribute," he said.

He also appealed to corporate organisations, development partners, philanthropists and other supporters of higher education to contribute to KNUST's development, describing the pursuit of global eminence as a shared responsibility.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Christian Agyare, urged alumni to support initiatives to improve student welfare, expand access to higher education and strengthen the university's infrastructure.

He said about 2,500 students from disadvantaged backgrounds had been admitted during the October admissions period under arrangements intended to ease the financial burden of university education.

"These students need sustained support to complete their studies and realise their potential," he said.

Prof Agyare called for contributions towards scholarships, mentorship programmes and other student support initiatives, saying these investments would benefit students, their families and their communities.

He also urged alumni year groups, corporate partners, international organisations and individual benefactors to work with university management to mobilise the resources needed to complete the project.

The President of the KNUST Global Alumni Association, Dr Herman Yobo Addae, called for a sustained culture of giving and stronger alumni commitment to the university's development.



He urged members to move beyond maintaining social and professional connections to contributing through mentorship, research partnerships, investment and opportunities for students.

"We want to move from connection to real contributions," he said.

Dr Addae said alumni could support KNUST by sharing professional expertise, opening doors for students, facilitating partnerships, supporting innovation or providing financial assistance.

KNUST PRESENTS ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS, LAUNCHES MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME FOR STUDENT LEADERS



The Global Alumni Association of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST), has presented scholarships to its second cohort of beneficiaries to help cover fees, accommodation and living expenses.

The awards were presented at the launch of the 14th Global Biennial Congress and Alumni Homecoming, where the university also launched a mentorship programme to prepare outgoing student leaders for life after university.

The Director of Students Affairs, Professor Marian Asantewah Nkansah, said the initiatives would provide financial assistance to students in need and structured guidance for student leaders entering the world of work. She said nine of the 10 beneficiaries in the second scholarship cohort were presented with their awards. The support covers fees, accommodation and an enhanced stipend.

Beneficiaries were selected from students identified as needing financial assistance through recommendations from colleges, counsellors, the Directorate of Students Affairs and other stakeholders, she said.

They include Lordina Nana Ama Ataa Mensah, an LLB student; Precious Ayorkor Ashong, who is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Quantity Surveying and Construction Economics; Oppong Kyekyeku, a Quantity Surveying student; Kingsley Johnson Yeboah, a Computer Engineering student; and Kwabena Koranteng, a Natural Resources Management student.

The other recipients are Ernestina Oppong, an Environmental Science student; Eugenia Dadson, a Geological Engineering student; Ebenezer Nimako, a Biological Sciences student; and Gabriel Osei Danso, a Food Science and Technology student.

Dr. Herman Yobo Addae, the Global President of the KNUST Alumni Association assisted with the presentation of the scholarships to beneficiaries.

Prof Nkansah thanked the alumni leadership for coordinating the scholarships and said the university was committed to supporting students through to the completion of their studies.

The KNUST Student Leaders Exit Mentorship Programme will provide structured guidance for student leaders preparing to leave university.

Prof Nkansah said a steering committee had been established following a University Council directive to develop an exit programme for student leaders.

The initiative will begin with a pilot involving former Students' Representative Council (SRC) leaders, with plans to expand to other student leadership groups.

A newly launched website will allow student leaders to register for mentorship and alumni to sign up as mentors. The programme's secretariat and steering committee will also use the platform to monitor progress.

Prof Nkansah said she hoped the programme would eventually include departmental association leaders, international students and other student leadership groups to help prepare them for opportunities and challenges beyond university.

TRADE, AGRIBUSINESS AND INDUSTRY MINISTER ELIZABETH OFOSU-ADJARE URGES KNUST ALUMNI TO DRIVE INDUSTRIALISATION THROUGH INNOVATION



The Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, Ms. Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, has urged alumni of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST), to use their expertise, professional networks and resources to advance industrialisation through research and innovation.

Ms. Ofosu-Adjare, a KNUST alumna, said graduates had a key role in connecting university research to industry, creating opportunities for young graduates and developing local solutions to national challenges.

She was addressing the 14th Global Biennial Congress and Alumni Homecoming, held under the theme, ***"KNUST Day to Global Eminence: The Transformative Role of Alumni."***

"The question before us is not whether KNUST has earned eminence. The question is, what will the alumni now do with it?" she asked.

Ms. Ofosu-Adjare said KNUST's history was closely linked to Ghana's industrial development, noting that the university was established to train the skilled professionals needed to build the nation.

The minister identified opportunities in manufacturing, agro-processing, technology transfer and product development.

She urged businesses to work with researchers and students on solutions to practical challenges.

She also encouraged alumni in business and industry to mentor students, provide practical training opportunities and support promising innovations through investment, partnerships and access to markets.

Closer collaboration between academia and industry would help turn research into commercially viable products, strengthen local manufacturing and create opportunities for young people, she said.

Ms. Ofosu-Adjare called for sustained support for the university's research and innovation initiatives and the development of an alumni endowment fund to finance infrastructure, research and student support.



The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Christian Agyare, urged alumni to support KNUST's ambition of attaining global eminence through research collaborations, industry partnerships, mentorship, employment opportunities and financial contributions.

He appealed for support to complete the hostel project initiated by the alumni association, saying it would improve student accommodation and campus life.

Prof Agyare also called for assistance for students from disadvantaged backgrounds, saying financial difficulties should not prevent deserving students from completing their education.

"Let us move beyond promises to action, beyond nostalgia to investment, and beyond celebrating our legacy to actively building it," he said.



The President of the KNUST Global Alumni Association, Dr Herman Yobo Addae, urged members to cultivate a lasting culture of giving and contribute to the university's development.

He said alumni could use their professional connections, resources and experience to mentor students, create career opportunities, support research and attract investment and partnerships to strengthen KNUST's global standing.

KNUST ALUMNA DR. ESTHER EGHAN NAMED WACP'S BEST INTERNAL MEDICINE MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATE



Dr. Esther Eghan, an alumna of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST), has won the 2026 Ayo Iyun Prize as the best Membership candidate in the Faculty of Internal Medicine at the West African College of Physicians (WACP).

The award recognises her performance in the college's postgraduate medical examinations.

Dr. Eghan obtained her Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) qualification from KNUST's School of Medical Sciences in 2018, according to Ghana's Medical and Dental Council register.

Her professional profile lists her as an Internal Medicine resident at Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital.

The college's Membership examination process includes computer-based screening, followed by clinical and practical assessments for successful candidates. Applicants must also provide evidence of their training and completion of mandatory courses, including medical ethics.

Established in 1976, the West African College of Physicians provides postgraduate specialist training and promotes professional standards among physicians across the subregion.

Its training programmes cover Internal Medicine, Community Health, Family Medicine, Laboratory Medicine, Paediatrics and Psychiatry. The college also works with governments and other institutions to support healthcare, research and medical education in West Africa.

KNUST ALUMNA DR. ESTHER EGHAN NAMED WACP'S BEST INTERNAL MEDICINE MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATE

Team Akofena, which includes Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST) mechanical engineering alumnus Bismark Agyare, has won the inaugural DigiFest Game Developer Contest 2026.

The team won with a browser-based 2.5D fighting game that reimagines Ghanaian heroes and folk legends as playable characters.

Agyare developed the game alongside Caleb Mantey, Nicholas Abakah Eshun and Wilson Worlako Aziaka.

The prototype features three playable legends, two stages, local two-player matches and a guided training mode to help players learn the game's mechanics.

The contest was organised in collaboration with KNUST's Department of Computer Engineering, Department of Computer Science, DIPPER Lab and MTN Ghana.



It gave university students and independent game developers a platform to showcase original games, receive feedback from industry professionals and compete for prizes and further development opportunities.

The competition was open to individuals and teams and formed part of MTN Ghana's 30th anniversary celebrations.

Prof. Eric Tutu Tchao, head of KNUST's Department of Computer Engineering, welcomed the collaboration with MTN Ghana, saying industry partnerships could help prepare students for the job market.



He said universities must equip engineers and developers with skills to secure jobs or create opportunities after graduation.

"As a department, our mandate is not just to train developers or engineers, but to train them so that when they are done with their education, they will have jobs," he said.

Prof. Tchao expressed hope that the partnership would continue, giving students opportunities to apply their knowledge and develop products that meet industry needs.

Emmanuel Asuming Frimpong, dean of KNUST's Faculty of Electrical and Computer Engineering, urged students to use their skills to develop products rather than remain consumers of digital content.

"Look within yourself, identify your capabilities. Whatever it is, make sure you produce something for others to consume. Don't be content with consuming content every day," he advised.

Bless Sefenu Agordjo, senior manager for digital services and verticals at MTN Ghana, said the contest gave students practical exposure to game development, helping them gain industry experience before entering the job market.

KNUST ALUMNA SANDRA AMARQUAYE WINS IPR GHANA PR PRACTITIONER AWARD

Ms. Sandra Amarquaye, an alumna of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST), has been named PR Professional Practitioner of the Year at the 2025 Institute of Public Relations (IPR) Ghana Excellence Awards.

Ms. Amarquaye, the corporate communications manager at Karpowership Ghana Company Limited, was recognised for her work in strategic communications, stakeholder engagement, corporate social responsibility and reputation management.



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Her career spans more than a decade in journalism and corporate communications. After studying at KNUST, she worked at Multimedia Group Limited and later at TV3, where she covered the energy sector before moving into corporate communications.

At Karpowership Ghana, her responsibilities include media relations, stakeholder engagement and community initiatives, supporting the company's relationships with employees, institutions and communities.

Ms. Amarquaye attributed the recognition to collaboration with colleagues in Ghana and at the company's headquarters.

"This award is not just a personal achievement; it is a recognition I share with the entire Karpowership team," she said.

She said she remained committed to using communication to build trust, strengthen partnerships and support stakeholders and communities.

KNUST ALUMNUS AUGUSTINE SENANU KUKAH WINS RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS AWARD



Augustine Senanu Kukah, an alumnus of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST), has received the Excellence in HDR Research Publications Award from Western Sydney University's School of Built Environment and Design in Australia in recognition of his research contributions.

Kukah is a doctoral researcher at the university's Centre for Smart Modern Construction, where he studies the development of a carbon trading framework for the built environment. His research examines how carbon trading can support sustainability in the construction sector.

He holds a Master of Philosophy in Construction Management and a Bachelor of Science with honours in Quantity Surveying and Construction Economics, both from KNUST.

His research interests include construction economics, carbon trading and sustainability, emotional intelligence among built environment professionals, and public-private partnerships.

His work focuses on sustainable construction and practical approaches to addressing environmental and economic challenges in the built environment.

14TH GLOBAL BIENNIAL CONGRESS & ALUMNI HOMECOMING

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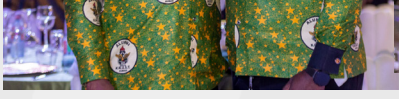
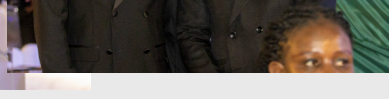










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ISAAC ABOAGYE DUAH ELECTED PRESIDENT OF TENNIS AFRICA WEST AFRICA ZONE AND VICE PRESIDENT OF TENNIS AFRICA



Ghanaian tennis leader elected unopposed at Tennis Africa AGM in Luanda, Angola

LUANDA, ANGOLA, 7 November 2026 – Ghana has secured a significant leadership position in African tennis following the election of Mr Isaac Aboagye Duah, President of the Ghana Tennis Federation (GTF), as President of the West Africa Zone and Vice President of Tennis Africa.

Mr Duah was elected unopposed at the Tennis Africa Annual General Meeting held in Luanda, Angola, filling the vacancy created by the passing of former Zone President, Ing. Ifedayo Akindoju Dayo, last year. In accordance with the Tennis Africa Constitution, the position was filled through an election at the next AGM.

The West Africa Zone comprises 15 countries. Mr Duah's election presents an opportunity for Ghana to contribute more directly to continental tennis governance and for the sub-region to strengthen cooperation in developing the sport.

A Record of Inclusive Leadership

Mr Duah has served as President of the Ghana Tennis Federation since 2017. His tenure has focused on inclusive governance, stakeholder engagement and creating opportunities for the growth of tennis.

Two significant initiatives stand out. First, he championed the recognition of players, coaches, officiating officials and clubs as delegates at the highest decision-making body of tennis governance in Ghana, ensuring that key stakeholders have a voice in shaping the sport's future.

Second, he has promoted an open-door policy that creates an enabling environment for tennis clubs and foundations to operate, partner with the Federation and organise internationally recognised World Tennis competitions.

Under his leadership, Ghana has participated in West African junior competitions over the past nine years, achieved notable success in African 12-and-under competitions, and continued to represent the country in the Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup.

Mr Duah also serves on the African Cup of Nations Sub-Committee of Tennis Africa, contributing to the development of continental tennis.

A Vision for African Tennis

Commenting on his election, Mr Duah said:

"I am deeply honoured by the confidence placed in me and humbled by the opportunity to serve tennis across West Africa and the African continent. My leadership philosophy has always been anchored in inclusion, collaboration and the belief that tennis can only grow when players, coaches, officials, clubs and foundations are recognised, valued and given a meaningful voice.

"I look forward to bringing this spirit of inclusive leadership to Tennis Africa. Working with our 15 West African member countries and stakeholders across the continent, we can strengthen our institutions, develop our players and officials, attract greater investment and create sustainable opportunities for the next generation. My vision is for an African tennis community that is united in purpose, strong in governance and increasingly competitive on the world stage."

His new responsibilities will provide an opportunity to promote stronger cooperation among national federations, expand junior development, strengthen institutional capacity and encourage investment in tennis infrastructure and competitions.

Academic Background

Mr Duah is an alumnus of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. He also holds an Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA), a Master of Arts in Leadership and Management, and a Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM-UK) qualification as a Chartered Marketer.

He received his secondary education at Pope John Senior High School and Minor Seminary in Koforidua.

His election marks an important milestone for Ghanaian sports administration and offers an opportunity to strengthen the country's contribution to tennis development across West Africa and the continent.

The Ghana Tennis Federation congratulates its President on his election and looks forward to his continued service to the sport at both national and continental levels.

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COUNTERFEIT GOODS IN GHANA: THE IMPACT ON BUSINESSES, CONSUMERS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

In July 2026, a heated online debate erupted among Kumasi's "akata" youth regarding whether to purchase original or counterfeit clothing and footwear. The controversy intensified when Yeboah Agyekum Francis, a popular social media health content creator, argued that young people should patronize counterfeit products rather than pressure themselves to buy expensive originals. This position was vehemently opposed by Oseikrom Sikanii, a well-known Kumasi musician, who insisted that the youth should always purchase authentic clothing and footwear.



A counterfeit is a fake version of a product that someone attempts to sell as the genuine. In other words, it is an item "made in imitation of something else with intent to deceive." In Ghana, counterfeit goods span multiple sectors, including electronics, clothing, footwear, pharmaceuticals, food, and textiles.

Research indicates that less developed economies like Ghana generally experience higher rates of counterfeit goods. This prevalence stems from several interconnected factors.

The majority of Ghana's working population earns low incomes. Consequently, these consumers demand affordable goods and often voluntarily purchase counterfeit products available in the market.

Another factor that contributes to counterfeiting is informal market structures. Significant portion of imported counterfeit goods is sold through informal markets, making tracing and enforcement exceedingly difficult for authorities.



Though these reasons may seem a bit fluid for counterfeiting flooding our markets, counterfeit goods in Ghana pose a significant challenge not only to the mark or brand owner but significantly to the public at large. Particularly, they pose significant risk to three key stakeholders, namely legitimate businesses, consumers, and intellectual property (IP) rights holders.

Impact on Businesses

Legitimate businesses suffer substantial financial losses as counterfeit goods undercut their prices. Counterfeit goods in some sectors like health also poses serious health and environmental risk to the public as those goods do not go through nor pass the necessary regulatory check to guaranteed quality, wholesomeness and standards. Additionally, counterfeiting reduces government revenues, since they do not operate under approved systems, they evade labour regulations, tax responsibilities mostly because the goods are more often than not received through smuggling, false import declarations, and excise fraud.

Beyond immediate financial losses, counterfeit goods also damage brand reputation.

Because these products often mimic genuine items, consumers who unknowingly purchase counterfeits become dissatisfied, thus eroding trust in authentic brands.

The prevalence of counterfeiting also discourages foreign direct investment (FDI) and local innovation. Companies fear inadequate IP protection and consequently avoid investing in the Ghanaian market. Furthermore, counterfeiters operate with an unfair advantage by avoiding costs related to research and development, quality control, and regulatory compliance, which enables them to undercut legitimate businesses significantly.

Ultimately, when counterfeit goods flood the market, legitimate businesses are forced to downsize or shut down entirely. This result in job losses across manufacturing, retail and all sectors within the business value chain.

Impact on Consumers

Counterfeit goods pose serious and sometimes, life-threatening risks to consumers. Counterfeit pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, clothing, and food products can cause severe harm. Fake medicines may contain incorrect dosages or harmful substances leading to dangerous side effects, treatment failure, and also contributing to drug resistance. This not only endangers individual health but also lowers public confidence in the healthcare system and facilitates the abuse of addictive substances.



Similarly, counterfeit electronics such as phone chargers and batteries have caused fires, injuries, burns, and electrocution. Consumers also suffer economic harm by paying for products that fail to meet quality standards.

Legal recourse remains limited. Consumers who purchase counterfeit goods often find it difficult to seek refunds or legal redress because these products are typically sold in informal markets or through online platforms where consumer protection laws are difficult to enforce.

Moreover, the widespread availability of counterfeit goods reduces overall consumer confidence as buyers become increasingly skeptical of markets in general.

Impact on Intellectual Property Rights

Counterfeit goods in Ghana pose a systemic threat to intellectual property rights, including trademarks, copyrights, patents, and industrial designs. Counterfeiting dilutes brand value and confuses consumers regarding the source and quality of products. It also undermines innovation and discourages investment in new products and services.



To combat these threats, brands must further spend considerable portions of their annual turnover fighting counterfeiting using resources that could otherwise be directed toward innovation and business development.

Conclusion

Counterfeit goods in Ghana have severe consequences for businesses, consumers, and IP rights holders. While the problem spans multiple sectors, its effects are particularly devastating in the health related industries like the pharmaceutical industry, where public health hangs in the balance. Although Ghana has established a legal framework for IP protection, enforcement challenges persist due to corruption, limited resources, and the informal and online nature of modern markets. Addressing this issue requires sustained commitment from three key stakeholders.

Government agencies must strengthen enforcement of product, consumer, and IP rights. Industry stakeholders must also collaborate on anti-counterfeiting measures whilst consumers must be educated about the consequences of purchasing counterfeit goods. It is only through coordinated action can Ghana mitigate the impact of counterfeiting, protect its economy, and safeguard public health.



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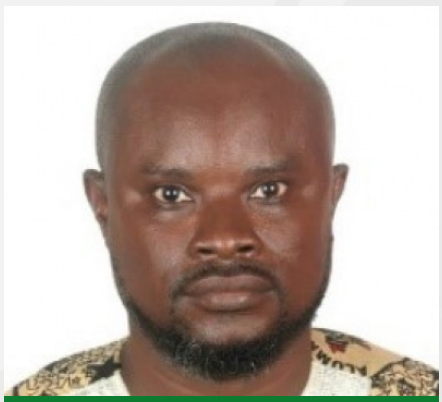
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GHANA MARKET IN FOCUS

	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
USDGHS	**11.4143**	**11.4257**
GBPGHS	**15.4561**	**15.4716**
CHFGHS	**14.1061**	**14.1177**
AUDGHS	**8.2381**	**8.2463**
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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