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THEME:

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KEY NOTE ADDRESS
LAUNCH
EXHIBITORS' SESSION

APN Team

Louis Afful (Executive Director APN Group)

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Michael Bartlett-Vanderpuye (CEO of M&C Group)

Wendell Addy (Chairman of APSS)

Michael Grantson-Agyapong (CEO of Emcri Group (SUCASA))

Atta Yeboah Gyan (DMD Operations & Support functions – Fidelity Bank)

Pierre Frank Laporte (World Bank Country Director)

Hon KT Hammond (Minister of Trade)

H. E Virginia Palmer (American Ambassador)

H. E Wamkele Mene (Secretary General – AfCFTA)

Export Club 500 Companies-

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KWASI OKYERE-BOATENG

Mr. Kwasi Okyere-Boateng serves as a Member of the African Continental Free Trade Area Policy Network (APN Group) since December 2021. He is also an Assistant Registrar at the Ghana Armed Forces Command and Staff College.

Mr. Kwasi Okyere-Boateng possess a Master of Arts in Regional Integration and African Development from the Centre for Regional Integration in Africa (CRIA). He also holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Ghana Business School (UGBS).

Mr. Kwasi Okyere-Boateng is committed to promoting African integration and Regional Development through aiding the processes of supra-national institutions set up globally and especially in Africa.





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Annual Report
Speaker 1
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Keynote Speaker
Panel Discussion

Vivian Korkor Hervie (Executive Director of WOAN)
Audrey Biney Head of International Women Advisory Council (WOAN)
Dikeledi Seleka - (Founder of Dynamic Timz Coaching). South Africa
Yasmine Sebah - (Aliant International Law Firm) .UK
Joyce Williams - (Managing Partner of Armooh-Williams, PLLC) USA
Kate Komey- Deputy CEO Ghana Freezones Authority
Joyce Kporvie - Development Finance Analyst
Mimi Deleese Darko -CEO FDA
Faustina Adjagar -CEO First Choice Hair & Beauty
Ngozi Oyewole (Founder of Noxie Limited) Nigeria
Laurie Keller Commercial officer at US Embassy
Emi-Beth Quatson (Founder of Kawa Moka Coffee Roasters
Ernestina Mensah -Economist and Banker
Doreen Mensah - CEO of Perfume Malls (Ghana, UK, Dubai)
Leeni Aukee- Senior Sales Director APO GROUP

Sales & Exhibitions

Exhibitors Brand Promotion Session - All Exhibitors will be given the opportunity to speak on their Product successes and challenges

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Opening & Welcome Address	Prof. Godfrey Alufar Bopkin - Economist and Financial Expert	09:00
Address	Tsonam Cleanse Akpeloo- Greater Accra Regional Chairman AGI	09:15
Address	Sherif Ghali – CEO Chamber of Young Entrepreneurs (Topic: financing youth entrepreneurship)	09:30
Address	Siita Sofo Hissan President AfCFTA Young Entrepreneurs Federation (Topic: trade finance for youth under AfCFTA)	09:40
Address	Abdul Rahman Shehab - (Topic: Resource mobilization for private sector- Sucasa Properties Success	09:50
Address	Ivan Quashigah Ceo- Farm House Productions (Topic: financing the creative industry	10:00
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Address	Martin Awagah Economist & Financial Analyst -President Ghana Fintech & Payments Association	10:30
	Sales & Exhibitions	10:40-11:30
	Exhibitors Brand Promotion Session - All Exhibitors will be given the opportunity to speak on their Product successes and challenges	11:30
	Break	11:30 -13:00
	Business Networking Session -Opened Business to Business (B2B)	13:00 -15:00

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EMMANUE. K. BENSAH

Emmanuel is Deputy Executive Director of AfCFTA Policy Network, with responsibility for AU Policy Programming; Outreach and Partnerships. He is also an ECOWAS and AU Policy Analyst with cumulative experience of the African Union, ECOWAS, UNECA, OECD Sahel West Africa Club.

He has been a member of the Agenda 2063 Media Network since 2017, and of the African Peer Review Mechanism Communicator's Network since May 2019.

As an African Peace & Security Researcher, Emmanuel was headhunted by GIZ in 2011 to serve as a management consultant (Web & PR Strategy Consultant) at the Africa Peace & Security Programme that is based at the Institute of Peace & Security Studies at Addis Ababa University.

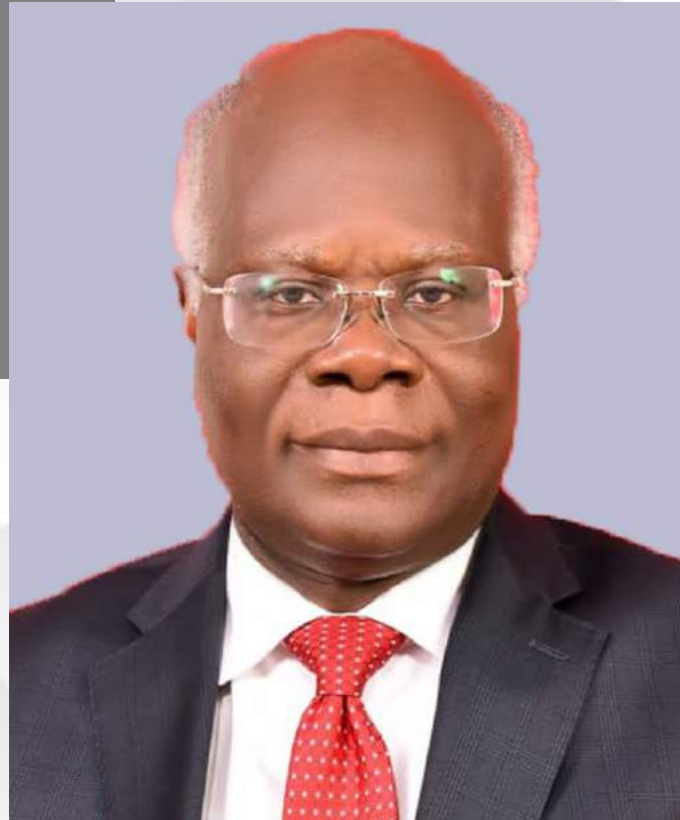


H.E. WAMKELE MENE SECRETARY GENERAL - THE AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA

Wamkele Mene was elected by the 33rd Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of States & Government of the African Union, to the position of Secretary-General of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat. Prior to being elected Secretary-General of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat, he served as Chief Director: Africa Economic Relations, at the Department of Trade & Industry of South Africa. In this role, he was South Africa's chief trade negotiator in the AfCFTA and Tripartite FTA negotiations. During his tenure as chief negotiator, South Africa ratified both the AfCFTA and Tripartite FTAs agreements, providing new export markets in fast growing and dynamic markets in East and West Africa. Prior to assuming this position, Wamkele was

Director: International Trade Law & Investment Law at the Department of Trade & Industry, a role in which he was principal legal counsel on international trade law and international investment law. From 2010 until 2015, Wamkele represented South Africa at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in Geneva, Switzerland. During his posting to the WTO, Wamkele was elected by over 130 governments to the position of Chairman of the Committee on International Trade in Financial Services, a committee comprising trade negotiators, financial regulators and financial policy makers from over 160 countries. Prior to joining the government, Wamkele worked for the law firms Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP in London and Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP in Hong Kong.

Wamkele has written and lectured internationally on international trade law, international investment law and international business law. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Law) degree from Rhodes University in South Africa, a Master of Arts in International Studies & Diplomacy (with specialization in International Economics) from the School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS), University of London and a LL.M. (Master of Laws) in Banking Law & Financial Regulation from the Law Department of the London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE).



New Patriotic Party in that election for the Ashanti Region. The New Patriotic Party won a majority total of 99 parliamentary seats out of 200 seats.[14] He was elected with 10,306 votes out of 19,407 total valid votes cast. This was equivalent to 54.4% of the total valid votes cast. He was elected over Theresa Mensah of the National Democratic Congress, Nana Yaw Frimpong of the People's National Convention, Kwame Amoh of the Convention People's Party, Peter Kofi Essilfie of the National Reformed Party and Prince Lawrence of the United Ghana Movement. These won 7,230, 1,001, 241, 92 and 61 votes out of the total valid votes cast respectively. These were equivalent to 38.2%, 5.3%, 1.3%, 0.5% and 0.3% respectively of total valid votes cast.[12][13]

HON. KT HAMMOND
MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA

Hon. Kobina Tahir Hammond Minister of Trade and Industry of the Republic of Ghana (born June 16, 1960) [1][2] is a Ghanaian Lawyer and politician. He is the Member of Parliament for Adansi-Asokwa constituency in the Ashanti Region of Ghana in the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and the 8th Parliament of the 4th Ghanaian Republic Hammond had his high school education at Adisadel College. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Law and Political Science from the University of Ghana. He acquired the degree in 1986. [1][2][5] He is also a product of Gray's Inn, Holborn Law School, London, UK. From there, he acquired a Bachelor of Law in 1991.[1] In the year 2000, Hammond won the general elections as the member of parliament for the Adansi-Asokwa constituency of the Ashanti Region of Ghana. He won on the ticket of the New Patriotic Party.[12][13] His constituency was a part of the 31 parliamentary seats out of 33 seats won by the

Hammond was elected as the member of parliament for the Adansi-Asokwa constituency of the Ashanti Region of Ghana for the second time in the 2004 Ghanaian general elections. He won on the ticket of the New Patriotic Party.[6][15][16] His constituency was a part of the 36 parliamentary seats out of 39 seats won by the New Patriotic Party in that election for the Ashanti Region.[17] The New Patriotic Party won a majority total of 128 parliamentary seats out of 230 seats.[18] He was elected with 15,176 votes out of 24,112 total valid votes cast equivalent to 62.9% of total valid votes cast. He was elected over Seidu S. Adams of the Peoples' National Convention and Reverend Evans Amankwa of the National Democratic Congress. These obtained 0.7% and 36.3% respectively of total valid votes cast.[15][16]



FAUSTINA ADOFO ADJAGAR
25 YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN THE BEAUTY INDUSTRY

Mrs. Faustina Adofo Adjagar has over (twenty-five) 25 years' experience in the beauty industry in which her expertise, skill and accomplishment are regarded as exceptional by her competitors in Ghana. Mrs. Adjagar, a highly revered beauty consultant is the founder and CEO of First Choice Hair and beauty. She has led First Choice Hair and beauty to be the market leader in virtually every aspect of beauty treatment. Under her stewardship, First Choice has become the largest and the most capable one stop-shop beauty service provider in the country. It is now the most preferred choice of many discerning customers Mrs. Adjagar was voted the Most Respected CEO in Cosmetology at the Ghana industry CEO Awards. While her area of specialization is hair styling, hair cutting, hair coloring and hair treatment. Indeed, everything that has got to do with health of hairs of all types. Her exemplary entrepreneurial and professional accomplishments are the result of outstanding talent, unwavering commitment, diligence and unflagging sheer hard work, added to both the entrepreneurial spirit and extraordinary management capacities with regards to both

human and material resources. She began her career with training at Top Model Beauty salon as an apprentice in the early 1990's after her secondary school education at Nkawkaw, in the Eastern Region of Ghana. After almost two years of working experience at Top Model Salon, she started her own salon called First Choice Hair and Nails Designs, at Zongo Junction- off the Kaneshie Korle-Bu highway in Accra Ghana, in August 1997. This is what she has over the past two and half decades, transformed into Ghana's truly world class beauty facility, First Choice Hair and Beauty. She deservedly has been conferred with several awards; the two most recent being the 2018 MOST OUTSTANDING FEMALE PERSONALITY in beauty by the Business Executives magazine and 2018 Ghana Fashion Honors Award by the National commission on Culture.

She is also a member of the Professional Beauticians Association-PBA USA. Due to her passion for seeing other young individuals, especially women, get into gainful employment and living a self-sufficient life, she has also trained and groomed about 600 beauticians over the past 25 years. Faustina's desire for value placed on continuous education has led her to further get herself trained in new techniques in the beauty and cosmetology industry. She has been trained in and learnt new techniques in maintaining good and healthy hair, hair cutting and styling techniques, hair coloring and treatment techniques and the likes in Germany, United Kingdom, Italy and the United States. She is a regular attendant of the beauty trade shows, fair and summits such as Bronner Bros international Beauty Show, Cosmoprof North America, IBS New York, Cosmoprof Worldwide Bologna etc. Mrs. Faustina Adofo Adjagar is married with three children and adeptly combining her professional and domestic duties. She is a Christian by faith and devoutly worships at the International Central Gospel Church, Christ temple in Abbosey Okai-Accra, Ghana.



He serves on various private and public boards and committees, including representing young entrepreneurs at Ghana's Economic Management Team (EMT) and the Private Sector leader's meetings with the President of Ghana.

Sherif has collaborated with Governments and development partners to provide young entrepreneurs access to public policies and has facilitated training and mentorship programs while contributing to developing policies on youth entrepreneurship. He is currently co-leading the team drafting the Ghana Startup and Innovation Bill. Sherif has delivered keynote speeches at over 80 conferences and seminars locally and internationally. He is a skilled fundraiser, raising funds for over 300 young entrepreneurs through investors and development partners.

FAUSTINA ADOFO ADJAGAR
25 YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN THE BEAUTY INDUSTRY

Sherif Ghali is a senior business executive, founder/CEO of the Ghana Chamber of Young Entrepreneurs (GCYE), and Chairperson for the Commonwealth Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs - Africa (CAYE Africa). He is also the founder of GhaTech Solutions and TIL Limited. Sherif is recognised as Ghana's Ambassador for Youth Entrepreneurship and has received numerous awards for his work in developing young entrepreneurs.



Bank in September 2007 and held many senior roles in the Bank before he was appointed Finance Director/Chief Financial Officer in March 2016. Atta began his banking career at SG-SSB Ltd (now Société Generale Ghana) as an Inspector after a stint at Ghana Airways. At SG-SSB, he was a key member of the task force of Operations and Control staff that led the bank's transition from a locally controlled bank to a foreign owned entity. Prior to joining Fidelity Bank, he worked at Multimedia Group Ltd as the Finance Manager for Joy FM. In that role, he set up the Finance function at the station, coordinated the station's strategy and budget, and had oversight responsibility for credit control and client service.

Atta is a certified Financial Risk Manager (FRM[®]) and a member of the Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP), USA. He also holds GARP's certification in Sustainability and Climate Risk (SCR[®]). He is a Chartered Accountant and a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Ghana. He holds a Master's degree in Finance and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Ghana Business School, Legon. Atta also holds a post-chartered diploma certificate in International Financial Reporting Stand

ATTA YEBOAH GYAN
DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS & SUPPORT FUNCTIONS

Atta Gyan was appointed Deputy Managing Director with oversight responsibility for Operations and Support Functions. Prior to his appointment as DMD, he served as the Bank's Chief Financial Officer for six years and was responsible for the overall financial functions of the Group. Atta is a hands-on executive with over twenty-two years of experience in financial and corporate strategy, financial risk management, financial analysis and reporting, budgeting and forecasting, mergers and acquisitions, banking operations, audit and control. Atta joined Fidelity



JOYCE WILLIAMS Esq

THE FOUNDER OF ARMOOH-WILLIAMS, PLLC

JOYCE WILLIAMS Esq. Joyce Williams is the founder of Armooh-Williams, PLLC, a global boutique law firm focused on Project Finance and Development, International Trade, and Immigration Law. The Co-Founder of Hazina Equity Partners, a catalyst in the major strategic shift in transforming investment from a functional focus to innovation for business and risk-adjusted returns, and Isoka, LLC, a grassroots soccer organization opening doors for the players of disadvantaged backgrounds. Joyce serves on the Board of the American Bar Association's African Law Council on Rule of Law Initiatives, the International Bar Foundation Rule of Law Initiative, the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Policy Network, Ghana, United Community and Asankrangwa Kroye Kuo, Alexandria Virginia, the Institute for African Women in Law, Washington, D.C. She is a Social Ambassador for Youth Advocacy of Ghana. Joyce has been recognized by the American Bar Association for her work in human trafficking advocacy and supply chain security, improving diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. Joyce's pro bono activities include

WE-Lab, an initiative of the ArmoohWilliams Foundation to create a platform for women entrepreneurs, an immigration clinic for Asylees, Refugees, and new arrivals to the United States. Joyce's speaking and writing engagements have enlightened audiences on various trending legal topics, such as regional integration, global migration, sports and development, block-chain, international sales, international project development, and finance and mentorship in the legal profession. She has published papers and is often sought to speak at major international conferences on the rule of law issues and various topics touching on international development. Her previous employers have included the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) in Incheon, South Korea, The Kozolchik National Law Center in Tucson, Arizona, SILLAC Consulting; Annapolis, Maryland; and International Law Institute, Washington D.C. She serves a diverse clientele base that includes heads of state, diplomats, royals, and high-level business executives.

Joyce was previously an executive board member of the African Diaspora Health Institute, an initiative of the African Union Mission in Washington, D.C, to mobilize the Diaspora in making practical contributions to the development of the continent of Africa. She was a Special Advisor to the President of the African Bar Association, a board member of Bakashana, non-profit inspiring Zambian girls through education, health services, mentoring, and cultural exchange. Joyce has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and a Juris Doctor of Law degree. She is licensed to practice law in the State of Arizona. Joyce is admitted to practice law before the U.S Supreme Court, the U.S Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the U.S District Court for the District of Arizona, and the Arizona Supreme Court.



GODRED ALUFAR BOPKIN

UNIVERSITY OF GHANA

Professor Godfred A. Bokpin is an Economist and Professor of Finance. He earned his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Economics from the Graduate School of Economics, Osaka University in Japan, Master of Philosophy Degree in Finance and B.Sc. (Admin) in Accounting with First Class Honours from the University of Ghana. Professor Bokpin combines three broad disciplines of accounting, finance and economics and the interrelations between them in his teaching and research that uniquely distinguishes his output. He was the Head, Department of Finance, University of Ghana Business School from August 2014 to July 2018. He was promoted to senior lecturer in 2010 after his two year probation in the University, Associate Professor of Finance in 2015 and Professor in 2018. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses including financial management, strategic corporate finance, sustainable finance, renewable energy finance, responsible investment,

green banking, inclusive growth, sustainable development, green economy, climate financing, green bonds. In the last five years, his research and advocacy has focused more on pro-poor programs, inclusive growth, sustainable development, inequality and climate change issues. He has over 40 articles in high impact journals in addition to edited conference proceedings, edited books, and book chapters to his credit. He has extensive experience consulting for industry, Civil Society Organisations, and government institutions. His partial clients include UBA Ghana, African Development Bank (AfDB), Bank of Ghana, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Ghana, African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) in Kenya, SEND Ghana, Civil Society Platform on the IMF Program in Ghana (now Economic Governance Platform), Ghana Integrity Initiative, Oxfam, Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition, USAID, UNDP, UN Human Settlement Program (UN-HABITAT) etc.

He has in recognition of his research on global issues received invitation to the IMF-World Bank 2017 annual meetings in Washington, USA and also appeared on a number of local and international platforms including Joy FM, Citi FM, BBC, Blomberg, Economist, Financial Times etc. He works well with the youth and regularly interacts with the youth. Professor Bokpin enjoys studying the Bible and preaching the gospel in the rural areas. After first degree in Accounting, Masters in Finance and PhD in Economics, he believes the only knowledge that transforms and saves from eternal destruction is the Knowledge of the Son of God (Jesus Christ)



LEENI AUKEE

DIRECTOR SENIOR SALES DIRECTOR - APO GROUP

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Founder of No2Malaria - No2Malaria is a social enterprise working against malaria in Ghana. Together with local artisans No2Malaria designs and produces bracelets that are hand-made in Ghana from recycled glass. Founder Leeni Ojaniemi is in charge of the following aspects of No2Malaria: concept creation, planning and execution. Managing design and creative process. Complete website and social media management. Art Consultant - Ghana Contemporary Limited is an art consultancy that arranges and hosts exhibitions of Ghanaian and West African Contemporary Art. Private sales and consulting for collectors and institutions. Business Development Consultant Business Development Consultant - GMEA Group of Companies. GMEA Group, Business Development Consultant. Ghana & Nigeria. Establishing and launching new ventures and running existing projects within the group. Strategic planning, branding, marketing and sales.

Business Journalist - AFA Press, international media company, work assignment countries: The Philippines, Ghana and Surinam. Creating content and delivering country specific economical reports by interviewing politicians and business people in a target country. Reports for The Daily Telegraph UK, The Financial Times Germany and The Miami Herald -magazines.



MICHAEL KWABENA O'GRANTSON-AGYAPONG

Mr. Michael Kwabena O'Grantson-Agyapong is a young Ghanaian Business Mogul; Consultant and an Investment Advisor; an Investor; Marketing Executive; Writer; Producer; Philosopher; a Philanthropist and a Politician. He is a native of Akyem Oda in the Eastern and Bremang- Asikuma in the Central Regions of Ghana - together; born on June 5, 1990. He is a Co-founder and CEO of The ERMCRIGroup - an Investment Partner and Advising Organization; the CEO of Sucasa Properties – a distinguishable Marketing, Brokerage and Construction Company in Accra. He also, doubles as the CEO of Sugar Cane Estates, and of the OGEE Promotions - a Boxing and Events Promotion Company in Accra. As an astute and a very accomplished Chief Executive Officer, Mr. O'Grantson-Agyapong, combines expertise from Cross-functional Organizational Leadership and

Corporate Communications in shaping investment advising, negotiations and partnership contracting. He has featured as a Speaker in the maiden edition of the Annual African Continental Free Trade Area, AfCFTA - Policy Network and Diaspora; African Globalization Investment Summit, held in Accra from the 25th -27th October, 2021, in his capacity as the CEO of the ERMCRIGROUP. He is mostly known for his role in projects like the "Affordable Housing Infrastructural Expansion in Ghana and beyond, and Community Development Outreach Programs. He served as the Chief Operations Officer of Print Limited (2011-2013). Around the same period, he also, functioned as a Marketing Officer for Consumer Finance Company-Ghana.

Mr. Michael Kwabena O'Grantson-Agyapong is presently, a strategic investor and owns a remarkable proportion of shares in an appreciable number of medium to large scale businesses around the world. Prior to taking his investments trajectory, he characterized in entrepreneurship – between 2007-2015, establishing, a good number of companies such as: Prime Dogs, Giot, O'G Kente and many others. He holds a Gold Medal Membership of the renowned international West African Nobles Forum. It is remarkable to mention, that at the tender age of 13, Mr. O'Grantson-Agyapong began work as an Assistant Video Editor with the African World Studios. His determination and tenacity of purpose defines his enviable successes chalked so far.



SIITA SOFO HISSAN

SIITA SOFO HISSAN is an author, motivational speaker, entrepreneur, media mogul, banker and a philanthropist. He holds a Master's degree in Marketing Management from Paris Graduates School of Management, France. He has earned over fifteen (15) awards and recognition making him one of the most decorated young entrepreneurs from Ghana, West Africa. He has a decade-long experience in the banking sector with reputable international banks like United Bank for Africa (UBA) and Ecobank Ghana Ltd. He is the founder and immediate past Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Board chairman of North Television Limited (NTV) and Brong Ahafo

Television (BA-TV). NTV is the most powerful media house in Northern Ghana and one of the leading television stations in Ghana. He is also the Co-founder & Senior Vice President at MYOKADA (owners of myokada and mygocar app). He is a founding member of Ghana Chamber of Young Entrepreneurs (GCYE)-the leading voice and association for all young entrepreneurs in Ghana.

He has won multiple awards and recognitions including; Most Influential Business Leader in Northern Ghana, Youngest CEO in Ghana Media, 100 most Influential People in Northern Ghana, 50 most Influential Young CEOs in Ghana, and Pioneer of television in Northern Ghana amongst others. Sofu Siita Hissan is the founding President of AfCFTA Young Entrepreneurs Federation (AfYEF), a network of young entrepreneurs and youth associations from across the African continent championing youth and women inclusion in the implementation of African Free Continental Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) to attain the African Union (AU) Agenda 2063. AfCFTA is the biggest trade agreement signed after World Trade Organisation (WTO) and it the largest single market in terms of participating countries (54 African countries).



MARTIN KWAME AWAGAH

AN ECONOMIST AND FINANCIAL ANALYST

Martin is an Economist and Financial Analyst with 10+ years' experience in economic research, governance, public policy, financial inclusion, international development and project management. Presently, he is the President of the Ghana Fintech and Payments Association, which is the foremost fintech community and not-for-profit organization established to promote the advancement of financial technologies (fintechs), digital/mobile payment institutions and money transmission

companies and agencies in Ghana.

As a passionate professional on the potentialities of fintech propelling financial inclusion and serving the last mile, essentially in Africa and the Caribbean, Martin has contributed immensely at various local and international fora. He is optimistic that the giant strides being made in Africa during this period, where digitization, data and technology have become the drivers of economic empowerment and development, requires players in the industry to collaborate on every sphere to achieve desired outcomes.



Finance and Investment from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology and is currently a student of University of Ghana studying Masters in Economics Policy Management.

Ernestina Mensh is also a social activist and philanthropist and the Founder of Glimmer of Hope Foundation which believes in using education in ending the cycle of poverty. The foundation's activities are in line with the Sustainable Development Goals which looks at providing a better future for all.

ERNESTINA MENSAH

Ernestina Mensah is a young professional with close to a decade of working experience in the banking industry. She is currently the head of Market Risk Unit for Bank of Africa Ghana where she manages the risks in interest rate, inflation and exchange rate's impact on the bank's balance sheet and liquidity. She is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, a member of the ACI Financial Market – Paris, and a qualified affiliate member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants – UK. She holds a master's in Industrial



DIKELEDI SELEKA

THE FOUNDER OF DYNAMIC TIMZ COACHING, A SOUTH AFRICAN

Dikeledi is the founder of Dynamic Timz Coaching, a South African – based, African active coaching and consulting company which assists organisations to create high performing teams - provides leadership coaching, organisational strategy development/review and employee engagements. We work closely with Start-Up and SMMEs - go from being disorganised, stagnant and or working hard with no direction to becoming focused, confident and impactful by co-creating clear goals and developing the mental toolkit to provide the support needed and effective working framework. She is also the Founding Director of Sisters Empowerment Circle (SEC), an NPO centred on uplifting previously disadvantaged communities, through education and entrepreneurship. Director on the board of Clean Air Foundation South Africa (CAFSA) – an NPO which seeks to promote awareness of the negative health impacts caused by Indoor Air Pollution (IAP). Co - owns 3 more

businesses with her husband. Dikeledi is known for educating, encouraging, and empowering leaders to respect their journey and realise their role in the design of achieving their entrepreneurial /individual/ organisational goals. With passion and courage, she encourages the redefinition of limits, braving fears and finding the reservoirs of hope needed to be persistent in your journey. Clients often use Dikeledi to bring about holistic understanding of the alignment of organisation's objectives and understanding of roles with the aim to see a sustainable shift in mind-set and performance. She is an enthusiastic presenter who offers a blend of entertainment, interaction and a powerful message, which she can customise for any audience. She comes from a corporate background, with over 15 years of banking experience and holding senior management positions in 2 of the prominent banks in SA (FNB and SBSA). She studied civil engineering at Technikon Witwatersrand. She qualified as a Performance and Skills Coach with IOM International. She supports her passion and work with formal training such as Project Management, Six Sigma, Presentation Skills. Her coaching methods and communicative energy give the power to professionals to excel in their businesses/organisations and as leaders. Her coaching methods and communicative energy give the power to professionals to excel in their businesses/organisations and as leaders. Dikeledi delivers virtual seminars, workshops, individual and group coaching around strategy, performance improvement, and caring leadership – How Leading with Heart uplifts Teams and Organisations, the principles of Ubuntu as the North star in leading ethically, embedded in African culture. Re-humanising



JOYCE KPORVIE

Having developed leadership competencies through the Yale School of Management and MIT Sloan School of Management, Joyce specializes in strategy development, project management, and research in trade and food security. As a governing member of the Chartered Institute of Credit Management in Ghana, she excels in strategic planning, research, credit appraisals, and risk analysis. A strong advocate for start-up businesses, Joyce is passionate about nurturing entrepreneurship, innovation, and job creation. In 2023, she participated in the Kosmos Innovation Center ideation team for the Agri-tech challenge pro, an exceptional incubation program for aspiring entrepreneurs in the agribusiness sector.

Joyce was recognized at the Global Women in Business and Leadership Awards by GCPIT and was awarded the 2022 Agripreneur of the Year at the African Excellence Awards organized by the MEA market. As a development banker and project management professional, Joyce has extensive expertise in managing export credits related to agribusiness.

She is the founder of Inicio BD Company Limited, an agricultural enterprise focused on the production of crops such as coconut, cowpea, maize, and yam, as well as processing ginger into pure ginger powder. Additionally, Joyce established PM360 Consult to promote agricultural projects and trade facilitation. Her research on postharvest food losses has been published in the IOSR Journal of Agriculture and Veterinary Science.



YASMIN SEBAH

Yasmin Sebah is an International Trade and Investment Law Expert and Consultant at Aliant International Law Firm where she specialises in cross-border commercial disputes, international arbitration, and trade policy negotiation in the Middle East and Africa. She is often engaged as an international consultant for various UN organisations including UN women, UNCTAD and the Economic Commission for Africa where she advises on multilateral and regional investment policies, implementation and

incorporating green provisions in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and various development related issues. In her capacity as legal consultant, Yasmin has advised on international trade and investment disputes and represented African States in international arbitration under the auspices of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Dispute (ICSID-World Bank Group) and the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in the Hague.

She is regularly called upon to facilitate executive legal programmes, training and capacity building targeting public and private sector participants in the MENA region. Yasmin also has over 15 years of experience as an academic and is a Senior Law Lecturer at Middlesex University where she teaches and coordinates the International Commercial Arbitration Postgraduate Module in addition to teaching various Commercial Law related Undergraduate Modules. Currently she holds the position of Vice-Chair for the Arbitration Fund for African Students (AFAS), a UK registered charity. She holds an LLM in International and Comparative Dispute Resolution from Queen Mary, University of London (UK) and completed her Legal Practice Course at the College of Law (London, UK).

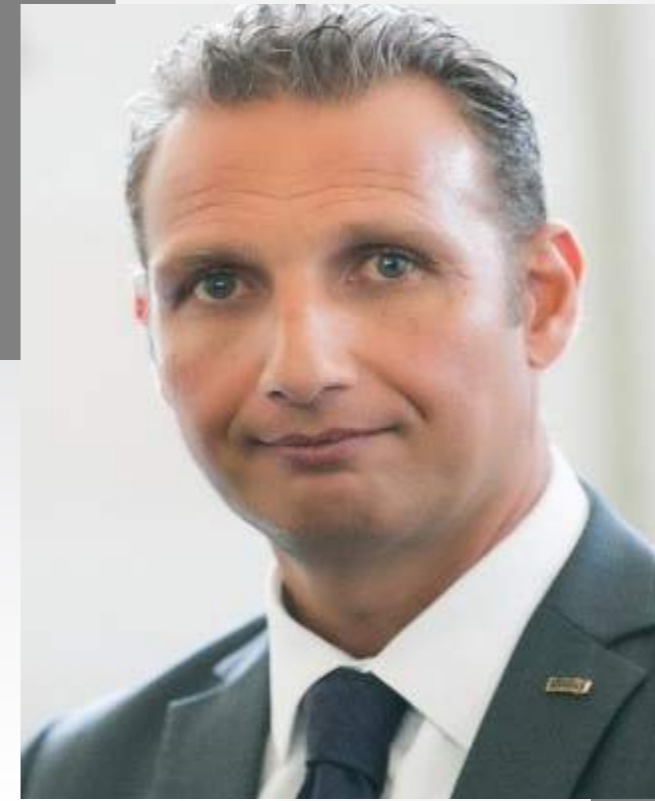


His background in Marketing and finance has positioned him to work with investors, private and public financing institutions from across the globe. Mr Addy's personal business interest and experience spans trading, construction, banking and finance, business development and export consultancy. Mr Addy is a strong advocate for the Bill of Rights for an Enabling Business Environment in Africa as the catalyst enabler to ensure the implementation of the RECs and AfCFTA protocols.

Joyce is a highly experienced public sector professional with over a decade of diverse experience spanning banking, warehousing, port operations (cocoa subsector), development programs, and hospitality. She holds a BSc in Agriculture, an MBA in Project Management, and an MSc in Development Finance. Joyce's professional certifications include Project Management Professional (PMP) from the Project Management Institute, USA, Financial Modeling and Valuation Analyst (FMVA) from the Corporate Finance Institute, and Chartered Credit Professional with the Chartered Institute of Credit Management in Ghana. She has also achieved a certificate of accomplishment from the International Trade Centre SME Trade Academy and Afreximbank Academy course on exporting with the AfCFTA.

WENDELL ADDY

Mr. J. Wendell Addy is a business leader, private sector advocate, an entrepreneur and investor who has successfully executed projects internationally over the last 40+ years. As an entrepreneur, Mr Addy's passion for humanity and his commitment to family continues to call forth his vision for sustainable development, transformation and peace in developing countries. As a business development consultant, Mr Addy's primary focus is economic empowerment of nationals with emphasis in sustainable rural community economic activities that promotes and support peace and stability.



government's Ministries of Health, Education and the Interior. He collaborated with the Trade Manager and Communication Manager for the ideation, planning and budgeting of all company activities, including point of sales materials and promotions, and in collaboration with the Production Manager and the Marketing Team, built sales promotions and product communication. Between February, 2012 and March, 2014, Mr. Shehab occupied the role of Marketing Manager for Al Harbi Electronic Company in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, where he oversaw and evaluated market research, and adjusted marketing strategy to meet changing market and competitive conditions. As a Sales and Marketing Specialist with D1 Production House in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, he conducted marketing research to identify industry trends and commercial opportunities, and developed and implemented a marketing strategy aligned with the company's objectives and budget, where he worked on various projects worth \$US 200, 000 to 1,000,000 between January, 2010 and January, 2012. He was the Marketing Manager for South Business Innovation Center in Saida, Lebanon (11/2007 to 12/2008), where he developed and implemented systems and standards of programs management and wrote several project proposals. He trained on EU-funding policy, project management and entrepreneur EU projects management. He also, monitored the activities related to industry, development, and enterprise, and helped build the organization's knowledge base. He was the Assistant Director of Marketing for Future Television in Beirut, Lebanon from January, 2000 to November, 2007, where he was tasked with the implementation of new market-oriented

ABDUL RAHMAN SHEHAB

Mr. Abdul Rahman Shehab is the General Manager at SuCasa Properties – a highly regarded real estate company set to address housing opportunities and challenges in Ghana – where he liaises with various department heads to ensure the successful daily operations, management and project developments, and also provides management reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, Ghanaian business mogul Michael O'Grantson-Agyapong. He holds a B.A. degree in Marketing and Management from the Lebanese American University in Lebanon (01/1990). He is an accomplished fellow with enumerable business growth and development acumen. This is a summary of his past experiences. Mr. Abdul Rahman Shehab has been Marketing Director with GTT Gulf Trading and Technology in Saudi Arabia (2014 -2016), where he worked on the SABIC Project, and other building and construction projects with the Saudi Arabian



Organization, National Population Council, Plan International, Tullow Oil Plc, MODEC, Yinson Production, West African Gas Pipeline Company Limited, UNILVER, Promasidor Ghana Limited, Guinness Ghana Limited, Inova DDB, Origin8 Saatchi, STB McCann, Publicis Ghana and TV3 Networks. Ivan's work in film has won over 20 local and international awards including the prestigious Pan African Film Festival (FESPACO – OUAGADOUGOU 1993) award for Best Short Feature and several awards for television and radio commercials at the Gong Gong Awards organized by the Advertising Association of Ghana, TV Programmes and TV Adverts of the Year Awards at the Chartered Institute of Marketing Ghana - CIMG Awards. Ivan directed several corporate and social impact video documentaries. He also produced and directed the award winning adolescent reproductive health television serial drama 'Things we do for Love' and a host of top TV programmes.

His current TV Serial, YOLO which won seven out of eight awards at the Ghana Movie Awards in 2016 and 2019 is funded by the USAID and facilitated by Communicate4Health and recently by the Accelerating Social Behaviour Change Activity. Ivan also had training in branding, advertising copywriting, event planning and production in Nigeria, Senegal, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Lebanon and the United Kingdom.

IVAN QUASHIGAH

CHIEF IDEAS FARMER – FARMHOUSE PRODUCTIONS LIMITED

Ivan studied film directing and scriptwriting at the National Film and Television Institute (NAFTI). He also has an Executive Master's Degree in Governance and Leadership from the GIMPA Graduate School in Ghana. He is multi-talented filmmaker with over 29 years of work experience in Advertising and Marketing, having worked for 13 years in the creative and production departments of Mullen Lowe Lintas Ghana before setting up Farmhouse Productions Limited in 2006.

Ivan's company has produced some of the most enduring productions and events for corporate clients including MTN, UNICEF, UNDP, GIZ, UNFPA, USAID/FHI 360, Johns Hopkins University Center for Communication Programmes, Ghana Health Service/Health Promotion Division, Breakthrough Action, Total Family Health



Partner of the OD Centre in Ghana. In 2011, as Strategic Advisor to the African Union, Dr. Arthur was closely associated with conceptualizing and forming the AfCFTA. Dr. Arthur has extensive experience in International Development, African Integration and Development and a Professional specialization in Strategic Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Systems (SPMES), Development Financing, Public and Private Sector Intermediation & Project Management

DR. FAREED ARTHUR

Dr. Fareed Arthur currently heads the National (AfCFTA) Coordination Office as the National Coordinator. Prior to this, he was the Deputy Chief of Staff, the African Union Commission. He is an Organization and Systems Development Consultant. An African and International Affairs expert with over Thirty (30) years' experience. Dr. Arthur holds a Ph.D. in Economics and an Advanced Certificate in Organization & Systems Development from the Gestalt Institute of Cleveland. He is also a Founding



Before entering the world of business, Mrs. Mensah was a Senior Banker at GT Bank and worked in the banking sector for over seven years. During this time, she gained valuable experience and was promoted to the position of Branch Head, demonstrating her strong leadership skills and ability to drive results.

Mrs. Mensah is a married mother of three and is married to Mr. Patrick Mensah, an award-winning international entrepreneur based in Dubai. Together, they are a power duo in the business world, and their dedication and passion have helped them achieve great success. Overall, Mrs. Doreen Mensah is an inspiring figure who has proven that hard work, determination, and a passion for business can help anyone achieve their goals.

DOREEN MENSAH

CHIEF IDEAS FARMER – FARMHOUSE PRODUCTIONS LIMITED

Mrs. Doreen Mensah is a successful businesswoman and leader with a wealth of experience and achievements to her name. Currently serving as the Managing Director at WallStreet Investment in Dubai, she is responsible for managing the company's operations and making strategic decisions to drive the business forward.

In addition to her role at WallStreet Investment, Mrs. Mensah is also the CEO of GH Perfumes Mall in Ghana, CEO of Perfumes360 in Dubai, and CEO of FragranceMall in the UK. Her entrepreneurial spirit and dedication have enabled her to build successful businesses in multiple countries and industries.



business but other spheres of human endeavor. She has been very keen in youth empowerment through innovative concepts and ideas that will be a unique game changer in the nation's developmental strides. Mrs Ngozi Oyewole has to her credit numerous national and global recognitions, awards and achievements in areas of Thought Leadership, Public Speaking, Mentorship, Advocacy, Championing Energy Transition, Business Sustainability and Management and support for the widows through established foundation. Mrs Ngozi Oyewole's achievements encapsulates various strata of human endeavor and notable mention will be made of a few of them:

She also emerged as one of the 32 Women Amplifying the Voices of African Leadership -2022. HIVE Global Advisory Board -2022 National Bamboo Farmers, Processors and Marketers Association of Nigeria

MRS NGOZI OYEWOLE

Mrs Ngozi Oyewole is an accomplished entrepreneur who founded a business - Noxie Limited over 20 years back with specialization into Furniture Production and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). She possess other skills in areas of integrated safety equipment and services which she has availed to the Energy and Gas industry. She is a result-driven, resilient and ace 'womentrepreneur' with extensive experience in leadership, business management, strategic planning and mentoring. Mrs Oyewole is an industry pacesetter and continues to champion professionalism, quality products and topnotch service delivery to clients. She holds a degree in Business Administration and is a certified and experienced Interior Designer. She is an alumna of SAID Business School, University of Oxford, UK. She is currently undergoing her fellowship programme at Vital Voices Global Partnership in the USA. She is a very passionate advocate, who is committed to supporting women inclusion not just in

(NBFPMAN) Board of Trustee member – 2022. Mrs Ngozi Oyewole was nominated in 2015 by Forbes Magazine as one of the leading entrepreneurs in Africa Championing Business Sustainability and Women Inclusion. She is a mentor at the Cherie Blair Foundation for Women. She was the First Vice Chairperson for Women in Energy – Oil and gas In Nigeria. Mrs Ngozi Oyewole has also been appointed into the UCLDA International Advisory Board. She is the Board Chair and President of Strategic Women and Youth Institute (SWYI). She is the Vice Chairperson of Commonwealth Business Women Network(CBWN), Nigeria She is a Council Member of the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN). She is the current Chairperson of the Wood & Wood Products/Furniture Sectoral Group of the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN)



Tsonam Cleanse Akpeloo is a Ghanaian economist, industrialist and technology entrepreneur. He is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Suku Technologies, a leading technology solutions firms in Ghana with clients in six countries in Africa and Europe. He has a huge passion for social and community development. He is a global shaper and founding curator of the Ho Hub of the World Economic Forum. He is the team lead of Kadodo Africa, a digital portal that profiles, verifies, authenticates and promotes businesses in Ghana and Africa to position them for the benefits of the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

He is also the national chairman of the ICT sector of the Ghana National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GNCCI). He has chaired the ECOWAS Council on e-commerce technical working committee in Abuja, Nigeria. He serves on several boards including NVTI CMMTI, Methodist University College of Ghana and Accra Technical University. Tsonam is a Mandela Washington Fellow of the United States Department of State, Tony Elumelu Entrepreneur, UNDP Youth Connect Fellow and Alibaba eFounder's Fellow.

He was been awarded Ghana 40 Under 40 in ICT, USADF Grant Prize for Young African Leaders, Top 35 Under 35 CEOs Award among others. He's been educated at Alibaba Business School in China, Clark Atlanta Business School in Atlanta, USA, Stanford SEED program of the Stanford Graduate School of Business, Ghana Technology University and University of Ghana.

TSONAM CLEANSE AKPELOO

The Association of Ghana Industries (AGI) has re-elected Suku Technologies CEO, Tsonam Cleanse Akpeloo, as chairman for the Greater Accra Region. This was at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the chapter held in Accra on Tuesday October 5, 2021. Giving his acceptance remarks, Mr. Akpeloo thanked his colleagues for the renewal of confidence. He was hopeful that the spirit of cooperation that has prevailed within the ranks of the Accra chapter over the years shall persist as they continue to work towards post-covid recovery in their businesses.

He acknowledged the steadfastness and resilience of business leaders in Ghana and pledged that he will continue to work with all to advance the cause of the business community. Mr. Akpeloo further noted that, "Ghana's prosperity depends on us, the business community. That is why we should not relent in our efforts to succeed." He urged members to align their business priorities and strategies to take advantage of the African Continental Free Trade Area. He was of the view that this would "enable us expand and consolidate our businesses and build capacity to offer greater value to our stakeholders."



predominantly women coffee farmers to produce high quality Arabusta green coffee beans from Ghana and to add value at source by roasting and packaging Ghana coffee for wholesale, retail and export. Her work gives smallholder farmers in Ghana access to a global market and improves their livelihoods.

Emi-Beth has been recognized as a young leader. She is the immediate past Curator for the Ho Hub of the Global Shapers Community, a youth initiative of the World Economic Forum. She is also a LEAD Scholar and member of the Leadership Council of the Coffee Roasters Guild of the Specialty Coffee Association, the leading global organization of coffee specialists. She is a winner of the prestigious Ghana Presidential Pitch Competition, a Tony Elumelu Entrepreneur and winner of the Ghana Startup Cup 2015.

EMI-BETH AKU QUANTSON

Emi-Beth graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Cum Laude) in Business Administration from Ashesi University. While at Ashesi she started a campus coffee shop that became a popular hangout for students. After graduation Emi-Beth ran the cafe successfully for two years, while working full time with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) and obtaining her Association of Certified Chartered Accountants (ACCA) qualification.

In six years at PwC, Emi-Beth rose rapidly up the corporate ladder in Ghana and Kenya. In 2015 she took the bold decision to delve into the world of coffee and entrepreneurship by founding Kawa Moka. Kawa Moka is a social enterprise coffee company founded on a rebellious idea - to put Ghana coffee on the map by working with

Emi-Beth also holds a certificate from the China Europe International Business School (CEIBS) in Women in Entrepreneurship and Leadership in Africa ("WELA") and a certificate for the successful completion of long distance business accelerator course from the Wharton Business School of the University of Pennsylvania. Emi-Beth is married with two children. In her spare time she enjoys reading, outdoor activities including hiking, white water rafting and skydiving.



Louis had been part of the consultative experts who participated in the workings on the Cfta, now the African continental free trade. Being the pioneer in the Sensitization, advocacy and private sector drive on Afcfta in Ghana and in Africa which received commendation by the chief Technical Advisor of Afcfta. Louis expertise focuses on, private sector, Entrepreneurship, innovation and policy success under AFCTA.

Former finance manager of a large multi - million-dollar Retail company E.S.L who transformed the revenue base of the firm. Former country director of MIP UK , Ghana office ,an international management exchange program.

LOUIS YAW AFFUL

International Trade Practitioner Private sector and Afcfta Expert. Executive Director APN GROUP. 1. Acfta Policy Network 2. Women of Africa Network 3. Africa Global Investment. Louis became the Leading Pioneer in the Continental Advocacy on AfCFTA IN Ghana and Africa. Through APN set the Trailblazer for Afcfta CSOs and Private sector Organizations. An International Trade Practitioner and African continental Free Trade Area Expert (AFCFTA).

APN Group is the premier and largest international Non-Governmental Organization established to lead the private sector initiative on the Sensitization, Advocacy, Research, investment and capacity building on the implementation of the Afcfta. Currently Technical Expert on the African Union SMEs Ecosystems project .(STC)

Louis is a Consultant to ACET/ROCKEFELLER USA on Domestication of AfCFTA Protocols.



MICHAEL LESLIE BARTLETT-VANDERPUYE

Mr Michael Leslie Bartlett-Vanderpuye is the President and Group Chairman of M&C Group (Global). With his formidable proficiency in Management and Corporate Finance, he has established offices throughout Africa, Europe, Asia, the Gulf and the USA. His latest addition to the Group is the recently added Eners Precious Metals LLC. His in-depth experience in Financial Management and International Investment Banking marked with extensive knowledge of international markets is evident in the success story of the M&C Group Global. He is an Expert in Gold Trading and Export across many markets and has competed fairly with giant multinational companies in the industry. His experience spreads into Management and listings on the second boards in Dubai and he has played great roles in raising Investment Capital in UAE and the USA for to benefit clients for affordable housing scheme under the Ministry of Works and Housing in Ghana, the mining community, roads

and infrastructure and security amongst others. Mr Bartlett-Vanderpuye has made presentations at various tradeshows, conferences, conventions and business meetings in Europe and Asia, and shares his expertise in Minerals Mining and Trading especially Gold, Food Commodities Trading, Real Estate Development, Oil and Gas and Investment Consultancy. He also consults for both private and public sectors on Investment and Project Finance. He recently acquired an International Trade Mark Certificate to launch his own Food Commodity Brand - "LeVan Foods". In December, 2022, as part of its 15th Anniversary, M&C Group launched its ultra-modern head office complex at East Legon in the Greater Accra Region and its newly designed corporate attire. As a young leader in Africa who has inspired the next generation of young entrepreneurs in global business, Mr Bartlett-Vanderpuye has won many awards and honours. He was awarded the Most Promising CEO of the Year at the West African Regional Magazine (TWARM) Best Leadership Awards in 2018 and the Best International Trade & Logistics Industry Leader for the year 2019. Mr Bartlett-Vanderpuye also received a Master Class Certificate in Leadership and Management from the American International Theology University in 2019. He also received the 2020 Young African Icon Award at the 3rd Annual Global Black History Honours held in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. He was recently inducted into the Corporate Ghana Hall of Fame for his outstanding contributions and achievements in the Ghanaian economy. In July 2021, he was awarded the Most Respected CEO in Minerals/Metals Extraction at the first 'Africa's Most Respected CEOs Awards' at the Unique Pan



DR. JOE TACKIE

Dr Joseph Tackie is an International Business Development and Leadership Consultant and CEO of Global Entrepreneurship Solutions, a Management Consultancy firm. He holds a Doctorate in Business Leadership, and he is an expert in SME and Entrepreneurship Policy Development. Dr Tackie has over 35 years of experience in working with the Private and Public Sectors in Ghana. He served as the Chief Director at the Ministry of Business Development established by H.E. President Nana Akufo-Addo from February 2017 until 2019.

He previously served as the CEO of the National Medium-Term Private Sector Development Strategy (PSDS II) under the Office of the President. He also served as the Coordinator of the Trade Sector Support Programme (TSSP) and the Industrial Sector Support Programme (ISSP) at the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Dr Tackie also served as Chairman of the Ghana Commodity Exchange (GCX) Steering Committee and was a member of the Board of Directors of the then National Board for Small Scales Industries (NBSSI) and a member of the Steering Committee of the Ghana Skills and Technology Development Programme (GSTDP).

He was an expert in the finalisation of the UNCTAD Entrepreneurship Policy Framework for developing countries at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva. As an accomplished entrepreneur and Lecturer in Entrepreneurship, he is the Founder and CEO of Meaty Foods Ltd (Meat Processing) and Microchip Technologies Ltd. (Technology).

Dr Tackie was the First Recipient of the High Impact Personality Award at the 2015 SME Ghana Awards. He was also awarded the Private Sector Development Chief Executive of the Year Award in 2016 and also the Chamber Special Award for 2017 - The Business Development Technocrat from the Ghana National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, (GNCCI).



AUDREY BINEY

Audrey Biney has a background in biochemistry and holds an MBA specializing in Supply chain management. She has vast experience within the pharmaceutical industry (in the UK) working alongside medical departments providing healthcare education to medical teams and in communities. She worked on the development of treatment guidelines and policy making to support immunisation programs and recommendations.

In Ghana, she organised and ran healthcare programs on First Aid, good sanitation, Women's health and a "train-the-trainer" programme, an initiative which had a significant impact in several rural communities. She also supported women in these communities to set up self-help programs to economically lift themselves out of poverty.

She is also an entrepreneur with a business in real estate and property development. She is currently the Executive Director of the Women of Africa Network (a subsidiary of the AfCFTA Policy Network (APN)), and is committed to serving women entrepreneurs to ensure they are

empowered and that they thrive under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA.) Her role involves organising capacity building programs. She has run educational/ training sessions for women entrepreneurs to ensure they are equipped with knowledge of AfCFTA and the benefits and opportunities it offers.

She was actively involved in organising the Women in Trade Forum, a part of the annual Africa Globalised Investment Summit under the umbrella of APN.... a program which saw investors from across the globe in attendance and sessions run with esteemed speakers and panellists and experts in the trade arena, also offering a platform physically and virtually to women-led businesses to exhibit their products.

She recently participated in a capacity building program in Kenya where women entrepreneurs from 21 African countries came together for an exchange program...It included training sessions on AfCFTA and how it impacts and benefits women entrepreneurs and a workshop on policy recommendations with the aim of inclusion in future trade policies. She has held a number of speaking and moderating engagements.

Her passion is to see women succeed on the continent.