DAY 1

GAAS PUBLIC FORUM 2022

50th ANNIVERSARY

THEME:
AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA: CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS

SPEAKERS:

Prof. Charles Godfried Achah
Associate Professor, CRIM, University of Ghana, Legon

Mr. David Ofosu-Baah
Senior Partner, Ali & David Africa

Prof. Kwadwo Appiah-Anto
Associate Professor, School of Law, University of Ghana, Legon

Prof. Eko Turkson
Associate Professor, Economics Department, University of Ghana, Legon

Dr. Ernest Addison
Governor of the Bank of Ghana

Mr. Beatrice Cheyter
Head, Trade in Services Division, ACP-TA

Nana Dwamah Anasah
CEO, UMB Bank

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Emeritus Prof. Samuel Befu-Dedeh, FGA
President of the Academy

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Vice President, Sciences Section, GAAS

Prof. Kofi Opoku Nii, FGA,
Vice President, Arts Section, GAAS

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Brief Remarks by Nana Dwemoh Benneh C.E.O, UMB Bank

Introduction of Chairperson: Prof. Helen A. Yitab, FGA, Honorary Secretary, GAAS

Chairperson’s Remarks and Introduction of Speakers Emeritus Prof. Samuel Sefa-Dedeh, FGA; President of the Academy

Opening Address: Ms. Beatrice Chaytor, Head, Trade in Services Division, AfCFTA

Topic I: Promoting Structural Transformation through Intra-Africa Trade
Speaker: Prof. Charles Godfred Ackah, Associate Professor, ISSER, UG

Topic II: The African Continental Free Trade Area: Implications for Private Sector Development
Speaker: Mr. David Ofosu-Dorte, Senior Partner, AB & David Africa

Q & A

Chairperson’s Closing Remarks

Honorary Secretary’s Remarks

Closing

Bagged Refreshments
Emiritus Prof. Samuel Kofi Sefa-Dedeh, FGA
President of the Academy

Samuel Kofi Sefa-Dedeh is an Emeritus Professor in the Department of Food Process Engineering, University of Ghana. He is a Fellow and currently the President of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is also a Fellow of the International Academy of Food Science and Technology as well as the Kellogg Foundation Leadership Programme in Food Systems.

Emeritus Professor Sefa-Dedeh was the Foundation Dean for the School of Engineering Sciences at the University of Ghana; he was Dean of International Programmes at Legon and was Scientific Advisor to the International Foundation for Science.

He served as Vice Chairperson at FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission based in Rome and Geneva, from 2011 to 2014. Before then he led the Codex Committee for Africa from 2007 to 2011.

He was also the Chairman of a Planning Committee for the Establishment of two public Universities namely; University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani and University of Health and Allied Sciences, Ho.

Emeritus Prof. Sefa-Dedeh was the team lead consultant for the development and preparation of Ghana’s second Millennium Challenge Compact. He was also the Board Chairman for the Millennium Development Authority for Ghana’s Millennium Challenge Compact 1 and reappointed Chairman for the Millennium Development Authority for Ghana’s Millennium Challenge Compact 2 till January 7, 2017.

Currently he serves as the Chairman of the Food Sub-Committee of the Board of the Food and Drugs Authority.
Beatrice Chaytor is an international trade lawyer, specialising in providing advice and support to African governments in their engagement with regional and international trade policy processes. She is currently Head of Trade in Services in the AfCFTA Secretariat, and works on the negotiations and implementation of the Agreement on establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). Ms Chaytor has previously run her own law firm, Chariot Eight in Freetown, Sierra Leone, providing legal services to local, regional and international clients on a range of corporate law matters including trade, investment, natural resources and environment.

From 2008 to 2010, she worked with the International Lawyers and Economists Against Poverty (ILEAP) in providing capacity building support to a number of African regions in their negotiations with the European Union on trade in services under the EPAs, and in defining solutions and strategies for African countries’ needs on Aid for Trade. From 2004 to 2008, Beatrice Chaytor was a Senior Trade Policy Advisor in the Ministry of Trade and Industry in Sierra Leone, on assignment by the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Prior to her assignment in Sierra Leone, Beatrice worked for nine years as Senior Lawyer, and then Programme Director, at the Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development (FIELD) in London, building capacity among developing country negotiators at the World Trade Organisation.

Ms Chaytor is interested in research and analysis on a range of legal and economic policy issues affecting Africa. She has undertaken assignments for DFID, the European Union Commission, and the UN FAO. She also has private sector interests in horticulture, packaging, design and well-being.
Professor Charles Godfred Ackah is an Associate Professor of Economics at the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), University of Ghana, Legon. He was former Head of the Economics Division of ISSER and the immediate past Director of the Centre for Social Policy Studies. Professor Ackah is also an External Research Fellow with the Centre for Research in Economic Development and International Trade (CREDIT), University of Nottingham, U.K. He is also affiliated with the Kiel Centre for Globalization, Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Germany. Prior to joining the University of Ghana, he worked as Research Analyst and Consultant at the World Bank, Washington D.C. His research interests are in empirical international trade and industrial organisation focusing, in particular, on the activities of multinational companies, foreign direct investment, micro, small and medium enterprises and female entrepreneurship. He has published widely in international journals, including The World Bank Economic Review, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of International Development, and Journal of African Business. His recent research interests are focused on investigating the link between business sustainability and firms' engagement in international trade; the effects that China's growing economic engagement has on African economies and citizens; and the implications of special economic zones for development and social inequality in emerging economies. Prof. Ackah has also worked as Consultant for, among others, The World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the African Development Bank (AfDB), UNIDO, ILO, UNICEF, JICA, Canada's IDRC, UK's DFID, GIZ, and The United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research. Prof. Ackah is well-known in Ghana for his deep insight into real-world and complex micro- and macro-economic challenges and controversies in Africa and his bold and unbiased policy research and advocacy.
David Ofosu-Dorte is the founder and Senior Partner of AB & David Africa, a pan-Africa business law firm with independent offices in six (6) countries and a network of firms in 24 African countries. His experience cuts across about three (3) decades of lead advisory role in public policy development and implementation, infrastructure deal structuring, construction contracts advice, public-private partnerships (PPPs), project finance and the power sector. He has been described as “highly regarded” (IFLR 1000, 2020) and “…exceptionally strong in ensuring that client requirements are delivered. He always brings innovation to issues due to his wide experience internationally." (Chambers Global 2022)

Aside his regular law practice, he is a passionate pan-Africanist and an executive of the AfroChampions organisation which has spearheaded the several Pan-African private sector initiatives including the Private Sector Trillion-Dollar Africa Investment Framework for Africa in support of the AfCFTA which has since been adopted by the Africa Union. He co-led the AfroChampions team that mobilized private sector action from 28 African countries for private sector action ahead of the start of the AfCFTA. He also recently led a study commissioned by a major Development Finance Institution on how to pilot legislation that will promote the emergence and expansion of export trading companies in eight (8) African countries including Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Kenya, Ghana, South Africa, Nigeria and Cote d’Ivoire.

In addition to law, David also holds Master’s degrees in Public Administration, a Masters in Applied Business Research, and is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport (UK). He has served for many years on the Governing Council of the Association of Ghana Industries. Between 2013 and 2014, David had the distinction to serve as a committee member of the National Competitiveness Council of Nigeria (NCCN) as a non-Nigerian member.

He has delivered numerous lectures on how the private sector may benefit from the AfCFTA.
DAY 2: TUESDAY JUNE 7, 2022
SUB-THEME: POLITICAL ECONOMY OF AFRICAN TRADE

Topic A: Political and Legal Environments for the AfCFTA
Speaker: Prof Ernest Abotsi,
Dean of the UPSA Law School, Madina

Topic B: The Human Rights Implications of AfCFTA
Speaker: Prof. Kwadwo Appiagyei-Atua,
Associate Professor, School of Law, University of Ghana, Legon

Panel Discussion by the Representatives of UMB and Speakers

Q & A

Chairperson: Emerita Prof. Isabella A. Quakyi, FGA,
Vice President, Sciences

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY JUNE 8, 2022
SUB-THEME: INFRASTRUCTURE AND INTRA-AFRICAN TRADE

Topic A: Harnessing Infrastructure to Boost Intra-Africa Trade:
Challenges and Opportunities
Speaker: Prof. Ebo Turkson,
Associate Professor, Economics Department, University of
Ghana, Legon

Topic B: Boosting the AfCFTA: The Role of Payment and Settlement
Systems
Speaker: Dr. Ernest Addison, Governor of the Bank of Ghana

Panel Discussion - Nana Dwemoh Benneh (CEO-UMB), John Apea, (CEO-
Etranzact) and Speakers

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Chairperson: Prof. K. Opoku Nti, FGA; Vice President, Arts
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