

DAY 2



GAAS PUBLIC FORUM 2022



THEME:

AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA: CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS



SPEAKERS:



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Senior Partner, AB & David Africa



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Dean, UPSA Law School, Madina



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Prof. Ebo Turkson
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DAY 2: TUESDAY JUNE 7, 2022

SUB-THEME:

Political Economy of African Trade

- Call to Order: *Prof. Helen A. Yitah, FGA, Honorary Secretary, GAAS*
- Brief Remarks by *Belinda Boamah, Executive Director, Strategy, UMB Bank*
- Introduction of Chairperson:
Prof. Helen A. Yitah, FGA, Honorary Secretary, GAAS
- Chairperson's Remarks and Introduction of Speakers
*Emerita Prof. Isabella A. Quakyi, FGA,
Vice President, Sciences*
- 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*
- Q & A
- Chairperson's Closing Remarks
- Honorary Secretary's Remarks
- Closing
- Bagged Refreshments

Emerita Prof. Isabella A. Quakyi, FGA

Vice President, Sciences



Emerita Professor Isabella Akyinbah Quakyi is a Professor of Immunology and Parasitology, University of Ghana (UG). The first Emerita Professor in the Sciences at the University of Ghana. Educated at Achimota Secondary School (64 year Group), Accra. She holds a Bachelor of Science (Honors) degree in Human Biology and Immunology from university of Surrey, England, 1973, an MSc in Applied Immunology from Brunel University, Uxbridge, Middlesex, England 1978, and a PhD in Immuno-parasitology from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), England, 1980.

For the past four decades, she has taught and researched at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Maryland and Georgetown University, Washington DC, both in the USA, and University of Ghana (UG), Legon. Her teaching and research have focused on malaria immunity, immunoparasitology, immunopathology, immunodiagnosis, autoimmunity, molecular immunology and vaccine development. She co-initiated and co-led the first NIH International Center of Infectious Diseases Research (ICIDR), a research partnership between Georgetown University and University of Yaounde I, Cameroon (1990 – 2001). This program built enormous academic scholarship and research capacity in laboratory and field research in Cameroon. She attained Full Professorship of Immunology and Parasitology at UG in 2001.

At the University of Ghana she established the Immunology Unit at NMIMR 1980 - 1983. She was the first female Director of the UG School of Public Health (UGSPH) and the Foundation Dean of UGSPH, also making her the first female Dean in the College of Health Sciences in the University of Ghana 2002-2007. At UG she built substantial international research capacity, academic scholarship, and the leadership needed to build capacity for Public Health. She remains passionate about Biomedical Research Development and Knowledge Translation. She has over 100 publications including books and scholarly articles.

She has served on numerous National and International Committees and Boards and received several awards; a former member of Ghana Health Service Council, and former UNESCO Chair for Women in Science and Technology in the West Africa Region. She won the 2014 Laureate African Union Kwame Nkrumah Award for Women in Science. She is the 2019 laureate for the Clara Southmayd Ludlow award by the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH). Women's World day 2021 recognized her as one of seven women in Science who have changed our world for the better. She is a Fellow of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences and Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences.

Prof. Ernest Kofi Abotsi
Dean, UPSA Law School, Madina



Ernest Kofi Abotsi is the dean of the UPSA Law School and an associate professor of comparative constitutional law and international law. Prior to his appointment, he was the immediate past Dean of the GIMPA Law School, a position he held for six(6) years. Dean Abotsi is a practicing lawyer and public intellectual, a member of the Ghanaian Bar, and also the chairman of the Ghana Forum of the Africa Bar Association-a group comprising practicing lawyers from across Africa.

Dean Abotsi holds a bachelor of Laws Degree and Barrister-at-Law Certificate from the University of Ghana and the Ghana School of Law respectively, as well as a Master of Laws Degree from the Harvard Law School in the United States. His terminal degree in law namely, a doctoral degree in European constitutional law and international law from the University of Milan, Italy.

He is widely consulted and has been a visiting scholar and guest lecturer in leading European and American universities including Oxford University, Fordham Law School, Indiana Law School and the University of Milan Bicocca.

He has served on constitutional commissions and advised on reforms of the 1992 Ghanaian Constitution as well as the structural reforms of key ministries and agencies of state. In addition to the above, Dean Abotsi has served on a number of boards and advisory councils and played pivotal roles in shaping the policy directions of corporate entities in Ghana including currently being the chairman of the advisory board of the Chief Executives Network of Ghana, (a body comprising the CEOs of some of the largest and notable corporations in Ghana).

He has written extensively in leading peer review journals of law in the world and his current research focuses on the constitutional implications of supranationality under ECOWAS and the work of the ECOWAS Court of Justice. In the field of legal practice, he is a lawyer of with a standing of twenty (20) years at the Bar and has during his years of practice accumulated experiences in litigation and transactional practice and represented the interests of clients in numerous fields of practice including, corporate restructuring, mergers and acquisitions, corporate financing, legal asset managements, securities and share dealing, among others.

He is an honorary fellow of the institute of directors, a member of the Ghana Bar Association and Rotary International.

Prof. Kwadwo Appiagyei-Atua

Associate Professor, School of Law, University of Ghana, Legon



Kwadwo Appiagyei-Atua is Associate Professor at the School of Law, University of Ghana (UG), Legon, Accra where he teaches Public International Law, International Human Rights Law and International Human Rights Law. He is also the representative lecturer from UG in the LL.M Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, South Africa. Kwadwo is a member of the Ghana Bar Association. He completed his LLB at UG and his

professional law degree at the Ghana School of Law. Thereafter, he proceeded to Dalhousie University and McGill University, both in Canada, for his LL.M and DCL programmes, respectively. He was a Bank of Ireland Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland. Kwadwo recently completed his Marie Curie International Incoming Fellowship at Centre for Educational Research and Development, Lincoln University, UK where he conducted research on “Building Academic Freedom and Democracy in Africa.” Kwadwo has served as a consultant for various inter-governmental organisations and international civil society organisations such as United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on its Education for Justice (E4J) initiative; the Open Society Foundation's Global Program on Drug Policy (GPDP) and Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA). He is member of the UN Working Group on Academic Freedom formed as a follow-up to the release of the 2020 report on academic freedom by the then-UN Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of the Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression. He is also a board member of the Global Observatory on Academic Freedom, Central European University, Vienna, Austria; an Ambassador of the Magna Charta Observatory, University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy; and, a member of the Academic Freedom Committee of the International Studies Association, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, USA. His research interests are post-colonial analysis of the historiography of international law, human rights and academic freedom.

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**

Q & A

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

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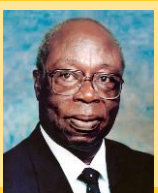
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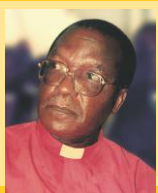
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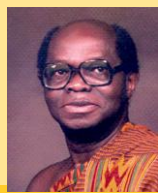
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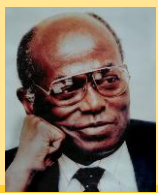
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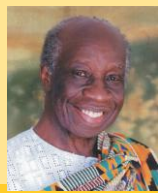
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