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# THE GREENHILL Newsletter



## Marking the Month of Ghana: Celebrating Independence in Style at GIMPA!

Once again, the spirit of Ghana's independence radiated throughout our beloved institution as we joined the nation in commemorating this historic occasion. Vibrant with enthusiasm, both our staff and faculty embraced the festivities with utmost pride and joy.

Adorning ourselves in the splendid colors and patterns of our traditional attire, the GIMPA community gathered amidst the harmonious melodies of our cherished Ghanaian tunes. The atmosphere was alive with

excitement, as we shared in the celebration of our nation's journey toward freedom.

Amidst the jubilant ambience, our employees were treated to an array of local delicacies and refreshing drinks, further enhancing the sense of unity and camaraderie among us. It was a day filled with laughter, cultural appreciation, and a deepening of bonds that embody the essence of our GIMPA family.

As we reflected on our shared heritage and the significance of this momentous day, we

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were reminded of the importance of fostering connections and solidarity within our community. Together, we stand proud as Ghanaians, embodying the spirit of independence and unity that defines our great nation.

Here's to another year of embracing our culture, celebrating our achievements, and strengthening the bonds that make GIMPA truly exceptional.



## GIMPA Signs an Agreement with the Kenya School of Government



GIMPA signed an agreement with the Kenya School of Government (KSG) during the Ghana-Kenya Business Forum held at the Kempinski Gold Coast Hotel in Accra on Wednesday, 3rd April, 2024. The Memorandum of Understanding was among five others signed at the Business Forum which was organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration as part of activities marking bilateral engagements between the Republic of Ghana and the Republic of Kenya. The Forum was attended by the President of Ghana, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo Addo and the President of Kenya, Dr. William Kipchirchir Samoei Arap Ruto.

Ahead of the ratification and in line with the Permanent Joint Commission for Cooperation (PJCC) between Ghana and Kenya, the Rector and his representatives attended the Senior Officials meetings held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration on 27th and 28th March, 2024. The Ministerial session was held on 2nd April, 2024 at the Accra International Conference Center to review and finalise the decisions reached during the Senior Officials meetings.

The GIMPA-KSG agreement, which aims to strengthen exchanges and cooperation in the fields of leadership, innovation, foresight planning, training and develop-

ment, e-learning, scientific research, policy development and implementation was signed by the Rector of GIMPA, Prof. Samuel Kwaku Bonsu and the Director General of the Kenya School of Government, Prof. Nura Mohamed on behalf of the two institutions.

The Rector was accompanied by the Deputy Rector, Dr. Augustina Akonnor, the Secretary of the Institute, Dr.

Mrs. Victoria M. Kunbuor, the Senior Fellow at the GIMPA Center of Excellence in Public Utility Regulation (CEPUR) Prof. Samuel Adams and the Dean of the School of Public Service and Governance, Dr. Patrick Tandoh-Offin and Ms. Abigail Korkor Sackitey, Assistant Registrar at the Office of the Rector.

## GIMPA-PURC Centre of Excellence in Public Utility Regulation Hosts Policy Dialogue in Commemoration of World Water Day



The Centre of Excellence in Public Utility Regulation (CEPUR) at the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) organised a policy dialogue to commemorate World Water Day which falls on the 22nd of March, each year. This year's observation was under the theme "Leveraging Water for Peace." The event provided a platform to explore the role of water management in promoting peace, stability, and sustainable development.

The dialogue was graced by distinguished guests, including the Guest Speaker, Mr. Bright Owusu Kwarteng, Finance Director of the sector Ministry, a representative of

the Deputy Minister, the Board Chairman of the Water Resource Commission, Mr. Minta Aboagye, who doubled as the Chairman of the occasion shared valuable insights on the importance of water as a catalyst for peacebuilding and conflict resolution and Engineer Abdallah Braimah, the MD. Water Company Limited. Their presence underscored the significance of collaborative efforts in addressing water-related challenges in Ghana

The Rector of GIMPA, Prof. Samuel Kwaku Bonsu also delivered remarks highlighting the importance of water, "Water is one of those resources that until you lose it, you don't see the value, we have a significant responsibility as

men and women who have been placed on this earth to use the resources available to us effectively, and efficiently for the benefit of ourselves and the benefit of others that we interact with”, he reiterated.

Stakeholders such as the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources, Ghana Water Company Limited, and Gold Fields Limited made presentations showcasing their initiatives and best practices in leveraging water resources for peacebuilding, community development, and environmental sustainability.

The dialogue facilitated engaging discussions on various topics, including integrated water resource management, transboundary water cooperation, community-based approaches to water governance, and the role of public-private partnerships in improving water access and quality.

Participants explored innovative strategies to address water-related conflicts, mitigate risks associated with water scarcity, and promote equitable distribution of water resources. The dialogue emphasised the need for inclusive and participatory decision-making processes that involve local communities, indigenous groups, and marginalised populations.

The policy dialogue reaffirmed the importance of leveraging water as a tool for peace and sustainable development. It highlighted the critical role of regulatory institutions, government agencies, private sector actors, and civil society organisations in advancing water security, resilience, and peacebuilding efforts.

The Chairman, Mr. Minta Aboagye, in his remarks, shared some important nuggets with the audience:

- “Ghana shares the water resource of the Volta River with five other riparian countries namely, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d’Ivoire, Mali, and Togo.
- The Volta River as it is known in Ghana, has three big tributaries: Black Volta, White Volta, and its tributaries of Red Volta Kulpawn and others; and Oti all taking their sources from outside of the country.”

Moving forward, stakeholders are committed to fostering collaboration, knowledge sharing, and collective action to harness the potential of water as a source of unity, prosperity, and peace in Ghana and beyond



# Development Impact West Africa (DIWA) Empowers CSOs and Media for Evidence-Based Policy Making



DIWA enhances the capacity of CSOs and the media to utilise evidence for policy formulation. The two-day workshop, held from April 8th to 9th, 2024, at the GIMPA Executive Conference Centre, convened participants from various CSOs and media outlets in Ghana.

The workshop aimed to equip attendees with the necessary tools and skills for effective collaboration, while also deepening their understanding of the importance of evidence-based policymaking. Central to the training was the utilisation of Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) tools and frameworks to generate credible evidence.

On Day 2, a blend of facilitation and dialogue unfolded, featuring seasoned panelists from diverse backgrounds including Dr. Nana Opere-Djan, Director, NDPC, Mrs. Bedu-Addo, Coordinator, Monitoring and Evaluation Forum, Mr. Issifu Tampo, Senior Government Advisor, ACEPA and Prof. Duku Osei former VC SD- Dombo University. The discussions were dynamic and participants found them engaging, with valuable insights and takeaways to enrich their respective organisations



During his welcome address, Prof. Charles Amoatey, Director of Development Impact West Africa, underscored the imperative of establishing a collaborative platform for information and knowledge sharing to advance evidence-based policymaking. He also highlighted the significance of evidence-based policymaking as political parties prepare to unveil their manifestos ahead of the 2024 elections.

# The GIMPA Business Students Association (GiBSA) Week Celebration


The GIMPA Business School as part of a broader strategy to develop the competence of its students beyond the classroom collaborated with the School's students' Association (GiBSA), to organise a maiden Students Week. Recent studies in the higher education landscape indicated that the motivations of prospective students for attending university had shifted, with greater emphasis placed on personal growth and independence rather than mere studying.



GIMPA, as an institution, aimed at reinventing itself and embarking on a transformational journey. This quest was underpinned by its Strategic Plan (2023 – 2027) which focused on a number of Strategic Priorities including academic excellence, and stakeholder engagement and rebranding for relevance. The GiBSA Week, having regard to the current trends in the higher education landscape, particularly the motivations of students, and the Institute's Strategic Priorities for the next five years, carefully outlined the following programmes:

- Distinguished Lecture Series: April 15, 2024 ;aimed not only to feature a distinguished alumnus of the GIMPA Business School to give a lecture that sought to bridge the gap between theory and practice but also to provide a platform at the School where thought-leadership could be offered. This year's lecture focused on the topic: So Many Entrepreneurs, No Enterprises: Unravelling the Ghanaian Entrepreneurship Conundrum and it was delivered by Chief Alhassan Andani, former MD of Stanbic Bank and current Executive Chairman of LVSafrica.
- GIMPA Business Plan Competition and Career Fair: This took place on April 16, 2024 and it sought to explore the entrepreneurial capabilities of GIMPA Business School students. With renowned investors and entrepreneurs as judges of this event, a rare opportunity was offered for brilliant ideas of our students to be out-doored for possible investments. For the investors, they got the opportunity to grow their wealth by latching on opportunities right there at the GIMPA Business School. Additionally, the component of the event on Career Fair brought competitive organizations to the Greenhill Campus to talk about career opportunities in those firms with possible recruitment of our final year students.
- GIMPA Business School Sports Competition: This event scheduled for April 17, 2024 aimed at promoting physical fitness and health among the stakeholders of the School. Under this event, several sporting activities including football, ludu, oware, tag-of-war, etc. were undertaken between students, staff, and the alumni of the School.
- GIMPA Business School Coaching Day: Under the theme Stimulating Innovation, Elevation, and Celebration Through Coaching, the GIMPA Business School partnered the International Coaching Federation, Ghana Chapter (ICF-Ghana) to highlight the importance of coaching and grooming in business and management training. Students at the GIMPA Business School were taken through coaching simulations by seasoned coaches to prepare them for future management and leadership roles. This took place on April 18, 2024
- GIMPA Business School Entertainment Day: This event provided an opportunity for students to relax and celebrate their achievements over the period of their academic journey. Additionally, it allowed students to discover and rediscover their talents through talent shows, and it happened on April 19, 2024.
- GIMPA Business School Volunteer Day: At the GIMPA Business School, it was believed that the insights obtained through, teaching, research and consultancy had immeasurable value when lent to the society. As a result, the Students' Association (GiBSA), specifically championed by PMI-GIMPA Students Club, lead efforts to reach out to the immediate community – Ayawaso-West Wuogon Constituency – where specific projects at Achimota Hospital and Dome Market under a theme Giving Back to Society were undertaken. At Achimota Hospital, GIMPA students engaged in the painting of some blocks of the hospital while at Dome Market, the market operators were educated on basic book-keeping practices and contemporary marketing strategies via social media platforms.



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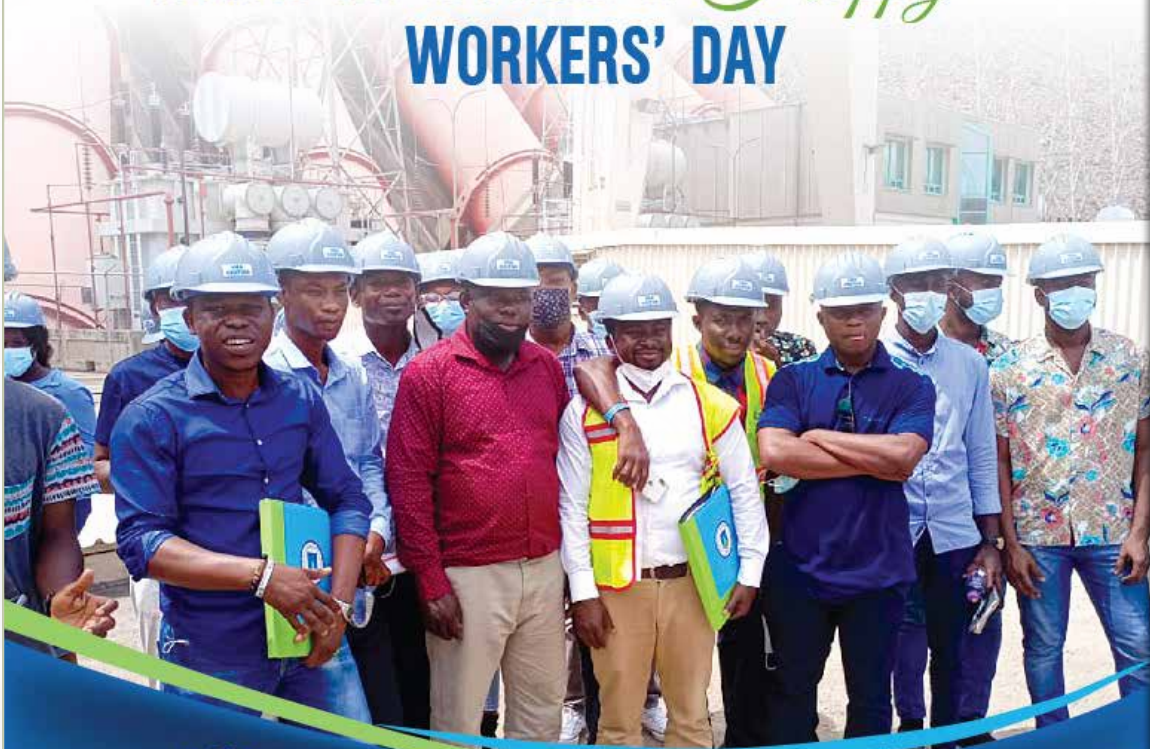


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