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The Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) has honored former President John Agyekum Kufour and the Omanhene of Asante Asokore, Nana Susubiribi Krobea Asante, with honorary degrees during a special congregation held in Accra.

President Kufuor, who led Ghana from 2001 to 2009, was awarded a Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) in recognition of his immense national service and policies that revolutionized the nation's social structure and economics.

Nana Susubribi Krobea Asante, known in private life as S.K.B. Asante, was also honored with the Distinguished Professor award for his significant impact on the legal profession and his role as a model for public service excellence.

Professor Samuel Kwaku Bonsu, the Rector of GIMPA, endorsed the awards by praising President Kufuor and Nana Asante for their exemplary leadership and unwavering commitment to societal advancement.

He asserted that their achievements resonate with GIMPA's values and mission.

"These are two distinguished gentlemen who have served our nation very well, and given the nature of our mandate as GIMPA, building capacity for the public sector in particular we felt that it was right to recognize them in the way that we did.

"We did that to let them know we appreciate the work, the sacrifice, and all the commitments that they have made for the benefit of our country," he said.

The Chairman of the GIMPA Governing Council, Mr. Kofi Asante Darko, while reading the citation of the former President Kufour, said, "For your distinguished public service, economic and social transformation of Ghana, and contribution to peaceful conflict resolution in Africa and globally, no institution is more proud than GIMPA, and we honor your continuing contribution to transformational leadership globally.

By virtue of the powers conferred on me by the GIMPA Act 2004 (Act 676) and with the authority of the





Governing Council, I confer on you the degree DLitt (Doctor of Letters), honoris causa, with all the rights, responsibilities, and privileges appertaining thereto, here and elsewhere”.

In his acceptance speech, President Kufuor expressed pride in receiving this honor and took the opportunity to address contemporary challenges facing the nation, particularly the rise of misinformation in the media.

He highlighted a recent incident involving the misrepresentation of his comments regarding illegal mining and called upon the media to uphold integrity and responsibility in their reporting.

“Misinformation is very damning, and we must be vigilant as a nation in safeguarding the integrity of information in our society. The topic of illegal mining and the proper use of our natural resources is one we must address with critical analysis and urgency to achieve the long-term solution we must have.

“I therefore urge thought leaders, such as the Academia and special institutions like GIMPA, to take up the mantle and lead conversations that bring practical solutions to these pressing national challenges.”

Prof. S.K.B. Asante, on the other hand, thanked GIMPA for the honor and also reciprocated his gratitude toward President Kufuor, crediting him for the opportunities that shaped his public service and legal career.

President Kufuor, known for his remarkable achievements during his presidency from 2001 to 2009, has left an indelible mark on Ghana’s history.

His administration’s domestic policy focused on stabilizing the economy, promoting private sector growth, and enhancing social service.

Nana Asante, recognized for his legal acumen and leadership, was a pioneering figure in academia as the first Ghanaian to hold significant positions at the University of Ghana and the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce.

As the Chairman of the Committee of Experts responsible for drafting Ghana’s 1992 Constitution, he has been integral to the nation’s enduring peace and stability.

His career has been characterized by a commitment to justice and ethical leadership, making him a prominent figure in the Ghanaian legal landscape. GIMPA emphasized the importance of his contributions, which extend beyond legal matters into the realms of governance and civic duty.

# ICC Prosecutor Karim Khan KC Concludes 3-Day Working Visit to Ghana, Hosted by the African Center of International Criminal Justice (ACICJ) at the GIMPA Law School.



The Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), Karim Asad Ahmad Khan KC, has successfully concluded a three-day working visit to Ghana, where he engaged in high-level discussions aimed at strengthening the country's commitment to international justice. Invited by the African Center of International Criminal Justice (ACICJ) at the GIMPA Law School, the visit, which took place from October 13-16, 2024, was marked by a series of significant meetings with Ghana's top officials and an influential public lecture at the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA).

Khan arrived in Accra on Sunday, October 13, and was warmly welcomed at the Kotoka International Airport by the Rector of GIMPA, Professor Samuel Kwaku Bonsu, and the Dean of the GIMPA Law School, Dr. Kwaku Agyeman-Budu.

## High-Level Engagements

The ACICJ facilitated high-level engagements which symbolized the deepening relationship between Ghana and the ICC, underscoring the country's role in advancing the fight against impunity in Africa.

Throughout his stay, Khan engaged with key figures in the Ghanaian government. On October 14, he began his formal meetings with a courtesy call on Her Ladyship the Chief Justice, Justice Gertrude Sackey Torkornoo. Their discussions focused on Ghana's judiciary's role in upholding international criminal justice and ensuring accountability for serious crimes.

Later, Khan met with the Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Godfred Yeboah Dame. During their discussions, Dame reaffirmed Ghana's unwavering commitment to the ideals of the ICC and assured the ICC Prosecutor that Ghana would continue to support the

Court's mandate to prosecute genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity. Ghana's legal frameworks remain aligned with international criminal law, thanks to such collaborations.

On October 16, Khan was received by the Speaker of Parliament, Rt. Hon. Alban Kingsford Sumana Bagbin. In his engagement with the Speaker, Khan emphasized the role Africa must play in advancing the Rome Statute and combatting impunity. This was well received by the Speaker of Parliament, who expressed Ghana's full support for the ICC's work.

Khan's visit culminated with a final meeting with President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo at the Jubilee House. President Akufo-Addo commended the ICC's work in promoting justice globally, and the two discussed Ghana's ongoing contributions to international criminal justice and the critical role the country plays in advocating for accountability in conflict zones.



## Public Lecture and Engagement with GIMPA Students

A key highlight of Khan's visit, organized by the ACICJ at the GIMPA Law School, was his delivery of the ACICJ's third eminent public lecture on International Criminal Justice. Held on October 15 at the GB Auditorium, the event attracted legal professionals, academics, students, and members of the diplomatic community.

Khan's lecture, *"Democracy, Elections, and Impunity: International Criminal Justice as a Deterrent,"* delved into the importance of accountability in maintaining democratic integrity and deterring electoral violence. He noted that impunity fosters instability and can derail nations, especially during elections. His words resonated deeply with the audience, as Ghana approaches another election cycle, reinforcing the need for the nation to uphold its reputation as a democratic leader in Africa.

Following the lecture, Khan engaged with GIMPA students in a special Q&A session focused on the challenges and opportunities in international criminal law. Students from the Master of Laws Degree (LL.M) Programme in International Criminal Law and Justice seized the opportunity to ask probing questions, to which Khan responded by sharing his vast experience as ICC Prosecutor and his previous work in international tribunals. The session provided students with a rare opportunity to engage directly with one of the world's leading legal figures.

To celebrate the success of the lecture and Khan's engagement with the students, a special dinner was hosted in his honor at the residence of the Rector of GIMPA. The dinner brought together the Prosecutor, LL.M students, and senior faculty members of the GIMPA Law School, creating an intimate setting for continued discussions on international justice.

## Visit to Historical Sites

In addition to his official meetings, Khan took time to visit the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park. He paid homage to Ghana's first President and reflected on Ghana's commitment to Pan-Africanism and global justice. This visit symbolized the connection between Ghana's historical struggle for freedom and the ongoing fight for justice that the ICC embodies.

## Strengthening Ties with Ghana

The ACICJ's invitation of Karim Khan KC to Ghana and the organization of his high-level engagements throughout the visit reinforced the strong relationship between Ghana, GIMPA, the ACICJ at the GIMPA Law School and the ICC. Khan's engagements with government officials, legal professionals, and students underscored Ghana's leadership in international criminal justice and its dedication to upholding the principles of the Rome Statute.

Khan departed Ghana on the evening of Wednesday, October 16, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of strengthened cooperation between the ICC and Ghana and laying the foundation for continued collaboration in addressing the most serious crimes of concern to the international community.





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**The American Legal System  
and Judicial Review**



## **JOHN SMAGULA'S THE ASSISTANT DEAN AT TEMPLE LAW SCHOOL VISIT TO GIMPA**

John Smagula, the Assistant Dean at Temple Law School, embarked on a significant visit to GIMPA Law School in September 2024, fostering an inspiring exchange of ideas, opportunities, and relationships. His visit spanned five impactful days, from the 19th to the 24th of September, and featured a series of events that left a lasting impression on the students and faculty.

On the 19th of September, Smagula kicked off his trip with an information session, where he outlined LLM and other student exchange opportunities at Temple Law School for GIMPA Law students and alumni. The session was split into two segments, one for the day stream at 4:00 pm and another for the evening stream at 5:30 pm. Smagula's insightful presentation introduced the attending students to the array of academic and professional benefits awaiting them at Temple University, emphasizing how such exchanges could broaden their legal perspectives and provide invaluable international exposure.

The following day, on the 20th of September, Smagula took center stage at GIMPA's Annual Dean's Lecture Series. In the Dr. Daniel McKorley Moot Courtroom, Smagula delivered a compelling lecture on "The American Legal System and Judicial Review." The event, held at 9:30 am, attracted a large turnout of students

eager to learn about the inner workings of the American legal framework and its relevance to global legal systems. His lecture sparked engaging discussions and left many students reflecting on the comparative aspects of law in different jurisdictions.

Throughout his visit, Smagula took part in several key seminars and meetings, all aimed at strengthening the ties between Temple University and GIMPA Law School. His efforts were centered on fostering meaningful relationships and laying the groundwork for future collaborations. He emphasized the importance of continuous legal education and the role of international exchange in enhancing the competencies of the next generation of legal professionals.

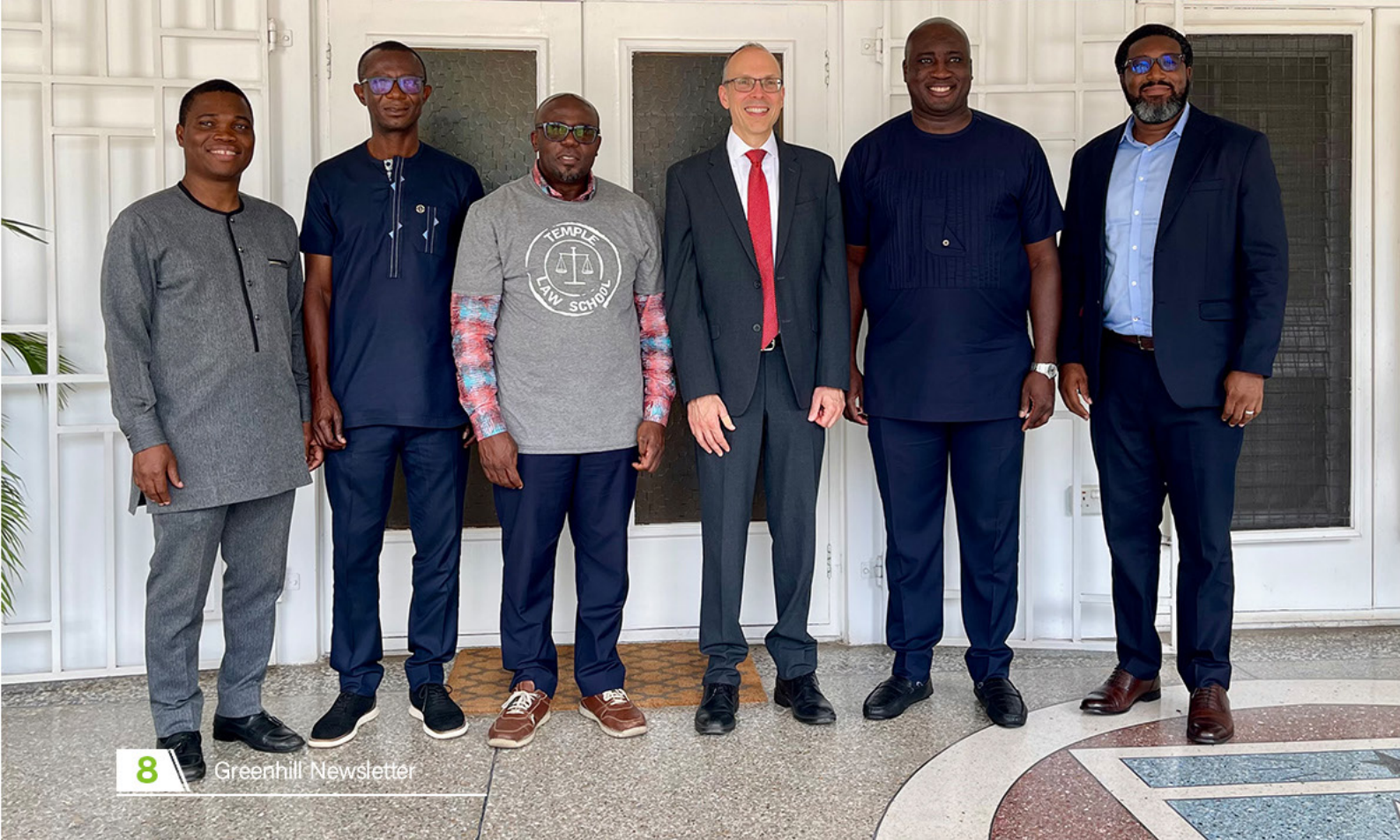
John Smagula's visit to GIMPA Law School was not just about legal discussions, it also focused on well-being and personal growth. On the final day of his visit, Tuesday, 24th September 2024, he hosted a unique and engaging seminar titled, "Understanding Tea and How It Can Help You De-Stress."

The seminar offered a refreshing departure from the formalities of law. Smagula, showing his holistic approach to education, introduced the GIMPA community to the benefits of tea as a tool for de-stressing in the high-pressure world of legal studies. He guided the attendees through the different types of tea and how each can aid in managing stress, promoting mental clarity, and enhancing relaxation.

Students and faculty who attended the seminar left not only with a deeper appreciation for the art of tea but also practical techniques to balance their demanding academic and professional lives. It was a perfect way to conclude Smagula's multifaceted visit is an experience that bridged both professional growth and personal well-being.

This final seminar underscored the essence of his visit: it was not just about creating legal opportunities but also about encouraging a well-rounded approach to life, something every student and lawyer can benefit from. His time at GIMPA will be remembered for this thoughtful integration of career and personal care, leaving the community with valuable insights into both the law and life balance.

Smagula's visit was a beacon of inspiration, reminding GIMPA Law students of the vast opportunities that lay beyond their borders. His discussions were more than just about legal systems, they were about the power of global connectivity in shaping the future of law and justice. By the end of his visit, he had left an indelible mark on both the faculty and students, opening doors to a future of legal excellence and international collaboration.







## GIMPA SRC Awards Scholarships to Outstanding Students Under the Onuapa Scholarship Scheme

Accra, October 2024 – The Students' Representative Council (SRC) of the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) awarded scholarships to six exceptional students under the **Onuapa Scholarship Scheme** at a special ceremony on **October 4, 2024**. The event, which celebrates academic excellence and perseverance, recognized students for their hard work and resilience.

The **Onuapa Scholarship Scheme** was launched during the **Emmanuel Andrew Samini** administration in the 2022/2023 academic year and continues to empower GIMPA students. The initiative reflects the SRC's commitment to supporting deserving students through financial assistance.

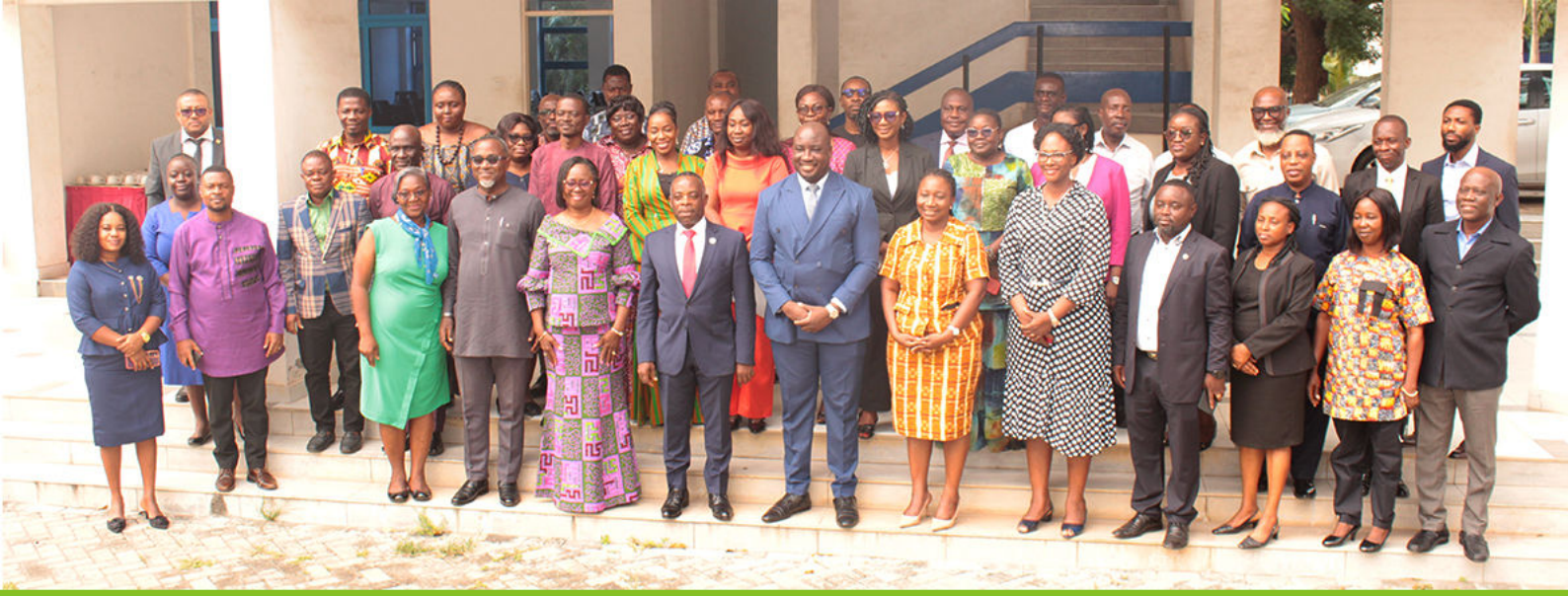
Distinguished guests at the ceremony included **Dr. Augustina Akonnor**, Dean of Students; **Prof. Ebenezer Adaku**, Acting Dean of the GIMPA Business School; **Dr. Patrick Tandoh**, Dean of the School of Public Service and Governance; and **Dr. Victoria Kunbour**, Registrar of GIMPA. The **FBN Bank Manager** and team were also present, all acknowledged for their support and contributions.

SRC Vice President, **Mr. Kra Arthur**, commended the efforts that made the scholarship possible and praised the



six recipients for their academic achievements. **SRC President, Mr. Kelvin Quartey**, announced a new partnership with musician **Emmanuel Andrew Samini** and **Cahaya Restaurant**, offering a full scholarship and internship opportunity to a student from the **School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (SOLAS)**.

The **Onuapa Scholarship Scheme** continues to grow, reaffirming the SRC's dedication to supporting the academic and professional journeys of GIMPA students.



## GIMPA School of Public Service and Governance Hosts Senior Management Development Training for Government Officials

Through its School of Public Service and Governance, the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) is hosting a seven-week **Senior Management Development** Training program for Chief Directors and senior management officers from various ministries and government agencies across the country. The program commenced on **September 16, 2024**, at GIMPA's Greenhill Campus, with **37 participants** drawn from key governmental sectors.

This capacity-building initiative is designed to enhance the leadership, strategic management, and governance capabilities of top government officials, with a focus on improving efficiency and service delivery within the public sector. The training covers critical areas such as policy development, leadership strategies, governance frameworks, and public service innovation.

Some prominent facilitators include:

- **Ambassador Cleland** from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
- **Dr. Aggrey Evan Aggrey-Darko**, Head of the Civil Service,
- **Professor Agyemang**, Chairman of the Public Service Commission,
- **Dr. Nana Opare Djan**, from the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC),
- **Dr. Nana Agyekum Dwamena**, Former Head of Civil Service,
- **Professor Martin Morgan Tuuli**, Former Deputy Rector of GIMPA,
- **Dr. Victoria N. Kunbour**, Registrar of GIMPA,

- **Dr. Nana Ato Arthur**, Head of Local Government Service,
- **Ing. Gideon Brocke**, a seasoned public administrator,
- **Mr. Paul Nartey**, and
- **Professor Samuel Adams**, a seasoned expert in Public Administration.

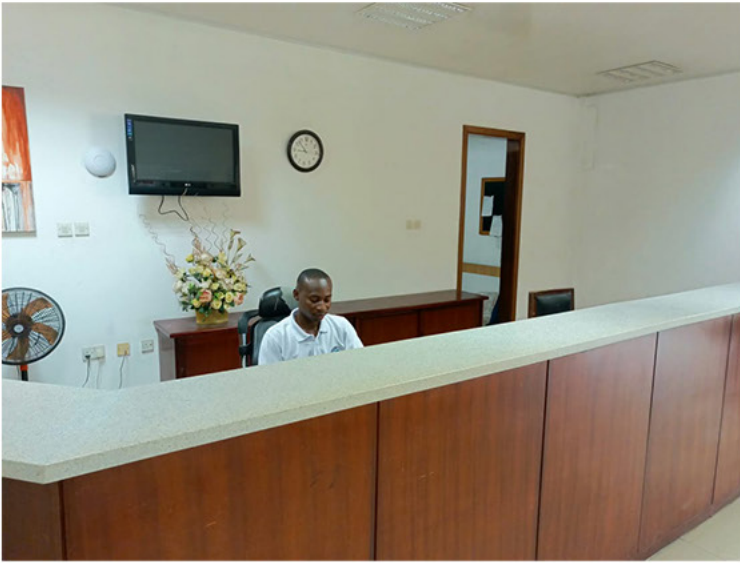
Speaking at the opening of the program, the Dean Dr. Partick Tandoh, emphasized the institute's commitment to fostering excellence in public service through tailored training programs. He noted that initiatives like this play a pivotal role in strengthening the leadership competencies required to drive Ghana's developmental agenda.

The Senior Management Development Training program is set to end in late October 2024, with participants expected to return to their respective ministries and agencies equipped with innovative ideas and practical tools to improve policy implementation and governance.

This initiative marks another milestone in GIMPA's leadership in shaping the future of public service in Ghana, and reaffirms the institution's mission to support national development through education and training.



# Spotlight on GIMPA's Hospitality Services: A Commitment to Excellence



One of the key facilities under their management is the **GIMPA Executive Conference Centre (GECC)**, a premier venue conveniently located just 20 minutes from Kotoka International Airport. The GECC boasts a 300-seat conference auditorium, several meeting rooms, and luxurious accommodations, making it the go-to destination for both local and international events. With **130 en-suite guestrooms**, complemented by **120 standard rooms** at the student hostel, GIMPA Hospitality ensures comfort and convenience for every guest.

At the heart of GIMPA's vibrant campus lies the Hospitality Services Directorate, a cornerstone of excellence in providing top-tier accommodations, food, and auxiliary hospitality services. The dedicated team at the Directorate plays a vital role in supporting the Institute's academic programs and activities, ensuring guests and students alike experience the very best in hospitality.

The **Hospitality Services team** is renowned for their professionalism, attention to detail, and commitment to delivering outstanding customer service. Whether hosting high-profile conferences, seminars, or providing accommodation for students and guests, the staff consistently go above and beyond to meet the diverse needs of the GIMPA community. Their **hard work** and unwavering dedication ensure that every event is executed with precision, leaving a lasting impression on all who visit.



The team also takes pride in offering exceptional dining experiences through **two restaurants at GECC** and one on the Main Campus, in addition to three bars. The culinary offerings, coupled with serene outdoor spaces for events and a range of auxiliary services such as in-house laundry, a business center, and a Forex bureau, make the Directorate a full-service hospitality provider.

What truly sets GIMPA Hospitality Services apart, however, is the personal touch and warmth extended by the staff. Their **rich customer service** creates an inviting atmosphere, whether guests are attending a high-level conference or enjoying a leisurely stay on campus. Their dedication to making every guest's experience memorable is reflected in the seamless service delivery and attention to detail.



As the Hospitality Services Directorate continues to support GIMPA's mission of academic and professional excellence, the team remains committed to maintaining the highest standards of service. Their hard work, passion, and professionalism truly shine through in every interaction.

To our exceptional hospitality staff – thank you for your **dedication** and **hard work**. You are the heartbeat of GIMPA's hospitality, and your commitment ensures that everyone who steps onto our campus feels welcomed, cared for, and valued.

**Welcome to our world of hospitality and excellence – where we look forward to hosting you and creating remarkable experiences at GIMPA.**



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# Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Enam Antonio is a Lecturer at the GIMPA Law School. Before joining GIMPA, she clerked under three Justices of the Supreme Court of Ghana. She is also the Chairperson of the Law School's Moot Court and Clinical Legal Education Committee which oversees the practical application of the law through moot court activities and law clinics.

She teaches legal writing and research and international law at the graduate and undergraduate level. Her research interests/clusters focus on third world approaches to international law, just transitions, climate adaptation and loss and damage in Africa, as well as the intersection of climate change and ocean governance.



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