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GIMPA and LIPAM Sign Landmark MoU to Strengthen Public Service Delivery in Africa

In a significant step toward enhancing public administration across Africa, the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) and the Lesotho Institute of Public Administration and Management (LIPAM) have signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on public sector reform, capacity building, and institutional development.

The formal signing ceremony took place in Maseru, Lesotho, marking a new chapter in Pan-African cooperation to improve governance and service delivery. The agreement aims to promote knowledge sharing, policy

innovation, and the enhancement of public institutions in both countries.

Speaking at the ceremony, Professor Samuel Bonsu, Rector of GIMPA, emphasized the importance of self-reliance and collaboration. “We are here today because we believe in working together to drive sustainable development through improved governance. At GIMPA, we pride ourselves on managing our affairs independently, and we see great potential in supporting LIPAM as they chart a similar course.”

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Professor Bonsu recalled GIMPA's transformation from a level II public training institution to an autonomous, world-class management and public administration school, underlining that the path was not without its challenges. "There have been very good ups and some not-so-good downs. These experiences form a core part of what we're here to share - so others don't have to make the same mistakes."

Ntahetseng Thlomola, Director General of LIPAM, reflected on the evolution of the partnership with GIMPA. "Our collaboration began in October last year with missions focused on stakeholder engagement. With each mission, we engaged deeper with GIMPA's participatory and inclusive approach, which has helped us define and refine our own mandate," she said.

The Minister of Public Service of Lesotho, Honourable Stephen Mpuntu, praised the initiative, reiterating the government's commitment to professionalizing public service in the country. "This MoU aligns perfectly with

our mandate to ensure that our public officers have the skills, knowledge, and tools to serve effectively. It is only through improved public service that we can restore public trust and drive economic growth," he remarked.

The Minister pledged full support for LIPAM's institutional strengthening under the new partnership. "As the political head of this ministry, I will ensure LIPAM receives all necessary resources to change the face of the public service and rekindle citizens' confidence in governance."

The collaboration between GIMPA and LIPAM is expected to yield significant results through joint research, training programs, exchange initiatives, and the development of context-specific policy solutions. Both institutions reaffirmed their shared mission to build a resilient, ethical, and professional public sector capable of meeting 21st-century challenges.

Substance, Style, and Fun at 2025 International Relations & Diplomacy Students Conference

The spirit of diplomacy came alive at the Greenhill Campus of the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) as 76 students from the Weekend Master of International Relations and Diplomacy program took center stage at the 2025 edition of the International Relations and Diplomacy Students Conference.

Now in its third year, the annual conference, instituted in 2023, has grown into a vibrant academic tradition, offering students a platform to bridge theory and practice. This year's event, held on Saturday, March 22, featured 15 dynamic group presentations that analyzed some of the most consequential foreign policy decisions of the modern era. Topics included the U.S. invasion of Panama in 1989, the U.S. intervention in Afghanistan in 2001, the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003, the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962, NATO's intervention in Libya in 2011, and the U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement in 2017.

The convener of the conference and Coordinator of the International Relations and Diplomacy Program, Professor Lord Mawuko-Yevugah, emphasized the intellectual and real-world value of the event. "This is not merely an academic exercise," he noted. "It is a training ground for the next generation of diplomats, foreign service officers, and global leaders."

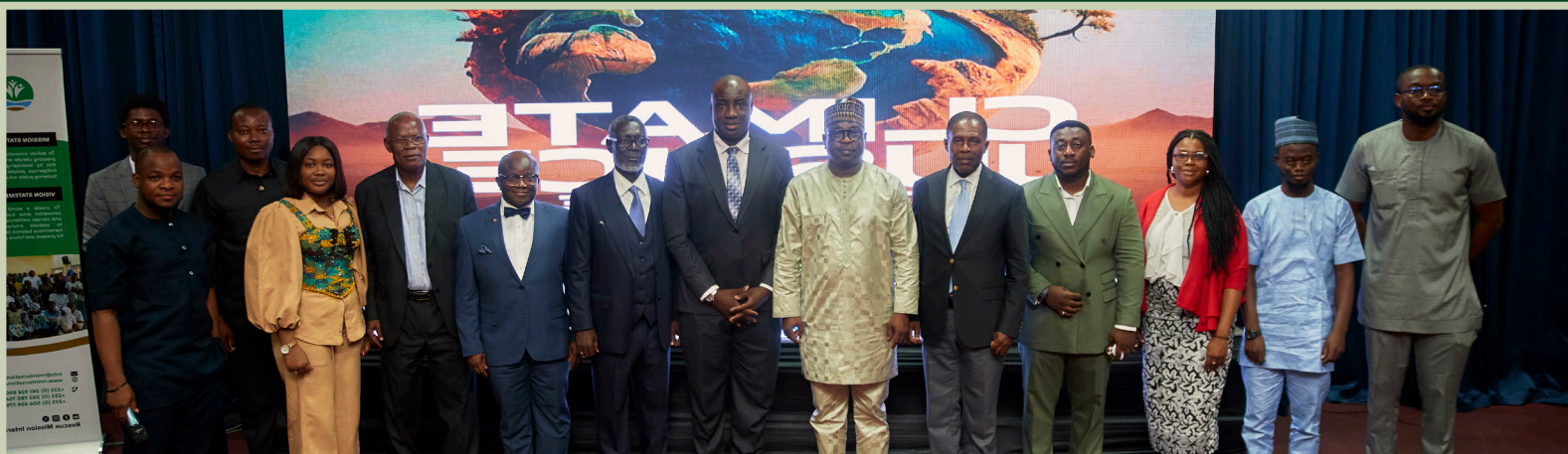


In a keynote address that was both inspiring and pragmatic, Mr. Osman Ayariga, Esq., Chief Executive Officer of the National Youth Authority, served as the special guest for the event. He encouraged students to harness the platform to refine their skills in public speaking, negotiation, and diplomatic etiquette. Mr. Ayariga also highlighted the many career pathways in diplomacy and international relations, assuring students of his support to foster partnerships between GIMPA's IR program and national youth development initiatives.

More than just an academic affair, the conference was marked by its infectious energy, stylish presentations, and a strong sense of camaraderie. It was a showcase of substance, style, and fun—proof that the future of diplomacy is not only bright but also in capable hands.



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The GIMPA Law School has taken a decisive stand in the global campaign for climate justice, announcing sweeping academic and institutional reforms during its 2025 Law Conference on Climate Justice, held at the Dr. Daniel McKorley Moot Courtroom in Accra.

Themed “Climate Justice in Ghana: The Role of Law and Policy Towards Sustainable Development,” the two-day conference brought together policymakers, legal experts, academics, and civil society leaders to critically examine Ghana’s legal and policy frameworks for addressing climate change and to chart a path forward.

In a passionate keynote address, the Dean of GIMPA Law School, Dr. Kwaku Agyeman-Budu, called for urgent legal

and policy interventions to tackle Ghana’s escalating climate crisis. Citing projections that the country could lose up to 10% of its GDP by 2050 if current trends persist, Agyeman-Budu warned that the time for action is now.

“We are gathered at a time when the very air we breathe and the land that sustains us are under unprecedented threat,” he said. “Climate change is no longer a future hypothetical - it is our present reality.”

As part of its strategic response, GIMPA Law School unveiled a landmark initiative to mainstream climate law and policy into its academic curriculum at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. In addition, plans are underway to establish a dedicated Research Centre on Climate Law and Policy, which will spearhead evidence-based legal

research and provide specialized training for judges, lawmakers, and advocates.

The conference received a significant boost with the participation of H.E. Samira Bawumia, Former Second Lady of Ghana and Global Champion for the Clean Cooking Alliance, who delivered a keynote address. She praised the Law School's bold direction, underscoring the urgency of inclusive climate action.

“Climate justice must not leave anyone behind, especially women and children who suffer disproportionately from climate impacts,” she noted. “We need inclusive climate policies, and that starts with legal education and advocacy.”

Mrs. Bawumia also highlighted the importance of gender-responsive frameworks, access to clean energy, and the empowerment of community-driven climate initiatives.

While acknowledging progress made through the ratification of international agreements such as the Paris Accord and the implementation of Ghana's National Climate Change Policy, Dean Agyeman-Budu emphasized the limitations of current mechanisms in protecting vulnerable populations. “Public participation remains limited, and the legal tools we have are not yet robust enough to protect those most affected,” he said.

The conference is expected to yield a series of actionable recommendations aimed at informing legal reforms and strengthening institutional responses to Ghana's climate challenges.

Also present at the conference were the Deputy Rector of GIMPA, Prof. Ebenezer Adaku, and the Minister of State for Climate Change and Sustainability, Hon. Baba Issifu Seidu, among other distinguished guests.

With its forward-thinking agenda and renewed focus on legal education, GIMPA Law School is positioning itself as a regional leader in climate justice advocacy—advancing a future where law, equity, and sustainability intersect.



GIMPA Business School Triumphs at Global Conscious Capitalism Tournament



GIMPA is proud to announce a resounding victory at the International Conscious Capitalism Tournament, jointly organized by Thompson Rivers University (Canada) and Marketplace Simulation.

In a stunning display of innovation and strategic acumen, both teams submitted by GIMPA Business School emerged at the top, securing 1st and 2nd positions among 27 competing teams from around the world, including Canada, Ecuador, Vietnam, and Pakistan.

- Gold- Guda Eco-P Rides (GIMPA Business School, Ghana)
- Silver - AKRUGU RIDES (GIMPA Business School, Ghana)
- Bronze - Spinova (University of Danang, Vietnam)

This global recognition is a testament to the exceptional quality of GIMPA's business education, reflecting the students' dedication, strategic insight, and commitment to socially responsible entrepreneurship. The teams were coached by Mr. Prince Dodoo and supported by Prof. Bernard Obeng, Prof. Fanny Quagraine, and the GIMPA Business School Secretariat.

GIMPA extends heartfelt congratulations to the student champions for making Ghana proud and for elevating GIMPA's stature on the world stage.

Celebrating a great alumnus:

HON. FELIX MENSAH NII ANANG-LA

A True testament of GIMPA's impact

In every institution's history, certain individuals emerge as shining examples of its impact, carrying the torch of excellence beyond academia to transform lives and communities. For the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA), Hon. Felix Mensah Nii Anang-La stands as one such distinguished alumnus.

Born and raised in Tema New Town, a vibrant yet challenging community, Hon. Anang-La's journey has been defined by resilience, grit, and an unwavering commitment to leadership and service. From his early years in Junior High School, he exhibited strong leadership traits, which eventually blossomed into a career dedicated to community development and transformational leadership. However, it was at GIMPA that he found the academic discipline, mentorship, and strategic leadership training that refined his vision and equipped him with the tools to lead effectively across both public and private sectors. Speaking about his GIMPA experience, Hon. Anang-La reflects: "GIMPA did not only teach me in the classroom; it prepared me to lead ethically, strategically, and decisively. It was here that I learned that leadership is about service and creating opportunities for others."

That philosophy has since become the cornerstone of his life's work. After a successful career in the maritime sector, rising through the ranks at Tema Container Terminal and serving as Chairman of the Maritime and Dockworkers Union (MDU), Hon. Anang-La's leadership reached new heights when he was appointed Mayor of Tema in 2017. His tenure as Mayor was marked by bold reforms, people-centered policies, and initiatives aimed at improving the socio-economic fabric of the Tema metropolis.



Yet, perhaps the most remarkable aspect of his legacy is his unwavering commitment to giving back. Recognizing the transformational impact GIMPA had on his life, Hon. Anang-La made a conscious decision to mentor and sponsor young individuals from his community. To date, he has supported over 25 individuals from Tema New Town to enroll and graduate from GIMPA, creating opportunities that have not only changed their lives but also uplifted their families and the wider community.

Beyond mentorship, his industry connections and leadership network have played a pivotal role in securing jobs for over 400 people within his community. His impact extends even further as the founder of The Chartered Institute of Local Governance and Development (CILGD)—an international professional membership body comprising local governance scholars, experts, practitioners, policy-makers, and stakeholders.

CILGD is dedicated to improving the quality of life in local communities and rural areas, with a strong emphasis on ethical leadership and sustainable community development. The institute's mission is to provide comprehensive support and resources to elected officials, public servants, and community leaders, equipping them to address the most pressing challenges facing their communities with integrity and a deep commitment to public service.

In recognition of his selflessness, leadership, and dedication to empowering others, the GIMPA Greenhill Newsletter proudly celebrates Hon. Felix Mensah Nii Anang-La - a leader shaped by GIMPA, who, in turn, is shaping the next generation of leaders.

His story serves as a powerful reminder that leadership is not merely about holding positions of power but about lifting others as you climb, leaving a lasting legacy of impact and transformation.

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