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# **Celebrating GIMPA's Procurement Unit: Driving Excellence and Strategic Impact**

In this June edition of the Greenhill Newsletter, we celebrate the GIMPA Procurement Unit for its outstanding contributions to the Institute's operational efficiency and strategic objectives. Under the capable leadership of Mrs. Jacqueline Angate, Manager of the Unit, the team consistently demonstrates professionalism, innovation, and dedication in delivering procurement services across the Institute. Operating in strict compliance with the Public Procurement Act, 2003 (Act 663) as amended, the Unit ensures transparency, value for money, and quality in acquiring goods, works, and services for GIMPA. Supported by a committed team - Mrs. Janet Sekyibea Mireku, Mrs. Lilian Solfft-Martey, Mrs. Akorfa Pomeyie Asamoah, Mr. Richard Nuwordzro, and Mr. Nicholas Dankyi Berko - the Unit provides seamless procurement support not only to the Greenhill cam-

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pus but also to GIMPA's satellite campuses.

The Procurement Unit plays a vital role in advancing GIMPA's strategic goals (STG 1, 2, and 5). From securing essential items for graduation ceremonies and examinations to acquiring office equipment, IT resources, and facilitating maintenance of the Institute's facilities, the Unit remains integral to effective service delivery at GIMPA.

Under Mrs. Angate's exemplary leadership, the Unit has achieved notable recognitions. Mrs. Angate has been named among Ghana's Top 20 Procurement Leaders, honoured as Public Sector Woman Professional of the Year at the maiden Ghana Procurement and Supply Awards in 2018, and received the Best Public Chieftain in Public Service Delivery in Tertiary Education at the African Public Service Optimum Awards in 2023. Most recently, she was recognised as the Most Innovative Procurement

Manager in Contract Negotiation and Budget Review at the Global She Achievers Awards in Dubai in 2024.

Beyond their core procurement functions, the team actively participates in Institute-wide activities, including the annual Carols Service and Ghana Month celebrations. Notably, in January 2025, the Unit successfully organised GIMPA's maiden Procurement and Supply Conference, attracting over 120 internal and external participants and deepening stakeholders' understanding of the Public Procurement Act.

As we celebrate the achievements of the Procurement Unit, we commend their professionalism, teamwork, and commitment, which continue to position GIMPA as a centre of excellence in leadership, management, and administration.

# African Institutions unite to Forge Home-Grown Economic and Governance Solutions

The Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA), in collaboration with leading African institutions, has reaffirmed its commitment to developing indigenous solutions to the continent's economic and governance challenges. This commitment was evident during the Economic Governance School, held from 16th to 19th June 2025, and hosted by GIMPA in partnership with the National School of Government (NSG), South Africa, and the Kenya School of Government (KSG).

of African-led initiatives in addressing governance and economic transformation. He noted that institutions like GIMPA have a critical role to play in building capacity and fostering innovative policy solutions that are grounded in the realities of the continent. Speaking on behalf of partner institutions, the Principal of NSG, Professor Busani Ngcaweni, and KSG Director General, Ms. Lillian Mahiri-Zaja, lauded GIMPA's leadership in convening the Economic Governance School.

The landmark event brought together senior public officials, policymakers, academics, and development partners from across Africa. Participants deliberated on practical strategies aimed at enhancing economic governance frameworks and promoting sustainable development. The school provided a platform for peer learning, knowledge exchange, and the strengthening of institutional partnerships.

In his address at the opening session, the Rector of GIMPA, Professor Samuel Bonsu, highlighted the importance



They emphasized the need for sustained collaboration among African training institutions to help achieve the African Union's Agenda 2063.

The week-long programme featured engaging sessions on topics such as public financial management, leadership ethics, resource mobilization, and inclusive growth. Facilitators included seasoned experts and practitioners who shared valuable insights on good governance practices across various sectors.

The event concluded with a dinner to celebrate the success of the programme and to honor the contributions of participants, facilitators, and sponsors. Key sponsors included the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat, AngloGold Ashanti, Volta River Authority (VRA) and MTN Ghana. Their support helped ensure the success of this important capacity-building initiative.

The Economic Governance School aligns with GIMPA's vision of strengthening partnerships for impact and empowering leaders for Africa's transformation.



## 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 (LI-PAM) have signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on public sector reform, capacity building, and institutional development.

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."

The formal signing ceremony took place in Maseru, Lesotho, on 10th April, 2025, marking a new chapter in Pan-African cooperation to improve governance and service delivery. The agreement seeks to advance knowledge-sharing, policy innovation, and the strengthening of public institutions in both countries.

Speaking at the ceremony, Professor Samuel Bonsu, Rector of GIMPA, emphasized the importance of self-reliance



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 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.

# **GIMPA Strengthens** Digital Engagement with Social Media Training

As part of its commitment to enhancing digital engagement and boosting student recruitment, GIMPA held a Social Media Training and Workshop on 4th June 2025, facilitated by renowned Ghanaian media personality, entrepreneur, and digital communications expert, Mr. Louis Kwame Sakyiamah (Lexis Bill).

The session was opened by Mr. Nimo Yusif-Mensah, leader of the centralized marketing project for September enrollment and head of GIMPA's social media marketing team. In his remarks, Mr. Yusif-Mensah highlighted the critical role of digital com-

munication in achieving GIMPA's strategic enrollment goals and commended staff for their dedication to enhancing the Institute's online visibility and impact.

The workshop formed part of GIMPA's broader strategy to leverage social media as a key tool for educational marketing. Staff participants received practical training and insights in essential areas, including:

- Target marketing for student recruitment
- Effective content creation and storytelling



- Optimal posting times and engagement strategies
- Budgeting and targeting for social media advertising
- Managing enquiries and generating online leads
- Using analytics to enhance performance
- Trends and tools in educational marketing
- Crisis communication and brand management

In addition to delivering the training, Mr. Sakyiamah pledged to provide course materials to all participants and to offer ongoing support through weekly Zoom sessions, content strategy updates, and the promotion of GIMPA's academic programmes on his platforms throughout the admissions period.

This training builds on earlier initiatives led by Mr. Yusif-Mensah, including a successful six-region educational fair engaging senior high school students on the advantages of studying at GIMPA, as well as faculty engagements

on major media platforms such as Citi FM and Joy FM to increase outreach and awareness.

The workshop was highly successful, and GIMPA remains optimistic about its positive impact on student recruitment and digital engagement in the upcoming academic year.

### **GIMPA hosts AMDIN Conference 2025**

The Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) hosted the annual conference of the African Management Development Institutes Network (AMDIN) in Accra from 28th to 30th April 2025. The three-day conference brought together key public sector stakeholders from across the continent under the theme: "Enhancing Governance and Public Administration in Times of Polycrises through Collaboration, Policy, Evidence, Technology (AI), and Innovation for Service Delivery." The event served as a platform for high-level dialogue on strengthening state capacity, promoting effective public service delivery, and reinforcing institutional resilience in Africa.

and inclusive leadership, robust regulatory frameworks, enhanced citizen participation, and effective anti-corruption measures to build public trust and advance development. She further underscored the significance of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) as a path to self-sufficiency. She called for greater use of data-driven decision-making and ethical AI adoption to modernize governance.

Tombola Muke, President of AMDIN, also addressed the gathering, noting the era of interconnected global crises ranging from health and climate to economic and geopolitical disruptions. These challenges, he noted, test the re-

The Deputy Minister of Public Service and Administration of South Africa, Pinky Sharon Kekana, urged African governments to prioritize long-term strategic planning and institutional strengthening to ensure effective governance and socio-economdevelopment. ic She emphasized that the resilience of nations, particu-



larly in the global south, hinges on their ability to build strong institutions capable of delivering quality public services, protecting citizens, and sustaining progress during times of crisis. Ms. Kekana acknowledged that while several African nations, including Ghana, South Africa, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Malawi, Namibia, and Zambia, have developed visionary national development plans, many still struggle with implementation due to limited state capacity. She called for transformational

sponsiveness and resilience of African institutions. "Public administration, as a key driver of national prosperity, must reinvent itself to become more agile, innovative, citizen-centric, and resilient," he stated. He highlighted the transformative potential of technology in anticipating and managing crises, improving public service delivery, enhancing transparency, and fostering greater democratic participation.

# Vice Provost of the University of Connecticut visits GIMPA to deepen partnership



On Thursday, 22nd May 2025, the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) had the honour of hosting Professor Gladis Kersaint, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at the University of Connecticut (UCONN), during a one-day working visit to the Institute. She was accompanied by Professor Ngozi Taffe, Associate Vice President for Global Affairs at UCONN. The visit aimed to further strengthen the growing institutional partnership and collaboration between GIMPA and UCONN.

The delegation was received at the YALI Conference Room by Professor Ebenezer Adarku, Deputy Rector of GIMPA, on behalf of the Rector. In his welcome address, Professor Adarku reaffirmed GIMPA's commitment to fostering a mutually beneficial relationship with UCONN. He highlighted that since the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two institutions in 2023, significant progress has been made in advancing academic cooperation and global engagement.

The GIMPA-UCONN partnership, initiated by the GIMPA Law School, offers opportunities for faculty and staff exchanges, joint research initiatives, and an innovative student exchange programme. Notably, the programme enables final-year Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) students from GIMPA to spend a year at UCONN Law School, pursuing a Master of Laws (LL.M) degree while completing their LL.B studies.

During the discussions, both institutions recognised the need to expand the collaboration beyond the Law Schools to include other faculties

and units. This expansion, they agreed, would further strengthen the partnership, promote academic excellence, and enhance the internationalisation goals of both institutions.

The meeting was attended by key GIMPA officials, including Dr. Kwaku Agyeman-Budu (Dean, GIMPA Law School), Dr. Enam Antonio (Lecturer, GIMPA Law School), Professor Ebenezer Bugri Anarfo (Director, Academic Planning and Quality Assurance), heads of departments, and Law students selected for the 2025 GIMPA-UCONN Student Exchange Programme.

The visit concluded with a renewed commitment from both GIMPA and UCONN to work collaboratively towards achieving the shared objectives of the partnership, reinforcing their dedication to preparing globally competitive graduates and advancing impactful academic collaboration.





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