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in collaboration with  
**Design Thinking and Innovation Hub (D-Hub)**  
Presents

# **ACADEMIA-INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FAIR**



**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
**Venue:** New Examination Centre (NEC)  
**Time:** 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Each Day



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## WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CAPE COAST

The University of Cape Coast (UCC) (<https://ucc.edu.gh>) is the topmost-ranked university in Ghana and West Africa and the fourth in Africa, according to the Times Higher Education (THE), World University Rankings (WUR) for 2022 and 2023. Its mandate is to provide quality education through the provision of comprehensive, liberal, and professional programmes that challenge learners to be creative, innovative and responsible citizens.

Consistent with the UCC Corporate Strategic Plan and the vision of the Vice Chancellor to “reposition UCC as a global hub of creative thinkers, offering demand-driven programmes, integrated with practical entrepreneurial courses, and actively translating the products of its innovative research for sustainable development”, UCC through its Directorate of Research, Innovation and Consultancy (DRIC) and the Design Thinking and Innovation Hub (D-HUB) presents the 2023 Academia-Industry Research and Innovation Fair. The Fair is on the theme “Accelerating Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Partnership with Industry”. The Fair brings together students, academics, researchers, and public and private sectors. It showcases a collection of innovative research projects and ideas, and aims to promote the relevance of UCC to Industry by creating an avenue for exchanging ideas among researchers, innovators, entrepreneurs, investors and users from industry.

Welcome to UCC! We encourage you to access this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GF64Ra3Va4M> for a short video on UCC.



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## WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND CONSULTANCY (DRIC) AND THE DESIGN THINKING AND INNOVATION HUB (D-HUB)

On behalf of the Directorate of Research, Innovation and Consultancy (DRIC) and the Design Thinking Hub (D-Hub), University of Cape Coast (UCC), we would like to warmly welcome you to the 2023 Academia-Industry Research and Innovation Fair.

Research and innovation are very critical for the socio-economic development of every society. Research and innovation hold promise for the future in dealing with the complexity of society's developmental challenges regarding food security and safety, climate change, safe environment, sanitation, equity and security. In sub-Saharan Africa, research and innovation are really crucial for much-desired socio-economic growth and sustainable development.

As part of its mandate, DRIC has championed and supported research and innovation at all levels throughout the University. It has also promoted and facilitated the adoption of innovation and research output for societal benefits over the past decade of its existence. The Directorate has supported technology transfer, including the facilitation

of registration of patents and other intellectual property rights. DRIC has also developed Intellectual Property (IP) Policy and has undertaken IP awareness creation and technology transfer services for faculty. Currently, the Directorate, through the support of the African Centre of Excellence for Coastal Resilience, has recruited Technology Transfer Officer, pending appointment by the University, to ensure dedicated support for the entire knowledge transfer process.

The effective commercialisation of creative research output depends on the ability of researchers to package research findings innovatively and communicate this in ways that are relevant to industry. Since its establishment a little over a year ago, D-Hub has worked with faculty members to achieve this goal, is evident in the exhibition displayed today. Additionally, there is a need to harness the creative research output developed to create innovative business ideas that can help bridge the unemployment gap in the country. D-Hub has championed this cause and facilitated business development and incubation services for both students and staff of the University. Thus, DRIC and D-Hub are well positioned to provide training and services for faculty, staff and students of the University throughout the entire research and innovation ecosystem,

from ideation to product.

This year's Academia-Research and Innovation Fair, which is under the theme "Accelerating Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Partnership with Industry", is aimed at bringing together the Academia, Industry and other key stakeholders to exhibit their products and services, interact and identify needs and potential solutions, and initiate co-creation of solutions and products for the benefit of society and humanity. This Fair is further aimed to foster long-lasting collaboration and partnership between key stakeholders in Academia and Industry to impact society and humanity at large. The theme of the Fair highlights the need for collaboration and partnership in addressing all the SDGs and advancing progress towards their attainment. This is very necessary, if we are to leave no one behind, which is a central goal of the SDGs.

During this Fair, there will be a needs assessment forum with key stakeholders from varied industries for each of our five colleges. It is expected that participants of this session will create long-lasting partnerships and networks for collective benefits. The Fair will also showcase several creative research outputs and entrepreneurial initiatives. There will also be master classes on various important subjects to be facilitated

by very experienced industry players to harness, nurture and prepare students for the world of work. In addition, there will be idea challenge, which is a platform for industry players to scout innovative ideas among students.

We look forward to a very fruitful Fair which will create a long-term partnership to accelerate progress towards the SDGs and beyond.

We would like to thank the following sponsors for their donations towards the Fair:

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- DRIC, UCC
- D-Hub, UCC

We would also like to thank all the resource persons, the University Management, the Fair Planning Committee, the entrepreneurs and exhibitors, the Colleges and all who have contributed in various ways towards this important event.

*Thank you.*

# DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND CONSULTANCY

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Consultancy (DRIC) (<https://dric.ucc.edu.gh>) was established in 2013 to coordinate all research, innovation and consultancy activities of UCC as well as oversee and facilitate the conduct of research by creating an enabling environment to nurture creativity and innovation in the University. Thus, the Directorate takes full responsibility for all funded research projects in the University and ensures strict compliance with institutional and national policies, regulations and conditions of extramural funding as well as those

of funding agencies. It also has four sections, namely Research Development and Publications; Grant Sourcing and Contracts Management; Industry and Innovation; and Consultancy and Extension Services. The Industry and Innovation section seeks to institutionalise the engagement of UCC researchers with industry players, social laboratories and policy-makers. The Directorate has an institutional membership with the West African Research and Innovation Management Association (WARIMA) and the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA).

## VISION

To have a Research, Innovation and Consultancy Directorate that is strongly positioned with a worldwide acclaim.

## MISSION

To oversee research and consultancy services engaged in by individuals and groups in the University; implement the University's research agenda; and create a conducive environment to nurture creativity and innovation.

## CORE VALUES

The DRIC is guided by the UCC's core values in its operations. The Directorate is committed to the following core values:



**Excellence:** We seek to pursue excellence through high standards in research, innovation and consultancy activities. We are committed to continuous training to foster a high expertise level and equip researchers with relevant tools for high performance. We also continuously strive to improve our operations and activities to increase our relevance in the field and impact on society.

**Professionalism:** Our service, actions and behaviours are timely and to a higher standard of conduct and responsibility. We promote responsible research, innovation and consultancy practices in alignment with ethical principles.

**Integrity:** We believe in fairness, respect, honesty and transparency in our daily activities to build trust and understanding. We also hold our members accountable for their actions and conduct in a way that promotes the integrity of the Directorate.

**Empowerment:** We seek to ensure that everyone can fulfil their potential in research, innovation and consultancy.

**Innovation:** We embrace creativity and reflective and analytical thinking to promote research, innovation, and consultancy.



**PROF. DAVID TEYE DOKU**  
DIRECTOR



**PROF. DORCAS OBIRI-YEBOAH**  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR



**DR. BRANDFORD BERVEL**  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR



# DESIGN THINKING AND INNOVATION HUB(D-HUB)

The Design Thinking and Innovation Hub (D-Hub) is mandated to build the entrepreneurial skills and ideas of the entire University community. It provides an interactive platform for faculty, students (postgraduates and undergraduates) and experienced industry players from Ghana and beyond to build synergies needed to enhance the creation of viable and sustainable businesses. D-Hub seeks to develop change agents in its community to solve societal problems through design thinking, technology transfer, diffusion of innovation and continuous improvement.

## VISION

To make the University a world-class entrepreneurial University aimed at addressing the problems associated with graduate unemployment, job creation and economic growth.

## MISSION

To develop change agents in its community, stimulate the establishment and growth of start-up firms and other businesses, and help solve societal problems through design thinking, technology transfer, diffusion of innovation and continuous improvement.

## Core Mandate

**Professional Skills Development:** In the D-Hub runs several forms of short-term collaboration with other hubs and units, training programmes to equip clients to

create innovative ideas and churn them out into commercial and social projects or enterprises. Training sessions are co-created with students, faculty, staff and members of the community to connect the knowledge and skills transferred in the training to course development and delivery, co-curricular activities and community projects.

**Business Development:** The D-Hub's business development programme involves the provision of value-added services that create an enabling environment for enterprise growth, to incubated and non-incubated entrepreneurs as well as academic units. Through activities such as training, pitching events, fairs, exhibitions, and professional network and relationship support, clients get access to financial and non-financial resources as well as market opportunities.

**Incubation and Acceleration:** The D-Hub's incubation and acceleration programme is a 3-year structured



programme aimed at providing selected start-up enterprises and projects with value-added services that are necessary for their growth and survival in a competitive business environment. The services provided to incubatees include regular business review meetings, personal project manager coaching, access to co-working spaces, access to a test laboratory for the development and prototyping of ideas, seed capital funding, professional skills development, and business development support.

**Career Support:** This involves organising impactful and industry-relevant career development programmes to improve the academic and career trajectories of the University community. These programmes aim to enhance skills development in CV writing, interview preparations and job hunting to increase the accessibility of jobs.

**Community Service:** This involves the use of co-curricular activities to encourage empathy, collaboration, creativity, action and curiosity among students, staff and faculty to solve real, complex, and unexpected problems confronting the University and the Society. These activities serve as an opportunity for participants to practice and master the process and mindset of design thinking. The aim is to build transformational leaders who will act as agents of change in their communities.

**Dr. Keren Naa Abeka Arthur**  
**Director, D-Hub**

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE ACADEMIA-INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FAIR COMMITTEE

Name	Designation	Membership Status
Prof. Dorcas Obiri-Yeboah	Deputy Director (DRIC)	Chairperson
Dr. Keren Naa Abeka Arthur	Director (D-Hub)	Co-Chairperson
Dr. Brandford Bervell	Deputy Director (DRIC)	Member
Dr. Millicent A. Aning-Agyei	Research Fellow (DRIC)	Member
Dr. Akua T. Buabeng-Boateng	Jnr. Asst. Registrar (DRIC)	Member
Mr. Peter K. Mensah Konadu	Accountant (DRIC)	Member
Mr. Nathaniel Ampah	Prin. Admin. Asst. (Graphic Designer) (DIS)	Member
Mr. Christopher Aggrey	Snr. Admin. Asst. (DAA)	Member
Mr. William Papa A. Jacobs	Snr. Admin. Asst. (Graphic Designer) (CoDE)	Member
Mr. Isaac Nketsiah	Asst. Research Fellow (DRIC)	Co-Opted Member
Mrs. Eunice Amoako Mensah	Chief Admin. Asst. (D-Hub)	Member/Secretary

# PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Date	Time	Activity
Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> July, 2023	<b>Session 1: Opening Ceremony</b>	
	8:00 a.m. - 8:05 a.m.	Opening Prayer – Chaplaincy Unit
	8:05 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Welcome Address – Vice Chancellor
	8:15 a.m. - 8:20 a.m.	Purpose of the Fair – Director, DRIC
	8:20a.m. - 8:25 a.m.	Organisation of the Fair – Director, D-Hub
	8:25 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Closing Remarks – Vice Chancellor
	<b>Session 2: Guided Tour of Exhibitions and Inventions</b>	
	8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Tour of Entrepreneurial Initiatives
	9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Tour of Creative Research Outputs
	<b>Session 3: Industry Needs Assessment Forum</b> <i>[Round table discussion]</i>	
	11:00 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.	Welcome and Purpose
	11:05 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Self-Introduction by Participants
	11:15 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.	Discussion 1 [ <i>Creative Research Output and Industry Needs Mapping</i> ]
	11:35 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.	Discussion 2 [ <i>Research Gaps in Industry</i> ]
11:55 a.m. - 12:15 a.m.	Discussion 3 [ <i>Collaborative Action Planning</i> ]	
12:15 a.m. - 12:55 p.m.	Presentations [ <i>Summary of Ideas from Discussions</i> ]	
12:55 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks	

Date	Time	Activity
<b>Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2023</b>	<b>Session 4: World of Work Master Classes with Industry Captains I [<i>Concurrent Session</i>]</b>	
	8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Presentation 1 and Discussion [ <i>Equipping Youth People for the World of Work</i> ] – Ms. Hamdiya Ismaila  Presentation 2 and Discussion [ <i>Communication at the Workplace</i> ] – Ms. Baaba Cofie  Presentation 3 and Discussion [ <i>Workplace Culture</i> ] – Maame Ekuia Gaisey  Presentations 4 and Discussion [ <i>Bridging the Gap – The Linkage between School and Workplace</i> ] – Madam Ama Gyan  Presentation 5 and Discussion [ <i>Identifying Agripreneur Opportunities in the Workplace</i> ] – Mr. Ohene Dampety
	<b>Session 5: World of Work Master Classes with Industry Captains II [<i>Concurrent Session</i>]</b>	
	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Presentation 1 and Discussion [ <i>Equipping Youth People for the World of Work</i> ] – Ms. Hamdiya Ismaila  Presentation 2 and Discussion [ <i>Communication at the Workplace</i> ] – Ms. Baaba Cofie  Presentation 3 and Discussion [ <i>Workplace Culture</i> ] – Maame Ekuia Gaisey  Presentations 4 and Discussion [ <i>Bridging the Gap – The Linkage between School and Workplace</i> ] – Madam Ama Gyan  Presentation 5 and Discussion [ <i>Identifying Agripreneur Opportunities in the Workplace</i> ] – Mr. Ohene Dampety
	<b>Session 6: Students' Idea Challenge</b>	
	2:00 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.	Pitching by Finalists for the Idea Challenge
	2:25 p.m. - 2:35 p.m.	Collation of Results & Reflections on 2 Days' Fair Activities
	2:35 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.	Announcement of Results and Presentations
	<b>Session 7: Closing Ceremony</b>	
	2:40 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Closing Remarks – Vice Chancellor
	2:45 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.	Closing Prayer – Chaplaincy Unit
	2:50 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Photography



# LIST OF CREATIVE RESEARCH OUTPUT AND ENTREPRENEURIAL INITIATIVES

## Creative Research Output

The list of creative research output for the Fair is as follows:

S/N	Inventor(s)	Description of Invention
1.	Dr. Kwodwo Dompheh	Solar controlled finite-state traffic lights
2.	Dr. Samuel Acheampong	Tissue culture technology for large-scale plant material production
3.		Local reagent for Polymerase Chain Reaction Experiment
4.	Dr. Ama Kyeraa Thomford; & Kwesi Prah	Herbal product and natural oils
5.	Dr. Francis Kumi	Semi-automatic vegetable seedling transplanter
6.		Chicken de-feathering machine
7.		Clay-tube irrigation system
8.	Prof. Samuel Kofi Tulashie; Francis Agyei; John Abraham; & Enoch Aidoo	Natural insecticide for fall army worm control
9.		Low-cost shea nut rotary roasting machine
10.		Portland pozzolana cement from agricultural waste
11.		Technology for converting plastic waste into fuel and pavement blocks
12.		Local mouthwash from natural agro-based products
13.		Coconut milk product
14.	Prof. P. K. Buah-Bassuah;	Algorithm-based protocol for counting malaria parasites
15.	Prof. Moses J. Eghan; Prof.	Cassava mosaic disease severity detection technology
16.	Benjamin Anderson; Prof.	Herbal plant characterisation and classification technology
17.	Johnson N. Boampong; Dr. Jerry Opoku-Ansah; Dr. Peter Osci-Wusu Adueming; Dr. Charles L. Y. Amuah; & Angela G. Akyea	Optical device using a visible light
18.	Dr. Branford Bervell; Irfan Nuafal Umar; Jeya Amantha Kumar; Dr. Beatrice Asante Somuah; & Dr. Valentina Arkoful	Methodological innovations for online and blended teaching and learning
19.	Dr. Christiana Anderson	Biochar and recycled art from waste
20.	Prof. Aaron Tettey Asare	New cowpea and soyabean varieties; and Production for ethanol from sugarcane

## Entrepreneurial Initiatives

The list of entrepreneurial initiatives for the Fair is as follows:

S/N	Entrepreneur(s)	Business Name	Description
1.	Kadmiel Adjetej; Kofi Amankwah; & Roselyn Acquah	Cocoterriene	Using a coconut husk as a growth medium for growing plant.
2.	Lorraine C. T. Damenguah; & Deborah A. K. Boateng	Felis bulk food service	Bulk food preparation and delivery services
3.	Pearl Sitsofe Bani; & Jemila Ahmed Kanton	Popsi cream and crunch	Natural fruit ice cream
4.	Zenobia Wooduwa Asmah	Zenags Organics	Organic product for hair growth
5.	Michael Faba	Breadwyfe	Production of bread pizza
6.	Sulemana Mohammed; Aishatu Ameen; Justice Turzin; & Abdul Mueez Otoo	Jassgrow Ltd.	Organic fertilizer
7.	Bright Kordorwo	Plantaide	An app to detect plant diseases
8.	Samuel Kofi Annan	Agyenkwa	A smokeless oven using biogas
9.	Abigail Ampofo	Pakways	Healthy pro biotic yogurt production
10.	Esther Boatemaa & CO	Bliss	A nutritious drink and cookies made from dates and millet
11.	Victoria Kwakye & CO	Group of victory	Muff cookies and Top notch millet drink
12.	Joviana Efua Dick	Jovy Star	Spring rolls made from vegetable flour
13.	Ruth Owusuwaa & Co	Dendal cereal mix	A cereal made from a mixture of vegetables and fruits
14.	Gloria Kwaku-Anim	GAASEC	A gluten free snack
15.	Samuella Kwapong Apesiwah; & Co	Tropical crunch	The production of granola
16.	Edna Shebusah; & Co	Pumpkin bread	Nutritious moist bread made with pumpkin
17.	Eldelberta Ampong-Fosu; & Co	JEANAL	An orange flesh potato juice
18.	Adwoa Boatemaa	Coats & Scrub	Production of coats and scrubs
19.	Irmgard Loretta Ackah	Yiba fresh	Healthy fruit and vegetable juice
20.	Martha Opoku	Ahenkan foods	Healthy shito

## INDUSTRIES FOR NEEDS ASSESSMENT

1. Regional Director of Education
2. Regional Coordinator of Basic and Senior High Schools
3. Regional Coordinator of Early Childhood Education
4. Head of Inspectorate of Ghana Education Service (GES)
5. Guidance and Counselling Coordinator
6. Civil Child Coordinator
7. Human Resource Personnel, GES
8. Planning Officer, GES
9. Special Education Coordinator, GES
10. Regional Chairperson, Association of Private Schools, Central Region
11. Cooperative Fashion Designers, Assin Fosu
12. Pharmaceutical Council
13. Nurses and Midwives Council
14. Medical and Dental Council
15. Chief Executive Officer, Cape Coast Teaching Hospital (CCTH)
16. GEO Energy
17. Ghana Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Central Region
18. Ghana Enterprise Agency
19. Social Welfare and Community Development, Central Region
20. Ghana Standards Authority
21. Regional Director of Agric.
22. Regional Agric. Officer in Charge of Livestock
23. Regional Agric. Officer in Charge of Crops
24. Regional Agric. Officer in Charge of Women in Agric. Development
25. Regional Veterinary Officer
26. President, Central Regional Farmers Association
27. Regional NIAD Officer
28. Preventive Health Care
29. Ghana National Petroleum Corporation Foundation
30. Technical and Vocational Education and Training

## LIST OF SELECTED STUDENTS FOR IDEA CHALLENGE

1. Samuella A. Kwamong & Co – Healthy snacks from root tubers and nuts
2. Gloria Kwaku-Anim & Co – Sorghum Bambara flour
3. Okoe Kofi – Refillable whiteboard markers
4. Abanga Abdul-Karim Ibrahim – Low cost wind turbine technology for households
5. Mohammed Muhi-deen Wonwana – Automated system that streamlines stool emulsification and analysis

## PROFILE OF MASTER CLASS FACILITATORS



### **MS. HAMDIYA ISMAILA**

She is the General Manager of the Ghana Venture Capital Trust Fund (VCTF). She has over 21 years' experience in Finance and Investments and over 14 years' experience in Venture Capital and Private Equity investing. Over this period, she has led Venture Capital and Private Equity ecosystem development in Ghana through education and influencing policy and regulatory outcomes for the industry. Prior to joining VCTF, she served as a Deputy Director at the Ministry for Private Sector

Development, where she led in the provision of business advisory services, financing arrangements, enterprise support services, skills development, entrepreneurship training, and promotional workshops for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises. Ms. Ismaila was instrumental in the design of the Ghana Angel Investor Network (GAIN) and chaired the Ghana Taskforce which successfully established Impact Investing Ghana (IIGH). She is also the Director of the Ghana Angel Fund and a Founder of the Lady Angel Network which invests in women-owned/led businesses. She is a Fellow of the 2019 Class of the Aspen Finance Leaders Fellowship and a Member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network. She holds an Executive Certificate in Private Equity and Venture Capital from Harvard Business School, a Master of Public Administration from Columbia University in the City of New York, BBA (Sum Cum Laude) from Monroe College and an LLB degree from the GIMPA Law School.



### **MAAME EKUA GAISEY**

She is a leading Culture Transformation Consultant, Strategist and Human Resource Executive. Over the past 15 years, Maame Ekua has supported organisations to grow their human capital, set up their strategies or align existing ones and helped them develop thriving and profitable organisational cultures. Maame is the Managing Partner of Five Six Five Limited, an organisation that focuses on supporting entities

with culture transformation, business strategy, leadership development, organisational development and personal growth. Her experience spans various industries. She has worked in multi-national and local Ghanaian firms of different sizes and existence. Her experience spans Africa and honed her business understanding and leadership in a regional role (11 countries & 32 operational sites). Maame is particularly skilled in facilitating conversations that bring up growth-oriented (business & people) strategies. Her facilitation sessions seek to merge the why (mission), the where (vision), the what (strategy) and the how (culture) to deliver business results.



## **MS. BAABA COFIE**

She is a Managing Partner at Mahogany Consult, a Public Relations, Events and Change Management Consultancy. She is the Acting Dean and a Lecturer at the School of Communication Studies, Wisconsin International University College. Baaba is also the founder of Live, Move, Have your Being (LMB) – a Christian not-for-profit organisation that seeks to empower families to manage and overcome fertility and pregnancy challenges.

She holds an MPhil degree in Communication Studies. She has served as a facilitator for workshops, including the World Bank’s Media Engagement Workshop on Natural Capital Accounting; and a panel member for the 2020 Professionals Day (Department of Public Relations, University of Professional Studies) and the 2019 Women In PR Ghana Summit.



## **MADAM AMA GYAN**

She is a Financial Inclusion Expert with sound experience in business development. She is skilled in stakeholder engagement and communication with over 16 years of providing companies and communities with successful solutions to sustainable business identification and livelihood enhancement. Madam Ama has demonstrable experience in facilitating an inclusive entrepreneurship programme that



provides jobs to marginalised populations. She serves as the Inclusive Business and Employment Specialist for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Feed the Future Ghana Trade & Investment (FtF-GTI) project under ACDI/VOCA. She also serves as the Inclusive Finance Expert (USAID FtF-Market Systems Resilience) under ACDI/VOCA. Her core qualifications are in Inclusive finance, Stakeholder engagement and communication, Business development, Operation management, Youth empowerment, New product Identification and development, and Agribusiness development. She holds an MBA in Total Quality Management (University of Professional Studies Accra UPSA), a Certificate in Project Management (Academy for International Business Organisations [AIBO], China) and a BSc degree in Development Studies (Valley View University).

## **MR. OHENE DAMPTEY**



He is a Traceability Technical Specialist at the USAID FtF-GTI, Accra. Mr. Damptey is an adept project management specialist with 18 years of combined professional experience in project coordination, agribusiness value chain development and sustainable SME financing. He is a seasoned international consultant in youth development, produce traceability and rural agriculture development in the West African sub-region. He has proven working experience with USAID, MasterCard Foundation, UN-FAO,

UN-WFP, UNIDO, EU, GIZ, among others. He also has international working experience in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Kenya, Uganda, South Africa, USA and Australia. Mr. Damptey holds a Masters degree (Agribusiness/ Agricultural Business Operations) from the University of Queensland, an MBA (Information Technology) from Coventry University, and a BSc degree (General Agriculture) from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology.

## ASSESSORS FOR STUDENTS' IDEA CHALLENGE

Ms. Hamdiya Ismaila	<i>General Manager, Ghana Venture Capital Trust Fund (VCTF)</i>
Mr. Ato Van-Ess	<i>Chairperson, Sekondi-Takoradi Chamber of Commerce and Industry</i>
Maame Ekuia Gaisey	<i>Managing Partner, Five Six Five Limited</i>
Ms. Baaba Cofie	<i>Managing Partner, Mahogany Consult; &amp; Acting Dean of School of Communication Studies, Wisconsin International University College</i>

## PARTICIPATING SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

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