



GDDA-UK 20th Annual Health Conference & Dinner Dance 2025

Saturday 11th October 2025 | 09:30am

Hotel La Tour, Milton Keynes

PROGRAMME BOOKLET

Theme: Advancing Community Health-
Primary Care Perspectives from Ghana and
the UK

Welcome Address



DR JACQUELINE BAMFO

President of GDDA-UK
MBBS BSc MD (Res) FRCOG
Consultant Obstetrician, Maternal Fetal Medicine
Sub-specialist

Her Excellency Mrs Sabah Zita Benson, Ghana High Commissioner to the UK, Hon. Dr. Mark Kurt Nawaane, Member of Parliament for Nabdam, Chairman, Parliamentary Select Committee on Health Hon. Dr Nana Ayew Afriye, Member of Parliament for Effiduase/Asokore Ranking, Parliamentary Select Committee on Health, Prof Agyeman Badu Akosa, Chairman of the Medical and Dental Council, Dr William Kedjanyi, Past President GDDA-UK, Dr Divine Banyubala, the Registrar, Medical and Dental Council, Ghana, Prof Sandra Hewlett, Dean of University of Ghana Dental School, Professor Henry Lawson, Vice-Rector Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons, Dr Robert Cann, GP, Past-President GDDA-UK), Dr Dominic Oduro-Donkor, Vice President GDDA-UK, Dr Hanah Brew, GP and Occupational Health Physician, Dr Conrad Buckle, Emergency medicine Consultant, International delegates, invited guests, GDDA-UK members, it is my privilege and honour to welcome you all on behalf of our GDDA-UK executive body to our 20th Annual Conference at Hotel La Tour, Milton Keynes.

GDDA-UK has been doing this for 20 years. This 20th year, we have come to Milton Keynes, home of many of the founding GDDA - UK members

This year's Health Conference Theme: Advancing Community Health: Primary Care Perspectives from Ghana and the UK brings together a varied international expertise.

Primary care is the first port of call for many patients. It offers preventative healthcare at its best and care at the point of need.

Our distinguished speakers will discuss the pertinent primary care issues in the Ghanaian Community in the UK and Ghana.

Prof Sandra Hewlett will discuss community dental practice in Ghana. Professor Henry Lawson will be discussing family medicine in Ghana and how it is evolving. Dr Robert Cann will discuss the primary care issues of note in the Ghanaian Community in the UK.

Dr Hannah Brew will be taking us through advancing community health through social prescribing in Ghana and the UK.

Dr Dominic Oduro-Donkor will discuss the opportunities that Artificial Intelligence has in facilitating improved healthcare in Ghana and the UK.

Dr Conrad Buckle, will be moderating a panel discussion on the future of primary care and integrating perspectives from Ghana with all speakers.

Dr Pamela Abban Ohene Djan, an executive member of GDDA-UK, will report on the highly successful landmark Ghana International Dental Scientific Conference, which was held in May 2025.

It promises to be a wonderful morning of learning and sharing.

During the day, there will be opportunity to catch up and network amongst friends and colleagues. This evening, we will be welcoming you to our Fundraising Dinner dance.

This year, we are launching the GDDA-UK Legacy Awards, to recognise doctors and dentists that have made a great contribution to healthcare in the UK and Ghana.

The categories are: Rising Star Award, Contribution to the Field of Medicine, Contribution to the Field of Dentistry and Charity of Social Enterprise of Healthcare Impact in Ghana. I would like to congratulate the nominees for their commitment in improving healthcare for Ghanaians and the diaspora community in general.

I would like to thank the judges that have deliberated and selected the winners.

One lesson I have learned from networking with business entrepreneurs is the term PIVOT. To pivot is to make changes in strategy to better adapt to the current markets, needs or goals.

When I commenced my presidency, I outlined my vision for GDDA-UK and how we could pivot our strength and leverage our bargaining power. Twelve months later, we have made great inroads.

We have reached out to stakeholders and influential individuals in the medical and political industries to establish connections.

We have explored potential collaborations with the Ministry of Health in the form of a Diaspora Alliance, together with the Ghana Physicians and Surgeons Foundation of North America, the Trio Bridge Foundation, and the Ghana Nurses Association in the UK amongst others, and whilst this is a work in progress, we continue to have discussions.

We have become members of Action for Global Health, an influential membership network of more than 50 UK-based organisations working collaboratively on global health. Action for Global Health offers the opportunity to access and participate in campaigns that engage the global health community to drive progress towards SDG 3

We continue our outreach within the UK community of Ghanaian Doctors by running our Online Education Elevate Series with invited speakers.

We are pleased to announce Dr. Kofi Kusitor MBE, as Patron of the GDDA-UK.

As we approach the next twelve months, members, we continue to ask more of you, in particular, your time and your engagement.

Our fundraising Campaign this year aims to support the development of a Maternity High Dependency Unit at Cape Coast Maternity Department in Cape Coast Teaching Hospital in Ghana. We hope you will support this and give generously this evening.

Finally, I would like to thank the GDDA-UK local organising committee working with Mr Paul Akwaboah and Miss Linda Wayoe of Access Media Group in helping us with their excellent event hosting skills.

We are very grateful to our sponsors for their great generosity to GDDA-UK. A special thanks to Trasacco and OET as our top corporate sponsors.

We are also thankful for donations from Vintage Sips, Gold Coast Restaurant, Accra City Hotel, Interwoven Maternal and Child Health Community Interest Company, First National Bank, Mefie, Gydgen, Rosetone and Something Borrowed Events.

Once again, I would like to warmly welcome you all to our annual health conference and later tonight, to our Fundraising Dinner Dance this 11th October 2025 in Milton Keynes.

Dr Jacqueline Bamfo
President GDDA-UK

Programme of Events **Morning Session**

Health Conference

- 09:00** **Registration**
- 09:30** Welcome and Introduction: **Dr Kofi Mensah**, Secretary - GDDA-UK and **Dr Jacqueline Bamfo**, President GDDA-UK
- 09:35** Community Dental Practice in Ghana Speaker: **Prof Sandra Hewlett**, Dean of Dental School, Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, Accra, Ghana
- 10:00** Family Medicine in Ghana: Past, Present, and Future
Professor Henry Lawson, Vice-Rector GCPS, and Family Medicine Physician in Ghana
- 10:25** Primary Care Issues of Note in the Ghanaian
Community in the UK: **Dr Robert Cann** - GP, Past-President GDDAUK
- 10:50** Topic: Beyond the Pill: Advancing Community Health Through Social
Prescribing in Ghana and the UK
Dr Hannah Brew
- 11:10** **Tea & Coffee break, networking, visit sponsors**
- 11:40** **Hon. Mark Kurt Nawaane**, Member of Parliament for Nabdam
Chairman, Parliamentary Select Committee on Health
- 11:45** AI in Primary Care: Opportunities for Use in Ghana
Dr Dominic Oduro-Donkor
- 12:00** Remarks: **H.E. Sabah Zita Benson**, Ghana High Commissioner to the UK
- 12:05** **Dr Banyubala, Registrar**, Medical Dental Council Ghana.
- 12:15** **Hon. Nana Ayew Afriye**, Member of Parliament for Effiduase/Asoko
Ranking, Parliamentary Select Committee on Health
- 12:20** Panel Discussion: **Moderator Dr Conrad Buckle**
Topic: The Future of Primary Care: Integrating
Perspectives from Ghana and the UK Panellists: **All speakers**
- 13:00** Report on the International Dental Scientific Conference
Dr Pamela Abban Ohene-Djan, GDDA-Uk Executive
- 13:10** Final Remarks: **Professor Agyeman Badu Akosa**, Chairman MDC
- 13:20** Winning Abstract Presentation
- 13:25** Closing Remarks: **Dr Theophilus Teddy Kojo Anyomih**, Vice-Secretary
GDDA-UK
- 13:30** **LUNCH**

Programme of Events **Afternoon Session**

- 14:30** **AGM**
- 16:00** **Close of AGM**

Programme of Events Evening Session

Dinner & Dance

Time:18:00 –01:00

MC: Linda Wayoe (Chartered Banker & Executive Council Member, UKGCC)

18:00	Arrival of guests :	Drinks Reception
19:40	Call to seating:	Linda Wayoe (MC)
19:45	Opening Prayer:	Dr. Cann , GDDA-UK Trustees
19:50	Welcome Address:	Dr Kofi Mensah , Secretary, GDDA- UK
19:55	Remarks:	Dr Jacqueline Bamfo , President GDDA-UK
20:00	Address:	H. E Mrs Sabah Zita Benson Ghana High Commissioner to UK
20:10	Remarks by:	Professor Agyeman Badu Akosa , Chairman Medical and Dental Council
20:15	DINNER	
20:50	Remarks from our corporate Sponsor	Trasacco Properties Ltd
21:00	GDDA - UK Legacy Awards	Professor James Adjaye Ms Abena Serwaa Kirsty Osei-Bempong Legacy Award Judges
21:35	Fundraising and Raffle Draw:	Mr Dominic Oduro-Donkor Vice-President GDDA-UK
22:05	<i>Proposal of Toast:</i>	Dr Divine Banyubala Registrar, Medical and Dental Council Ghana (MDC)
22:10	<i>Reply to Toast:</i>	Dr Stephen Addai , Consultant Paediatrician
22:15	<i>and Vote of Thanks</i>	
22:15	<i>Music and Dancing</i>	
01:00	<i>Carriages</i>	

Keynote Speaker



H. E. Mrs Sabah Zita Benson

High Commissioner of the Republic of Ghana to the United Kingdom and Ireland

Her Excellency Sabah Zita Benson is a seasoned diplomat, lawyer, and public servant with over two decades of leadership in governance, law, and international relations. She has held several key ministerial roles, including Minister for Information—where she modernized Ghana’s communication systems—and Minister for Tourism, where she spearheaded major policy reforms and oversaw the construction of the Accra Visitors Information Centre.

She later served as Ghana’s Ambassador to the Czech Republic, with concurrent accreditation to Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, and North Macedonia, advancing trade and diplomatic relations across Central and Eastern Europe. In 2025, she made history as Ghana’s first female High Commissioner to the United Kingdom and Ireland.

H.E. Benson holds degrees in English and Law from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, an LLB and an LL.M. in Oil and Gas Law from the University of Ghana, and is a Barrister of the Ghana Bar.

She is widely recognized as a trailblazer for women in leadership, being the youngest female Minister and youngest Ambassador ever appointed in Ghana, and now the country’s first female High Commissioner to the UK and Ireland.

Married to pharmacist Bobby Benson, with whom she has three children, H.E. Benson is committed to mentorship, family, and the empowerment of emerging leaders—particularly women.



Speaker Profile

**HON. MARK KURT
NAWAANE**

Member of Parliament

**Member of Parliament for Nabdam
Chairman, Parliamentary Select Committee on Health**



Speaker Profile

**HON. NANA AYEWE
AFRIYE**

Member of Parliament

**Member of Parliament for Effiduase/Asokore
Ranking, Parliamentary Select Committee on Health**



New Patron

DR. KOFI KUSITOR MBE

GDDA-UK Patron

We are delighted to announce Dr. Kofi Kusitor MBE, as Patron of the Ghanaian Doctors and Dentist Association-UK Charity (GDDA-UK).

Dr. Kusitor is the founder of Colourful™, a UK-based company on a mission to 'uplift the everyday for everyone' through music, conversation, and media that connects. With a background in Computing, Law, and Business, Kofi has spent over 25 years at the forefront of digital media, carving out space for underrepresented voices and creating platforms that centre Black British life.

From his early days as a software developer, he went on to launch The Colourful Network (TCN), including pioneering platforms like Black Britain Online, the Black Enterprise Awards, and Colourful Radio, one of the UK's first licensed Black-owned radio stations.

In 2006, he was honoured with an MBE for 'Services to Business' and has since gone on to advise operators in the radio, television, exhibition and podcast spaces. Today, he serves as Executive Producer at Colourful, while also representing select songwriters and composers. He's also focused on expanding the Colourful brand across global markets into streaming TV and AI.

We are greatly honoured that Dr Kusitor has agreed to support our organisation and our activities to promote equitable healthcare for Ghanaians in the UK and in Ghana.

Dr Jacqueline Bamfo
On behalf of GDDA-UK Executives



Speaker Profile

PROF. AGYEMAN BADU AKOSA

**Chairman of the Medical and Dental
Council**

Prof. Agyeman Badu Akosa is a retired Professor of Pathology at the University of Ghana Medical School, a former Director General of the Ghana Health Service and Past Presidents of the Ghana Medical Association and the Commonwealth Medical Association.

Prof. Akosa has special interest in Dermatopathology and General Wellness and speaks on Ethics and Professionalism.

He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists, West African College of Physicians and the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons. He also a Fellow of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences and Commander of the Order of St John (UK).

Prof. Akosa is a recipient of the Second Highest National Award, the Companion of the Order of the Volta.

He serves as Chairman of the Medical and Dental Council.



Speaker Profile

DR DIVINE BANYUBALA

**BSc.,LLB, BL, MA,MBChB,PhD
Registrar, MDC Ghana**

Dr. Divine Ndonbi Banyubala is a Physician by primary training and also a legal practitioner. He holds a Masters and PhD degrees in Bioethics and Medical Jurisprudence from the School of Law, the University of Manchester in the UK. He has vast experience in healthcare Ethics and Law (Bioethics and Medical Jurisprudence), health policy, professional regulation, ethics education, research ethics and ethics governance.

Dr Banyubala founded and headed Ghana's first Medico-Legal Department at the Ministry of Health located in the Office of the Director-General of Ghana Health Service where he helped institutionalise ethics and law into health care training, practice, and policy. He also consulted for the West African Health Organisation (WAHO) on national research ethics governance for the West African Sub-region to facilitate international collaboration and partnership in science and health related research. He is a reviewer for the Medical Law International Journal. He is an Adjunct lecturer at the School of Law and the Business School both of the University of Ghana.

Dr Banyubala is currently the Registrar/Chief Executive Officer of the Medical and Dental Council, Ghana. A Board member of the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons (GCPS), a Board member of the National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA), a member of the Legal Committee of the Association of Medical Councils of Africa (AMCOA), the Chairman of the Finance Committee and Management Committee member of AMCOA, the Chair-Elect of the International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA), a member of the Ghana Medical Association (GMA) and a member of the Ghana Bar Association (GBA).



Speaker Profile

PROFESSOR HENRY LAWSON

Vice Rector of the Ghana College of
Physicians and Surgeons

Professor Henry Lawson is the Vice Rector of the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons. He completed his basic medical training at the University of Ghana Medical School in 1992. He earned his Membership in Family Medicine in March 2002 and was awarded his Fellowship in 2006. He was elected a Fellow of Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons in 2010.

He joined the University of Ghana Medical School as the first lecturer in Family Medicine in March 2007 and rose through the ranks to become the first Associate Professor of Family Medicine in UGMS in December 2024. He has trained about 150 trained family physicians and his research interests focus on non-communicable diseases in primary care and medical education.

Professor Lawson is the Foundation Chief Examiner for the Physician Assistant Licensing Examination in of the Medical and Dental Council in Ghana since 2014. He has served on several Committees of the Food and Drugs Authority of Ghana and is the current Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee on Clinical Trials.

He serves as a consultant for the Ghana Tertiary Education Committee and Medical and Dental Council of Ghana He has served as an inspector for accreditation of Family Medicine postgraduate training centres in Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Liberia and The Gambia.

He served as the Africa Regional President and a Global Executive Council Member of the World Organisation of Family Doctors (WONCA) from 2016 to 2018. He is a member of the Interim African Union Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee (AU-PRAC) of the Africa Union.

He also holds professional qualifications in administration and is a Chartered Professional Administrator (ChPA) and a Chartered Management Consultant.



Speaker Profile

DR KOFI MENSAH

Secretary, GDDA-UK

Dr. Kofi Mensah is the current Secretary of the Ghanaian Doctors and Dentists Association-UK (GDDA).

He works as an Anaesthetist at Milton Keynes University Hospital. He is a Fellow of the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons as well as a Fellow of the Royal College of Anaesthetists (UK). Dr. Mensah holds the distinction of being the first Regional and Interventional Pain Specialist trained by the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons.

He is deeply passionate about teaching, training, and mentoring the next generation of healthcare professionals.

Dr. Mensah is married to Dr. Marie-Stella Essilfie, a General Practitioner, and they are proud parents of three children.



Speaker Profile

PROFESSOR SANDRA AMA HEWLETT

**BDS, M.Clin.Dent (Prosthodontics),FGCPS,
FWACS,PhD Dean, University
ofGhanaDentalSchool, Accra**

Prof Sandra Ama Hewlett, the acting dean of the University of Ghana Dental School assumed office on the 1st of August 2023.

An alumna of the school, she graduated with a BDS in 1999, and thereafter pursued a master's degree at the University of London, obtaining anM. Clin. Dent in prosthodontics in 2005.

In 2007 she was appointed a lecturer in the Department of Restorative Dentistry at the University of Ghana Dental School, where she taught prosthodontics till July 2016 when she was appointed a Senior Lecturer in the Department.

In 2018 she was appointed the head of the department until recently.

Prof Hewlett holds a Fellowship in Prosthodontics from the West African College of Surgeons, a Fellowship in Restorative Dentistry from the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons and a PhD in Public Health. Her research interests include ageing and oral health of older adults and tooth loss particularly edentulism and its effect on systemic health.

Sandra has an extensive list of publications including peer reviewed journal articles and book chapters.

Prof Sandra Hewlett is married to Dr Vincent Kwaku Hewlett and they have three sons.



Speaker Profile

DR ROBERT CANN

Dr Robert Cann [BSc. MBChB. MRCP. DFSRH. DRCOG.CDC(Warwick). PG Cert in SLAMEH

A past President of the GDDAUK and been a member of the GDDAUK for more than 10 years and currently one of the trustees of the GDDA-UK.

Trained at the School of Medical Sciences at the KNUST, Ghana and had postgraduate training in the UK.

Full time GP and currently a partner in a large training practice in Kent in Southeast London. Special Interest in Diabetes and Obesity as well as Safeguarding.

Passion for Teaching and Mentoring and until a few years ago was a Clinical Supervisor at the practice. I have a passion for and been involved in community health education of the Ghanaian and Afro-Caribbean community in the UK via the medium of radio, social media, TV and community groups.

A pastor by calling and has been a pastor for more than 10 years, currently functioning as a marriage minister and a registrar of marriages at the First Love Church, UK, a denomination of the Lighthouse Group of Churches. Most of weekends are spent officiating weddings.

A published author whose first book was published in 2021, a Christian book designed to help young people fulfil their potential.

Married with 3 kids

Loves reading and writing.

Loves all things sports especially soccer & supports the best team in London, Arsenal.



Speaker Profile

DR PAMELA ABBAN OHENE DJAN

**BDS, LDS RCS Eng, MSc, MA, FGCPs,
Cert Ed Psychometrics**

BDS, LDS RCS Eng, MSc, MA, FGCPs, Cert Ed Psychometrics

Dr Pamela Abban Ohene Djan, is a Dental Surgeon of over 30yrs, an educationist, international lecturer, examiner and author.

She is a fellow of the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Royal Society of Medicine, and has a Master's degree in Restorative Dentistry from University of Manchester UK.

She runs her own dental practice in London where she provides a full complement of dental services as well as non-surgical medical aesthetics. Dr Abban Ohene Djan is a Chief External Examiner for the General Dental Council UK, and a visiting senior lecturer at University of Ghana Dental School, Korle Bu.

Her keen interest in good pedagogic principals and assessment led her to undertake a Master's degree in Educational Assessment at the Institute of Education, London. She also has a certificate in Psychometrics in Educational Assessment from University of Cambridge.

In 2002, Dr Abban Ohene Djan started her own school, East Airport International School, Accra, a bastion of educational excellence.

During the pestilent times of Covid, she authored and published her book, Student's English Guide, Grammar and Literary Terms.

She is an executive member of the Ghanaian Doctors and Dentists Association UK and the Conference Convener for the Ghana International Dental Scientific Conference.



Speaker Profile

DR HANNAH BREW

MBChB, MRCGP, MPH, DRCOG, DOccMed

Dr Hannah Brew is a British-Ghanaian GP and Occupational Health Physician in the NHS. With dual qualifications from Ghana and the UK, she holds a Master's in Public Health and diplomas in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, in addition to Occupational Medicine.

Dr Brew is also a Corporate Wellbeing & Inclusion Consultant , Keynote ynote Speaker and Podcaster for UK IMGs.

She helps organisations and individuals thrive by bridging the gap between technical efficiency and human wellbeing.

As a GP and Occupational Health Physician with deep personal insight into chronic illness, she speaks with lived authority on how to sustain mental and physical health, especially in high-pressure environments.

Whether it's through keynote speeches, consultancy, or team workshops, she guide's leaders and employees alike to build resilience, reduce burnout, and foster a culture where wellness isn't just a buzzword.



Speaker Profile

DR DOMINIC ODURO-DONKOR

Vice-President, GDDA-UK
MBChB, PGDip (Diabetes), MSc
(Endocrinology), MRCP(UK)

Dr. Dominic is a Specialist Registrar in Diabetes & Endocrinology and General Internal Medicine at University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire (WISDEM), where he also holds the position of Chief Registrar in one of the largest hospital trusts in the UK

Dr Oduro-Donkor is Vice-President of the Ghana Doctors and Dentists Association UK (GDDA-UK). He is an alumnus of Mfanstipim School and one of the first cohorts of medical students at the University of Cape Coast School of Medical Sciences. After completing his housemanship at Cape Coast Teaching Hospital, he worked there as a Medical Officer before moving to the UK in 2017.

He has since developed a strong clinical, academic, and leadership portfolio and was recently appointed as an Adjunct Lecturer in Internal Medicine at the new University of Energy and Natural Resources Medical School, Sunyani.

He is a Member of the Royal College of Physicians (UK), the Society for Endocrinology, the Association of British and Clinical Diabetologists, and other professional bodies. He has published in multiple peer-reviewed journals on obesity, diabetes, and endocrine hypertension.

He is passionate about mentorship, medical education, and leadership development, extending his expertise beyond clinical work. Dr Oduro-Donkor is particularly interested in digital health innovation, with a focus on the impact of artificial intelligence and telemedicine on improving healthcare access and equity in the UK and Ghana.

He is currently concentrating on digital health innovation, specifically AI and telemedicine, with the aim of fortifying health systems, diminishing inequalities, and intensifying UK-Ghana health partnerships and promotions.



Speaker Profile

MR THEOPHILUS TEDDY KOJO ANYOMIH

Vice -Secretary, GDDA-UK
General Surgery Trainee, NIHR PhD
Clinical Research Fellow

Mr Theophilus Teddy Kojo Anyomih is a General Surgery trainee and PhD Clinical Research Fellow at the NIHR Global Surgery Unit, University of Birmingham. Trained in Ghana and the UK, he combines frontline emergency general surgery with collaborative research on acute care, peri-operative outcomes, and surgical systems strengthening across income settings.

He is Principal Investigator of AllIGatOr, the world's largest global study on appendicitis, shaping international standards for acute surgical care. His portfolio includes systematic reviews and international cohort studies with GlobalSurg and Global PaedSurg, informing practice on surgical site infection, congenital anomalies, and emergency pathways.

Teddy's leadership and advocacy began early through founding and chairing InciSioN-Ghana. He created opportunities for students and junior doctors to engage in research, audit, and policy discussions in global surgery. He also launched the InciSioN Research Mentorship Programme, pairing competitively selected Ghanaian mentees with international mentors to deliver contextually relevant projects. This initiative built lasting skills in research, critical appraisal, and collaboration, establishing a sustainable mentorship pipeline that continues to shape careers.

A committed educator, Teddy is co-founder of Ace the MRCS (www.acethemrcs.com) and serves as faculty on the Cambridge Anastomosis Course in the UK, Malawi, and Ghana. His contributions have been recognised with awards including the Global Scholar Award at the World Congress of Surgery and the Royal College of Surgeons of England Research Fellowship, as well as invitations to present at the World Health Assembly (2025, Geneva) and the Tripartite ESCP Meeting (2025, Paris).



Moderator

Panel Discussion

DR CONRAD BUCKLE

Consultant in Emergency Medicine

Dr. Conrad Kwesi Buckle is a UK-based Consultant in Emergency Medicine, currently an Emergency Clinician with IC24Ltd NHS 111 UK telemedicine network.

He has been a founding figure in several key organisations shaping healthcare across Africa and the diaspora, including being a Founding Vice-President of the African Federation for Emergency Medicine (AFEM), Founding Fellow of the Faculty of Emergency Medicine at the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons (GCPS), a member of International Federation for Emergency Medicine (IFEM) Disaster Medicine Special Interest Group, and a past Vice-President and immediate past Chair of Education Committee of GDDA-UK.

As a respected clinician, strategist, and educator, Dr. Buckle has contributed to transformative projects in emergency systems development, disaster preparedness, and postgraduate education across the UK and Ghana.

He is committed to diaspora collaboration and capacity-building, and he continues to champion innovative (including AI use in healthcare), inclusive, and sustainable approaches to strengthening healthcare delivery and leadership on the continent.



Judge

PROFESSOR JAMES ADJAYE

Chair for Stem Cell Research and Regenerative Medicine and Director of the Institute for Stem Cell Research and Regenerative Medicine, Medical Faculty, Heinrich Heine University-Duesseldorf, Germany.

Prof. Dr. James Affram Adjaye is Chair for Stem Cell Research and Regenerative Medicine and Director of the Institute for Stem Cell Research and Regenerative Medicine, Medical Faculty, Heinrich Heine University-Duesseldorf, Germany.

Qualifications

BSc Biochemistry: University College of Cardiff.

MSc Biochemistry: University of Sussex- Brighton.

PhD (genetic manipulation and molecular biology): King's College London.

Positions held

Senior Scientist: Institute of Child Health, University College London (1995-2000)

Group leader of the Molecular Embryology and Aging Group at the Max Planck Institute for Molecular Genetics in Berlin-Germany (2001 -2015)

Director of the Institute for Stem Cell Research and Regenerative Medicine within the Faculty of Medicine at Heinrich-Heine-University, Duesseldorf- Germany (2012-)

Adjunct Professor: EGA Institute for Women's Health , University College London (2020-)

Research interest

My research encompasses systems biology-based projects both at the national and international level using stem cells to study kidney- associated diseases.

<https://www.uniklinik-duesseldorf.de/patienten-besucher/klinikeninstitutezentren/institut-fuer-stammzellforschung-und-regenerative-mezizin>

<https://profiles.ucl.ac.uk/92903-james-adjaye>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Adjaye



Judge

DR TEDDY TOTIMEH

Consultant Neurosurgeon, Accra

Dr Totimeh trained as a neurosurgeon in Ghana at the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital.

He completed a fellowship in Paediatric Neurosurgery at the Alderhey Children's Hospital, Liverpool.

He is active in neurosurgery advocacy and sits on the executive committees of International Society of Paediatric Neurosurgery, the Society for NeuroOncology SubSaharan Africa, Africa Partners Medical, the Science History Institute and Ghana Spina Bifida Foundation.

He runs a private neurosurgery practice at Accra Medical Center in Osu, Accra.



Judge

MS LOUISE MCGRATH

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Global Health Partnership (formerly THET)

Louise is an experienced leader of international development programmes and organisations with specific thematic expertise in health and social development and on policy influence.

Louise has geographic experience across Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America, and spent 12 years living and working in Brazil.

During her professional career working for a range of international health and development organisations, including NGOs and research institutes, Louise has developed a strong track-record in partnerships, programme design and management, capacity development and the generation and use of evidence to inform policy making and practice.

Louise has worked for Global Health Partnership (formerly THET) for the last 10 years, overseeing programmes and teams and supporting partnerships to drive improvements in health systems and the health workforce.

Originally trained as a nurse, Louise has a BSc in Philosophy and Sociology and an MSc in Environmental and Development Education.



Judge

KIRSTY ABENA SEWAA OSEI-BEMPONG

Founded AKADi Magazine

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Kirsty Abena Sewaa Osei-Bempong is a British-Ghanaian journalist with over 20 years of experience.

She founded AKADi Magazine in 2019 to inform, inspire and illuminate the achievements of Ghanaians in the Diaspora and the Motherland. The publication was established as a digital quarterly magazine and has since evolved into a monthly podcast.

Akadi means source of light in the Ewe language but also means to 'mark something' in Ga, and in Twi means to 'add seasoning' - to enhance a dish. Kirsty's work is featured in Graphic Ghana, UK's Voice Newspaper, and Songlines and online platforms including GhanaWeb, Modern Ghana and 44 Words.art.

Her work is cited in the Routledge academic journal Gold Coast (2015) and Danish economies of colonial guilt and in GAFICS Series on Outstanding Ghanaians Volume 1. Her work has inspired the launch of My Soho Times, the novel Corpo Seco and has contributed to an exhibition in Germany.



Judge

DR SARAH ANN FILSON

Consultant in Infection

Dr Sarah Ann Filson is a Consultant in Infection at London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust and a previous speaker at GDDA's annual conference. She has a Master of Public Health in Health Policy from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and has an interest in addressing healthcare inequalities.

Dr Filson was previously a Trustee for the Royal Society of Medicine and is currently a Trustee and co-chair of Mitchell City of London Charity and Educational Foundation. She was also a member of the TEDxEuston team that was focussed on changing the narrative about Africa and the diaspora.



Speaker Profile

LINDA WAYOE MBA, MCBI

Chartered Banker|Executive Council Member,
UK-Ghana Chamber of Commerce

Linda is an award-winning Chartered Banker, senior corporate executive, and international consultant with a strong track record across financial services, international trade, and strategic advisory. She is recognised for advancing trade and investment between Africa and global markets, particularly through diaspora engagement and private sector development.

With expertise in stakeholder engagement, institutional capacity building, international development strategy, policy advisory, and public-private partnerships, Linda supports governments, multinationals, and development agencies to drive cross-border growth. Linda is a founding member of the UK-Ghana Investors Group and serves on the boards of the UK-Ghana Chamber of Commerce and the Ghana Investment and Opportunities Summit. She advised on the UK government's first UK-Africa Investment Summit As Communications Director and UK Representative of the GHGLOBAL Diaspora Council, she advocates for diaspora-led investment and policy influence across networks in 45+ countries. She curates high-level summits and investment dialogues that promote partnerships, business expansion, and diaspora capital mobilisation into Africa.

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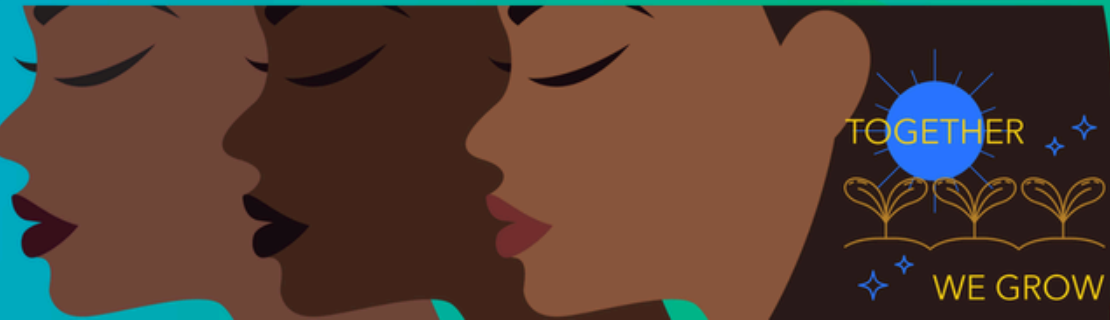
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