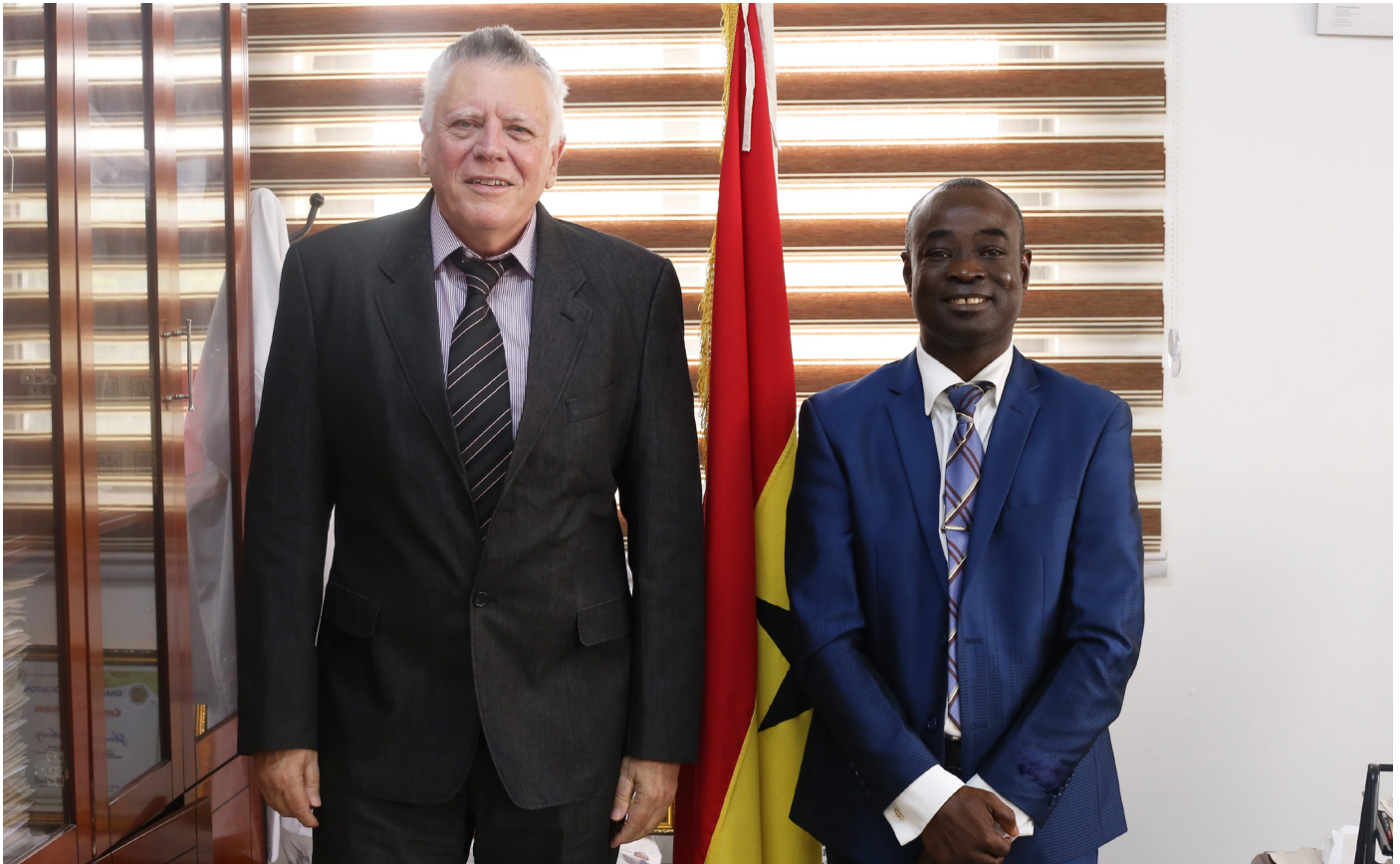


# British Standards Institute to Improve GSA's Technical Capacity



*Mr. Graham Holloway, BSI's Consultant and Mr. Clifford Frimpong, DDG-CAS*

*An international Consultant from the British Standards Institute (BSI), Mr. Graham Holloway, met with senior officials of the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) last week, as part of a series of engagements to help improve the technical capacity of the Authority to facilitate the use of international standards and participation in global standards development.*

The meeting sought to introduce and discuss the details of an upcoming “Standards Partnership Pilot Programme” between the two standards institutions.

The pilot programme is expected to last for 8 months.

The programme, among other things, is expected to improve the technical capacity of the GSA, promote awareness and use of international standards

across the continent and enhance trade facilitation to reduce time and costs.

Mr. Holloway, during the meeting, noted that he will want to sit with every Head of Department to find out their needs to enable him to devise a programme to help fix those challenges.

“I am interested in finding out what challenges confront

your departments. Feel free to share your problems so we can find solutions to enable us to build a robust standards institution,” he noted.

“My job here is to understand the standards gaps that exist and I will provide the technical assistance which may include training,” he added.

Mr. Clifford Frimpong, the Deputy Director-General, Conformity Assessment, urged his staff to be open and tell the consultant the challenges and assistance they need to make the partnership worthwhile.

“This project is seen to be in alignment with Ghana’s aspirations of becoming a manufacturing hub in Africa and supports the implementation of the African Free Trade Agreement.

Please, open up and share the challenges confronting your departments so that together we can find solutions and build a world-class standards institution,” he said.



*Steve Poku-Kwateng, DDG-Operations, making a point during the meeting*



*BSI’s Consultant addressing GSA management members during the meeting*