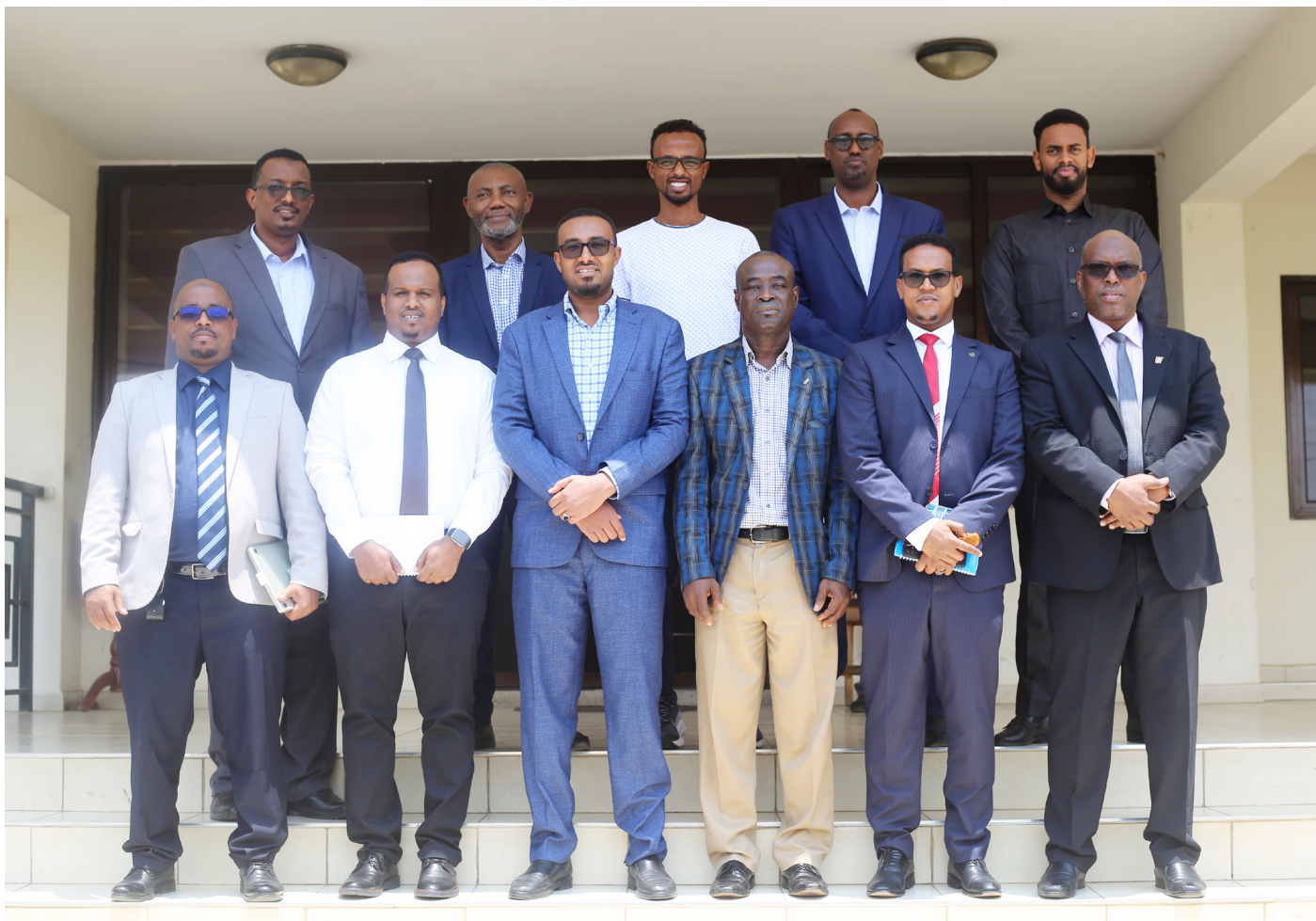


# Top Somaliland Civil Service Officials Visit GSA



*Group photograph of the Somaliland Civil Service delegation and Mr. Clifford Frimpong (DDG-CAS)*

*A delegation from the Civil Service Institute of Somaliland, on Thursday, August 18, 2022, paid a visit to the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) to understand and familiarise themselves with the operations of the Authority.*

This visit formed part of a training organised for them by the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA).

Dr. Julius Aikins-Hawkson, Managing Consultant, Consultancy and Innovation at GIMPA, who led the

delegation, noted that the visit formed part of a capacity building programme initiated by the World Bank and Somaliland to help improve on the capacity of the Civil Service in that country.

“GIMPA was engaged by the World Bank and Somaliland

to embark on a capacity building for the Civil Service Institute of Somaliland. A one-week training session was organised by GIMPA, which hosted top officials of the Somaliland Civil Service Institute. Included in the training was a familiarisation

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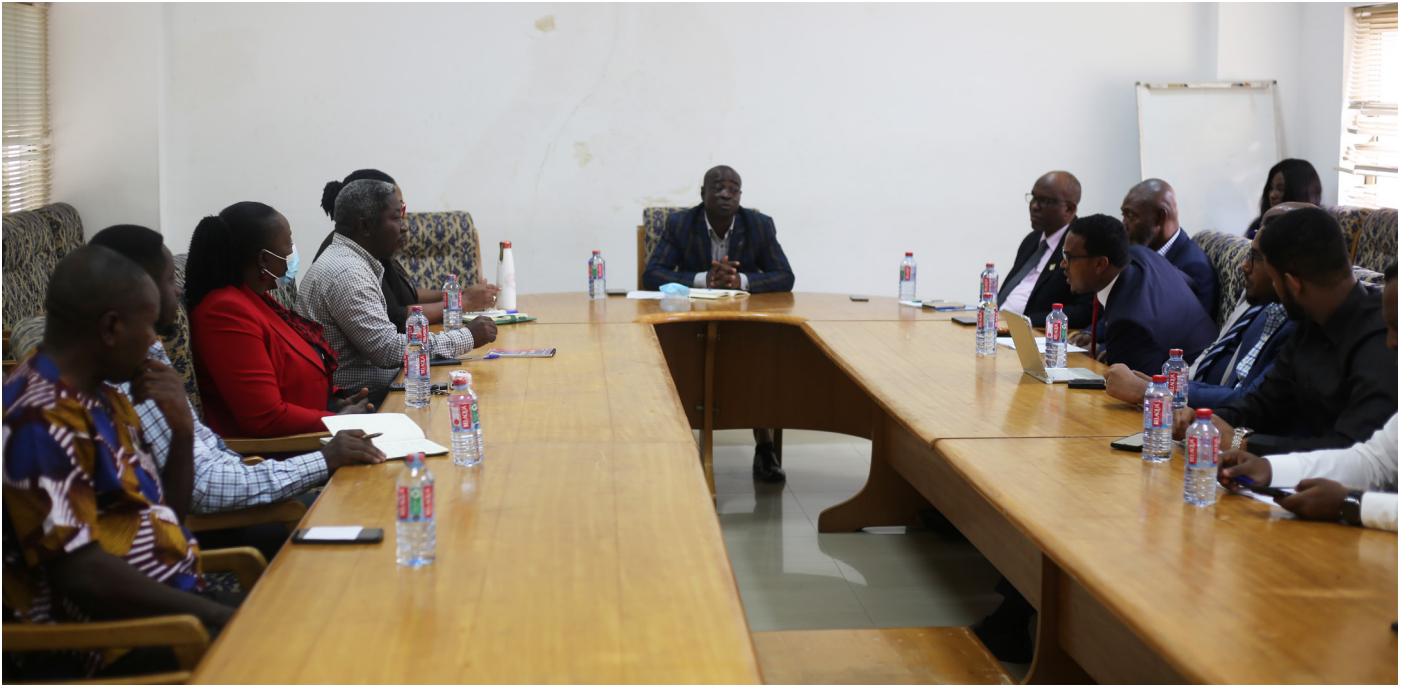
*Dr. Paul Fosu taking the Somali Delegation through activities of the Pesticide Residue lab*



*Mr. Clifford Frimpong interacting with Dr. Julius Aikins-Hawkson, Gimpa (right) and Ahmed Yusuf Dirir, Auditor General (left)*



*Mr. Andrew Lartey, Standards Directorate explaining the concept of standardisation during the meeting*



*Cross-section of Officials of GSA and delagation of Somaliland*

visit to a sister institution in Ghana, including the Ghana Standards Authority,” he noted.

The 10-member Somaliland delegation was headed by Ahmed Yusuf Dirir, Auditor-General.

The delegation was engaged in a discussion with top management members of the GSA, led by Mr. Clifford Frimpong, Deputy Director-General, Conformity Assessment (DDG-CAS).

Others were Mrs. Jessica Nkansah, Director of Inspectorate; Mr. Andrew Lartey, Head of Technical Services Standards Directorate; Mrs. Regina Vowutor, Head, Biochemical Science Directorate; Mr. Kojo Eshun, Director of Certification; Mr. Douglas Nii Teiko-Annan, Director of Administration; Mr. Emmanuel Asare, Head

of Systems Certification; and members of the Public Relations Team.

Mr. Frimpong explained the role the GSA plays in the quality infrastructure of the country and noted that the Authority was a very important organisation in Ghana.

“GSA plays a key role in the quality infrastructure of the country which is hinged on Standardisation, Metrology and Conformity Assessment. These three key pillars ensure that the product produced and imported into the country meet the right requirements,” he said.

Yusuf Dirir, on behalf of the delegation, thanked the GSA for the insight and indicated that the visit will help them institute certain measures in their country to ensure standardisation.

“It’s been an educational and fruitful meeting. The visit will go a long way to have a positive impact in Somaliland,” he said.

As part of the visit, the Somaliland delegation toured the various laboratories in the Food and Agriculture Department of the GSA.

Republic of Somaliland is a De Facto State, which broke away from Somalia. It declared its independence from Somalia on 18th May, 1991. It runs a multi part system of Unitary State which practices democratic elections and governance.