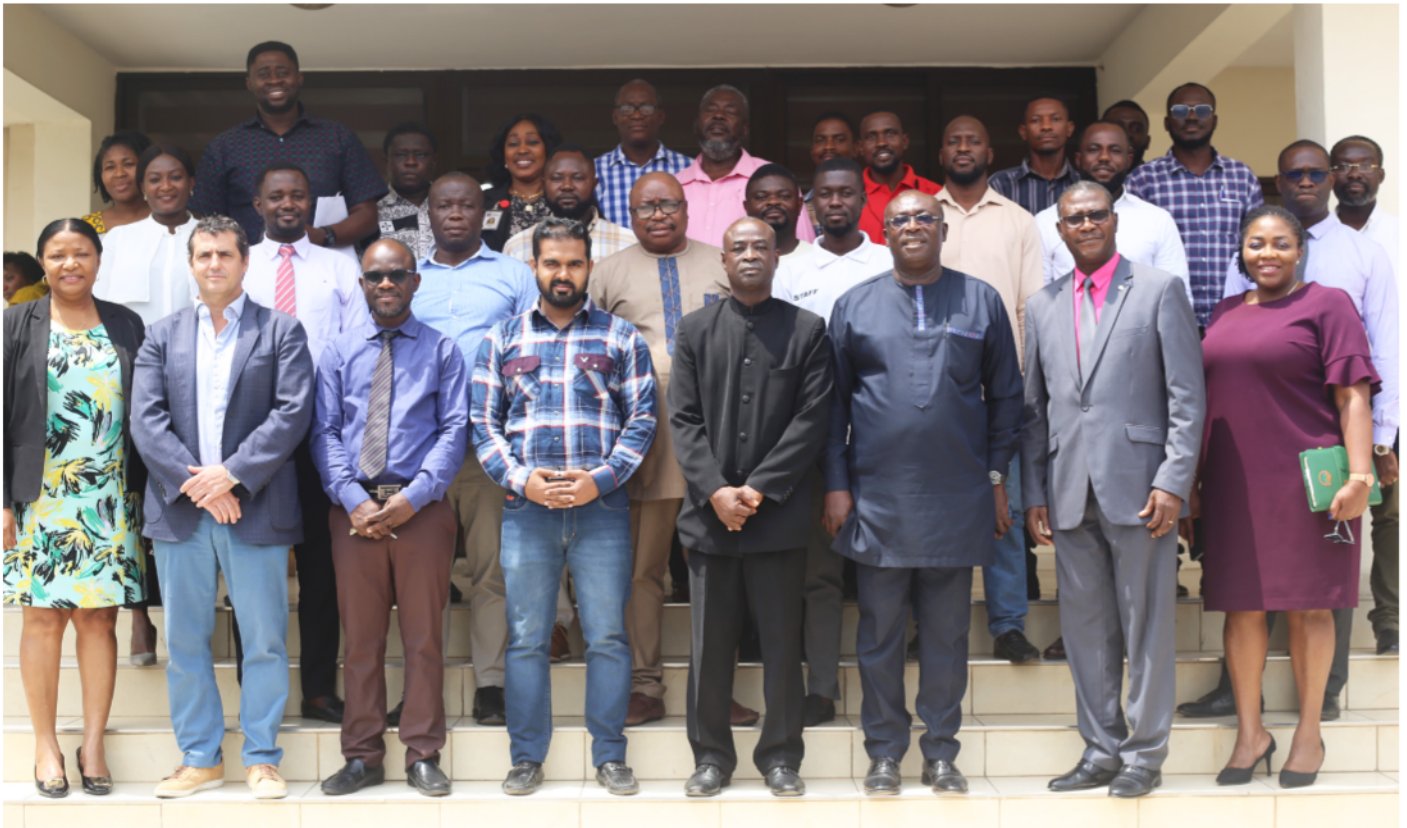


# GSA, Stakeholders Discuss Quality of Iron Rods on Market



*Group picture of iron rods stakeholders and GSA officials*

*The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), as part of its mission of contributing towards the growth of industry and protection of consumers, on Thursday, February 16, 2023, engaged stakeholders in the iron rod industry.*

The meeting, among other things, discussed the quality of iron rods on the market as well as the Authority's intention to conduct periodic factory and market surveillance in a bid to ensure that the stakeholders adhere to the standards.

The GSA, last year, embarked on market surveillance in Accra, to check the quality of iron rods on the Ghanaian market, as against the Ghana Standard (GS 788:2).

Some of the products surveyed during the exercise, which was undertaken in the Greater Accra Region, didn't meet the requirements, especially with respect to marking on iron rods, hence the decision to engage the stakeholders.

Mr. Clifford Frimpong, the Acting Director-General of the GSA, noted that the meeting was timely as there had been calls for countries to step up their enforcement efforts in

the building and construction industry in the wake of the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

"Your industry is a very important sector in the development of the country. It's important we all adhere to standards, especially in the construction sector, to avoid a major impact in the wake of natural disasters," he said.



*Mr. Clifford Frimpong addressing the Iron rod stakeholders*

“The National Building Code is a model we can all abide by to help strengthen the industry,” he added

The stakeholders welcomed the efforts of the GSA in trying to sanitise the market and industry from sub-standard products.

They however, noted that there was a need to extend the discussions to other stakeholders in the sector.

“We have full confidence in your processes and appreciate the work you are doing but we need to have a broader consultation for everyone to be on the same page so that compliance will become easy,” Mr. Eric Gené, Regional Managing Director of Fabrimetal, stated.

Mr. Seth Ayim, Executive Secretary of the Institution of Engineering and Technology,

said his outfit was willing to collaborate with the GSA to sensitise its members on the importance of the Standards to improve the industry.

Organisations that were present at the meeting included Tema Steel, Atala Limited, K.K Peprah Co Ltd., Antis Ghana, Fabrimetal.



*Mr. Eric Gené, Regional Managing Director, Fabrimetal in a discussion with Madam Joyce Okoree*



*Adelaide Aikins, Mechanical Engineering Dept., addressing the stakeholders*



*Mr. Seth Ayim interacting with Ing. Mawuli Tsaku*

