

GSA, FDA Heads Call on Rwandan High Commissioner



H.E. Dr. Kacyira (left) in a picture with Mrs. Delese Darko and Prof. Dodoo

Prof. Alex Dodoo, the Director-General of the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) and Delese Mimi Darko, Chief Executive Officer of the Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) on Thursday, March 9, 2023, paid a working visit to the Rwandan High Commissioner to Ghana, H.E. Dr. Aisa Kimbo Kacyira.

The two heads expressed their organisation's excitement on the High Commissioner's appointment as the head of the United Nations Support Office in Somalia (UNSOS) and pledged their support in maintaining the relationship they have with her.

"During your time in Ghana, not only have you brought the

GSA and FDA much closer, but you have also forged a similar relationship between the Rwanda FDA and Rwanda Standards Board, which will go a long way to enhance the long-existing relationship between the two countries," Prof. Dodoo said.

He further stated that activities that have begun between the two countries, due to Dr. Kacyira's commitment, will not die after she's gone, but he will see to it that they are achieved.

"If African countries can get their regulators and standards institutions working together, trade between the whole continent will grow and we will become independent and our countries will thrive,"

said Prof. Dodoo, who is also the President of the African Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO).

Delese Darko, for her part, also expressed her appreciation to Dr. Kacyira and noted that working hand-in-hand with the High Commissioner was very insightful.

She stated that activities organised through the partnership will fuel many future collaborations in trade and development between both countries.

H.E. Dr. Kacyira expressed her joy working in Ghana and specifically said that the



harmonisation between GSA and FDA will boost intra-African trade.

“I felt a real sense of belonging when I got to Ghana. The Pan-Africanism which is at play here is real, and that has enabled us to establish ourselves to showcase to the world that Ghana and Rwanda don’t have a choice but to lead Africa,” she said.

“The strides your institutions are making to work together will not only boost trade but will act as a framework for other African countries to follow,” Dr. Kacyira said.

The Rwanda High Commissioner visited the GSA in October 2021 to explore ways by which the two institutions could implement policy objectives inherent in the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA), among other trade-related issues.



H.E. Dr. Kacyira interacting with Mrs. Delese Darko and Prof. Dodoo



H.E. Dr. Aisa Kimbo Kacyira and Prof. Dodoo