

# TSIs Awarded Certificates for Internal Audit and Inspectors' Course Completion



*Baroness Catharine Hoey presenting a certificate to an inspector*

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) in collaboration with the British Standards Institution (BSI) on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, recognised GSA's Inspectorate Directorate staff and the newly commissioned Trading Standards Inspectors (TSIs) who have recently completed training through the Standards Partnership Programme.

The partnership between the two standards bodies has since November 2022,

built the capacity of GSA's staff at its inspectorate department as well as the TSIs to help enforce standards nationwide.

It is designed to increase economic stability, boost sustainable and inclusive growth, support job creation and reduce poverty.

The programme supports governments and national standards bodies in Standards Partnership countries by helping to strengthen quality infrastructure and increase

the use of international standards.

During the ceremony, Team Leader with the BSI, Mr. Graham Holloway promised more funding for more training sessions. According to him, Ghana was one of the few countries to have trained and certified persons to promote standards.

"It's a major achievement that in such a short time we've been able to achieve what we have achieved and we're

going to be doing more,” he stated.

The project, he maintained wouldn't have taken place without financial support from the UK government, particularly the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) which administers the development budget.

The UK government's Trade Envoy to Ghana, Baroness Catharine Hoey praised the trained officers for their commitment, encouraging them to apply the knowledge they had acquired.

“What has been achieved with all of you is going to make a difference, not just to Ghana but to the cause of getting standards all over the world that are internationally recognised. That when you travel you can feel confident that when you buy something in another country it is going to be the same standard as what you've been used to,” Baroness Hoey stated.

The Minister of Trade and Industry, Hon. Kobina Tahir Hammond who was present at the ceremony admonished the Inspectors to be very committed and diligent at the task given to them in order to ensure that the Ghanaian consumer is protected at all costs.

Professor Alex Dodoo, Director-General, GSA for his part noted that the Authority was delighted to be able to recognise the achievements of the inspectors, who will play a key role for GSA towards its goal of boosting trade in the country.



*Prof. Dodoo giving his remarks*



*Mr. Graham Holloway addressing the graduates*



*Kofi Debrah, APR, moderating the ceremony*

“Through the Standards Partnership programme our capacity at GSA has expanded and it has contributed to a new workforce, through various activities and training. But also, wider than GSA, our partners and local organisations will benefit as we continue the transformational journey and unleash the potential of Ghanaian industry,” Prof Dodoo explained.

In all, 123 persons were taken through internal audit and inspectors’ course and were presented with certificates.

The GSA Inspectors from October 2023 were taken through weeks of training on ISO 17020: 2012 and ISO 19011: 2018.



*Ms. Doris Mengo, BSI trainer, giving her remarks*



*Hon. K.T. Hammond making a point*



*Baroness Catharine Hoey giving her speech*









