



Helen King, the FCDO Director, in a group photograph with her team and GSA Staff

FCDO Director Visits GSA to Review Impact of BSI-GSA Partnership Programme

The GSA, on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, hosted a high-profile delegation from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) of the United Kingdom, led by Helen King, Director at the Office, to review the impact of the partnership programme between the British Standards Institution (BSI) and the Authority.

The visit formed part of an ongoing collaborative initiative between the two institutions aimed at strengthening Ghana's standardisation infrastructure,

enhancing technical capacity, and promoting best practices in conformity assessment and quality management systems across industries.

In her remarks, Helen commended the GSA for its commitment to upholding quality and safety standards in Ghana and emphasised the BSI's continued support for partnerships that drive sustainable development, trade facilitation, and consumer protection.

She noted that the BSI-GSA collaboration stands

as a model of international cooperation that directly contributes to economic growth and improved regulatory systems.

Officials from the GSA expressed appreciation to BSI for the technical assistance and training support that have equipped staff with advanced skills and global perspectives.

Various GSA staff shared their experiences and testimonies, highlighting the immense benefits derived from the partnership, including improved knowledge in international

standardisation processes, enhanced laboratory practices, and strengthened institutional capacity.

However, they also pointed out some challenges encountered during the implementation phase of the programme. Key among these were the short duration of the training sessions, which limited in-depth practical exposure, and the limited number of staff who were able to benefit from the capacity-building sessions due to resource constraints.

Responding to these concerns, the FCDO Director assured management of GSA that such feedback would inform the next phase of partnership interventions, with a focus on broadening participation and deepening impact across all relevant departments.

The BSI-GSA partnership continues to play a pivotal role in strengthening Ghana's national quality infrastructure and positioning the country as a leader in standards development within the West African sub-region.



