

# GSA, Halal Certification Ghana Discuss Potential Collaboration



*Group photograph of BHC-Ghana and HDC officials with Ms. Joyce Okoree*

On Wednesday, August 27, 2025, a delegation from the Bureau of Halal Certification Ghana (BHC-Ghana), Halal Development Corporation (HDC) Malaysia and senior officials of the GSA led by Mr. Prince I.K Arthur, met to discuss a potential partnership, particularly in aligning Halal standards with the national quality infrastructure and building institutional partnerships to strengthen Halal compliance, testing and certification in Ghana.

The meeting also discussed Ghana's efforts toward attaining international Halal recognition through Jakim Malaysia.

The BHC-Ghana and HDC delegation included Sheik Salman Mohammed Alhassan, BHC-Ghana Board Chair; Samudeen Yusif, BHC-Ghana Executive Director; Abdul Rahim Mohammed, BHC-Ghana Finance Director; Mohd Zamulud Bin Awang Kechik, Chief of Commerce, HDC; Fatin Nutashira Bint Mohd Ashraf, also from HDC, among other executives from BHC-Ghana.

The GSA officials that met the delegation included Mr. Prince Arthur, Director of Metrology; Ms. Joyce Okoree, Director of Certification; Dr. Charles Kuranchie, Head of

Product Certification; Ms. Dzienyo Akafia, Head of Systems Certification; Ms. Charlotte Hebedzi, and Mr. Emmanuel Adjetey, both from the Certification Directorate and Mr. Fotwe Afful, from the Public Relations (PR) Department.

Mr. Arthur, who chaired the meeting, expressed the GSA's excitement of meeting the delegation and noted that the Authority's doors were opened for collaboration with other agencies, assuring the delegation of GSA's support and commitment once the collaboration begins in full force.



*Mr. Prince I. K. Arthur, Director Metrology*

Sheik Alhassan, on his part, said that the delegation made it a point to meet with the GSA because it was the recognised body for standardisation in Ghana and in order for the certification to succeed, it was important they aligned with the standards.

“We are here to discuss collaboration opportunities. We would like to further collaborate on the development of Halal standards, code of practices or guidelines and other testing and certification processes to enable Ghana gain global recognition in Halal Certification,” he said.

He further noted that Halal Certification was a trillion dollar industry and if Ghana took full advantage, the nation would reap its benefit.

“Halal certification’s value proposition is a huge one. In Africa, we have about 5 countries being involved in it so if Ghana subscribes fully to it, it will open up the country to trading with many other

countries and will inure to the benefit of the country’s economy,” he noted.

Mr. Kechik emphasised that it was not only Muslim countries that benefit from the Halal certification, adding that Brazil, for instance, is the largest producer of Halal poultry and Ghana could do same with products like cocoa, cashew, among others.

Ms. Okoree, during the meeting, told the team to share with GSA, documents and other things they had so that they could look at it together. She appealed for support in the development of the standards and noted that once there’s a standard in place they could move on to developing a scheme for the certification.

Halal certification is a process that verifies a product, or service complies with Islamic law (Sharia), ensuring it is permissible for Muslims to consume or use. It involves checking for forbidden ingredients like pork and alcohol, verifying that animals were slaughtered correctly, and confirming that all materials and processes avoid contact with impurities.

This voluntary certification is recognised internationally and is essential for businesses aiming to sell to the Muslim market by assuring consumers of adherence to their religious requirements.



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