



Group photograph of Gambian delegation with Senior Management and Officials of GSA

Gambian Delegation Visits GSA to Deepen Collaboration

The Ghana Standards Authority hosted a joint delegation from the Gambia Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA), and the Gambia Standards Bureau (TGSB) from September 8-12, 2025, at the head office.

The chief objective of the tour was to gain practical insights into the type approval certification processes for energy products within

the Authority's regulatory framework.

The tour is expected to help the nine-member Gambian delegation understand the systems, processes, and standards employed in Ghana and also help the team to strengthen its regulatory practices.

Mr. Prince I.K. Arthur, the Director of Metrology, who sat in for Mr. Clifford Frimpong,

the Deputy Director-General in charge of Conformity Assessment (DDG-CAS), welcomed the delegation to the country and expressed his gratitude to the delegation for recognising the GSA as an ideal institution in terms of standardisation, conformity assessment and metrology to be understudied.

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Vision

To become a customer-focused world-class standards organisation.

Mission

To contribute towards the growth of industry, protect consumers and facilitate trade through standardisation, metrology and conformity assessment.

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In his welcome remarks, Mr. Arthur noted that it was always the privilege of the Authority to receive and engage with sister regulatory and standards institutions across the continent to share ideas and exchange knowledge.

Mr. Solo Sima, the Deputy Director-General of the PURA, in a statement, explained that the delegation chose to visit Ghana and the GSA because of its long-standing historical ties with Ghana, dating back decades and the GSA's strongest frameworks in West Africa for type approval, certification, and testing, covering both electrical and ICT equipment.

He said the collaboration between the two bodies aligned with the ECOWAS Regional Standards Harmonisation (ECOSHAM) programme,

which aims to develop and implement common standards across West Africa.

“Both The Gambia and Ghana are committed to this initiative, and type approval for electrical and ICT equipment is a perfect example of where harmonisation can deliver real benefits ensuring that goods traded within our region are safe, reliable, and of high quality,” Mr. Njie said.

“Through this partnership, rooted in south-south cooperation and aligned with ECOWAS harmonisation efforts, we are taking an important step toward a region where every citizen has access to safe, reliable, and affordable electrical and ICT products,” he stated.

The expectations of the delegation from this tour is a shared hope to establish:

- Joint training and staff attachments between PURA, the Gambia Standards Bureau, and GSA,
- Mutual recognition of conformity assessment certificates,
- Shared use of laboratory facilities, and
- Stronger alignment with ECOSHAM standards to ensure consumer safety across ECOWAS.

As part of the tour, the delegation visited various metrology and testing laboratories at the GSA which offered members a first-hand look at Ghana's infrastructure for product verification and quality assurance.







Gambian delegation

Gambian Team Praises GSA's Leadership in Consumer Protection, Conformity Assessment in West Africa

A delegation from The Gambia has concluded a study tour of the GSA, commending the Authority for its leadership in consumer protection, standardisation, conformity assessment and public safety.

The visit, which formed part of a broader initiative to strengthen regional collaboration, focused on knowledge sharing and best practices in standards development and conformity assessment.

During the visit, the Gambian officials took part in technical briefings, facility tours, and policy discussions with experts and senior officers of the GSA. Mr. Solo Sima, the Deputy Director-General of the PURA, on behalf of

the delegation, expressed his deep appreciation for the warm reception and the insights gained throughout the visit.

“We are grateful for the opportunity to learn from Ghana’s experience,” he said, adding that the delegation had overachieved their expectations. “We have gained more than we expected. We came with a scope but we have learned more than that and this visit will help us set up our own type approval and certification, particularly in sectors related to ICT, energy and water,” he added.

The Director of Petroleum, Water and Energy at the PURA, Mr. Musa Njie, thanked the GSA team for the warm

reception. “We are very satisfied with the exposure we have had over the past week. It has been great and we appreciate that. We are keen on developing this to the next level,” he noted.

Mr. Prince I.K. Arthur, the Director of Metrology Directorate at the GSA, who deputised for the (DDG-CAS), Mr. Clifford Frimpong, urged the delegation to put whatever it has learnt here into practice.

“We are pleased to share our experiences and learn from our Gambian colleagues as we work toward a more unified standards regime,” he stated.



Gambian delegation

He thanked the GSA team for the wonderful work done over the past week, encouraging members of staff to continue to display their knowledge and expertise to the outside world.

The Gambian delegation also toured GSA's testing laboratories and metrology facilities.

Both parties reaffirmed their commitment to ongoing dialogue and cooperation, with plans to explore joint staff training and attachment programmes, technical exchanges, mutual recognition of conformity assessment certificates, and shared use of laboratory facilities, amongst others.





Group photograph of selected staff at the training

HR Department Trains Selected Staff on Effective Minutes, Report Writing

The Human Resource (HR) Department organised a training on effective minutes and report writing for 20 selected staff on September 8 and 9, 2025. The training took place at the Head Office.

The training was aimed at equipping participants with the skills required for effective writing of minutes and reports. It was facilitated by Prof. Emelia Amoako-Asiedu from JPCANN Associates Limited, a management consultancy firm with expertise in the training of business and capacity building.

Topics covered during the training included:

- Differences between minutes and reports
- Principles of effective writing

- Minutes taking skills
- Report writing essentials, amongst others

Participatory learning methods such as individual and group exercises, role plays and simulations, presentations, educational videos and brainstorming were used

to ensure active involvement of all participants

The participants expressed their satisfaction with how the training was conducted and noted that it would help them in their field of work.







GSA Officers educating a visitor at its stand

GSA Sensitises SMEs At The 4th Made-In Ghana Bazaar

GSA participated in the 4th Made-In- Ghana Bazaar, which was held from September 5-7, 2025, at the Accra International Conference Centre under the theme “Championing Economic Diplomacy: Connecting Producers, Markets, and Opportunities “.

The Authority exhibited its services and participated in the panel discussions, where it highlighted its certification processes and urged SMEs to

take advantage of the various schemes to facilitate market access.

Concerns raised by SMEs were addressed during the session, alongside contributions from other agencies, including the FDA, GEA, Customs, MOTAI, and Ghana FreeZones Authority

Dr. Charles Kuranchie, Head of Product Certification and the resource person for the GSA, encouraged the SMEs

not to relent on their efforts to test and certify their products since Standards is crucial in ensuring safety, quality, and fair trade within the African continental Free Trade Area (AFCFTA).

The marketing team also used the platform to prospect for new clients and to identify SMEs using the Made -in- Ghana logo without permission. The three -day event brought together exhibitors from



across Ghana to showcase a wide range of locally produced goods and services, including textiles, beverages, shea butter, cosmetics, cocoa based items and crafts.

Several government agencies also took part in the exhibition.

The fair was officially opened by the chief of staff Hon. Julius Debrah, who encouraged Ghanaians to increase their patronage of locally made goods. In his remarks, Deputy Minister of Trade, Agribusiness and Industry (MoTAI) Hon. Sampson Ahi called on stakeholders to collaborate to advance Ghana's global competitiveness.

Similarly, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. James Gyake Quayson advised the SMEs on the need for them to standardise and certify their products to meet AFCFTA and international market requirements.

Overall, the Bazaar provided a valuable platform to promote Ghanaian products, deepen stakeholder collaboration, and sensitize SMEs on the importance of Certification and Standards in enhancing competitiveness.



Mr. Lartey and his team at the block factory

Eastern Regional Office

GSA Sensitises Cement Block Producers in Nsawam-Adoagyiri Municipality

A team from the Koforidua office of the Authority, led by the Regional Manager, Mr. Andrew Lartey, has sensitised cement block manufacturers in the Nsawam - Adoagyiri Municipality on the need to certify their cement blocks.

The team met with manufacturers and explained to them the importance of testing and certifying their cement blocks with the GSA, aside from the major complaints from consumers over the years, and also the need to adhere to standards and guidelines for producing quality cement blocks.

It team emphasised that regular testing and certification were crucial to ensuring the safety and durability of the blocks and, ultimately, protecting the interests of consumers and the public.

The Regional Manager took the initiative to meet with the Chairman of the Block Manufacturers Association in the Municipality. The meeting explored ways to engage with them effectively. The exercise was successful and manufacturers were encouraged to seek guidance and support from the GSA to enable them to upgrade their production quality and comply with regulatory requirements.

The team paid a short visit to some industry players in the municipality including Blueskies and HPW Ltd. The visit aimed to strengthen ties with these companies and explored ways to work together and support them. The team expressed appreciation for the warm reception and hospitality received during the visits.





Ashanti Regional Officers embark on surveillance activities

Ashanti Regional Office Regional TSIs Begin Market Surveillance

The Trading Standards Inspectors (TSIs) from the Ashanti Regional office have embarked on a market surveillance activity across several districts in the region.

This exercise forms part of GSA's mandate to protect consumers, ensure fair trading practices, and enforce compliance with national standards and regulations.

The purpose of the surveillance exercise is to monitor the marketplace for products that may not comply with the relevant Ghana Standards, identify substandard goods in circulation, sensitise traders and consumers on the importance of adhering to safety and quality regulations.

The TSIs inspected products to ascertain if they adhered to the General Labelling Rules (L.I 1541) as well as the abuse or inappropriate use of the Standard Mark as per the Ghana Standards Certification Mark Rules (L.I 662) which prohibits goods manufactured in Ghana without valid license to use the Mark.

In so doing, the TSIs aim to maintain market integrity by detecting and preventing market manipulation, and other illicit activities that can undermine trust in the market and making room for fair competition among businesses, prevent companies from engaging in anti-competitive practices

that could harm consumers and other businesses.

The TSIs took advantage of the surveillance activities as an avenue to educate wholesale and retail traders on the mandate of the Authority as well as the duties of the inspectors.

Generally, monitoring market activities will help the Authority identify potential risks and threats to the market, allowing for swift action to mitigate these risks and prevent harm to consumers and businesses.





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GS 1395:2024 – Textiles – Code of Practice for Textiles, Garment and Leather Manufacturing

Scope:

This Ghana Standard specifies the general principles for production in the Textiles, Garment, and Leather Manufacturing Industries. It sets out the necessary guidelines for the Textiles, Garments, and Leather Industries.

Why Do You Need This Standard?

Application of this standard by manufacturers ensures the production of safe and quality products, consistency in production output, protection of consumers' health and safety, enhanced competitiveness and reduction in losses.

Summary of Content:

This Ghana Standard provides manufacturers of Textiles with Code of Practice for Textiles, Garment and Leather Manufacturing by providing normative references, definitions, environmental requirements, health and safety, management, quality, social compliance and packaging.

Technical assistance is provided to enhance understanding of the standard content.

This standard is available for **REFERENCE** and **SALE** at the Documentation and Information Centre, The Head Office, Ghana Standards Authority.

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