



Mr. Amos Benson educating participants on the importance of standards

GSA, GNTDA Educate Tailors and Dressmakers on Textiles, Garment Standards

The GSA, in conjunction with the Greater Accra Zone of the Ghana National Tailors and Dressmakers Association (GNTDA), on October 20 and 21, 2025, educated members of the association on textiles and garment standards, the certification process, and related best practices within the industry.

The two-day training forms part of the GNTDA's mandate to build the capacity of its members and align with national goals on quality, safety, and competitiveness.

It was aimed at promoting standardisation, quality assurance, and certification in the textiles and garment

sector in Ghana, contributing to industry growth, consumer protection, and trade facilitation.

Over 200 members from various zones within Accra participated in the training.

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Vision

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

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

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Highlights of the training include the mandate and services of GSA, an overview of the Textiles and Garments Standards, and the importance of standards, certification, and its procedures, as well as the importance of certification within the industry.

Participants were introduced to some very important

standards in the sector, namely:

- GS 1395 Code of Practice for Textiles, Garments and Leather Manufacturing
- GS ISO 8559-1: 2018, Size Designation of Clothes – Part 1: Anthropometric Definitions for Body Measurements

- GS ISO 8559-1: 2018, Size Designation of Clothes – Part 2: Primary and Secondary Dimension Indicators

Overall, the participants were happy to have gone through the training and appealed for more of such training to improve their work.





Hon. Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare

Standards Key to Economic Transformation — Trade Minister

The Minister of Trade, Agribusiness and Industry (MOTAI), Hon. Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, has emphasised the pivotal role of standards in driving Ghana's national development, promoting industrial growth, protecting public health, and enhancing consumer confidence.

She said standards form the backbone of quality, safety, and trust, serving as key instruments for Ghana's economic transformation and competitiveness in the global marketplace.

She made this known in an address delivered on her behalf at the 2025 World Standards Day (WSD)

celebration, by the Board Chair of the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), Mr. Hudu Mogtari.

Mrs. Ofosu-Adjare noted that standards determine the safety of food, the reliability of infrastructure, the competitiveness of exports, and the inclusiveness of economic growth.

She stated that the role of standards aligns with President John Dramani Mahama's Reset Agenda, which seeks to rebuild the economy, restore public confidence, and promote sustainable growth.

The Minister highlighted the GSA's instrumental role in achieving this agenda through

innovation, regulation, and collaboration with industry stakeholders.

Citing key initiatives, she mentioned the Ghana Digital Conformity Project and the development of food safety standards such as ISO 22000, which have improved product quality, protected consumers, and expanded international market access.

By facilitating industrial growth, supporting agribusiness, advancing digitalisation, and promoting the Made-in-Ghana brand, the GSA continues to strengthen the foundation for a resilient economy capable of thriving under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) framework.



Mrs. Oforu-Adjare urged manufacturers to invest in compliance and product testing to uphold the highest standards, describing quality as the gateway to sustainable growth. She also appealed to development partners to continue supporting Ghana's quality infrastructure and encouraged consumers to demand safe and reliable products.

Reaffirming the government's commitment to empowering the Authority, the Minister disclosed plans to modernise GSA laboratories, expand testing capabilities, and harmonise national standards with international best practices.



GSA staff in a group photograph with Mr. Samuel Abdulai..., Mr. Abubakar Jabanyite, Madam Jessica Nkansah and Mrs. Sophia Tchume

GSA Goes Pink: GSA Holds Virtual Health Talk and Breast Cancer Screening for Staff

The GSA Clinic, in partnership with The Trust Hospital, on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, organised a virtual health talk on Breast Cancer Awareness, and on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, organised a breast screening exercise, as part of the two-day breast cancer awareness activities of the Authority.

The two-day event was preceded by massive awareness campaigns spearheaded by the Executives of the Administrative Staff Association (ASA) of the Authority. Various campaign messages were recorded and shared on staff platforms to raise awareness of the two-day event and encourage all

staff to participate in each activity.

Day 1: Health Talk

The health talk, which was on the theme, “Catch it Early; Treat it Right; Survive it”, was moderated by Mrs Rose Andoh, GSA Clinic, and the IT Help Desk. The main speaker, Dr. Nancy-Rosa Sabaa from Trust Hospital, highlighted the:

- WHO 2022 statistics on breast cancer;
- Who is at risk;
- Signs and Symptoms of breast cancer
- Investigations and Treatment Options
- Prevention Measures

- Facts and Myths of breast cancer
- What to do when you notice a sign or symptom

Dr. Sabaa noted that 2.3 million women were diagnosed with breast cancer in 2022, causing 670,000 deaths globally. Approximately 0.5 to 1% of breast cancer occur in men. These findings make it a matter of urgency for everyone, especially women, to get screened regularly.

It was explained that everyone is at risk of getting breast cancer – men, women, old, young, pregnant women, and breastfeeding mothers.



Some signs and symptoms that were explained include:

- Asymmetrical breast (one breast being obviously bigger than the other)
- Dimpling
- Nipple discharge; non-breastfeeding women
- Skin discolouration
- Nipple ulceration (a sore on the nipple)
- Nipple inversion (not the natural inversion)
- Peau d'orange (usually shows advanced stage of breast cancer)
- Lump in the breast or armpit (usually painless)
- Pain in the breast

Listeners were taken through the various investigations and treatment options: mammogram, ultrasound, biopsy, radiotherapy, surgery, chemotherapy, and hormone therapy. In addition, clinical psychologists, dieticians, and nutritionists supported patients to equip them with the right mindset and

immunity boost to fight the illness head-on.

After the presentation, various questions and concerns were addressed by Dr. Sabaa.

In total 51 listeners logged in to the virtual health talk.

Day 2: Breast Cancer Screening Exercise

The screening exercise was opened by Mr. Samuel Abubakar, Deputy Director-General, General Services, and Abubakar Abdulai, Ag. Director of Administration. Staff were clad in various pink t-shirts and apparel to show their solidarity with breast cancer awareness.

About 157 women and 3 men participated in the exercise, and some of them expressed their satisfaction at how the screening was conducted.

“The screening was easy, painless, and quick. I was so happy no lumps were found in my breasts. The talk was also beneficial. I learnt that it is genetics and not contagious”,

Elizabeth Naa Lomotey, Regional Desk, noted.

“The screening was smooth, and the nurse taught me how to examine my boobs. I will encourage everyone to get checked. This is a procedure I never miss”, Josephine Boakye Yiadom, Certification Directorate, stated.

“My experience was good. This is my first time having my breasts screened and the nurse advised me to participate everytime there is a screening exercise. This shows that GSA cares about their staff, especially the female staff”, Maame Abena Debrah Twum, Product Certification Department, shared.

“This is not my first time; I try to have my breasts screened every year. The medical team was professional; privacy was also assured. It went well. I was encouraged to keep checking throughout the year,” Mrs Jessica Nkansah, Director of Inspection, expressed. “Early detection is key. If you detect

it early, your life will be saved. It is not embarrassing. There's no stigma attached to it. It is our makeup. It is an advantage for us to have free screening here at work. We do not have to join queues at hospitals. I encourage all ladies and gentlemen to come and have their breasts checked", she also encouraged.

"The nurses were very good. The screening included checking the armpits and breasts to find any lump. Luckily, no lump was found. I encourage other ladies to get screened often and those above 40 should get their annual mammogram

done", Mavis Siaw, Standards Directorate expressed.

The medical team, Louisa Odei and Emelia Afari, both nurses of The Trust Hospital, shared their excitement about the number of staff that participated this year and encouraged staff to keep it up. Nurse Louisa reminded staff to have self-examinations monthly to ensure early detection. She also encouraged staff who may have some signs and symptoms to stay positive and avail themselves for all investigations and treatments prescribed by the medical team.

The Senior Nursing Officer at the Clinic, Mrs. Rose Andoh said she was impressed about the immerse participation by all staff this year, highlighting the extra support received from the Administrative staff Association through the awareness campaigns video productions and the donated pink souvenirs. She expressed her gratitude to Management for their continuous support every October and encouraged staff to always participate in all breast cancer awareness activities because early detection saves lives.







Ms. Abigail Teki Martey displaying her certificates

GSA Staff Receives Top ISO Recognition

Abigail Teki Martey, a GSA staff at the Technical Coordination Services (TCS) Department, has been recognised as a Top Performer in the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) Good Standardisation Practices (GSP) e-learning course for the first three cycles.

She scored 98.57% in the post assessment of the ISO GSP course, the highest score attained among all participants who successfully completed the course in these cycles.

Other staff from the Standards Directorate participated in the course and expressed their excitement at having their colleague recognised by the ISO.

The Director-General (DG), Prof. George Agyei, who was informed and presented the certificate and a plaque recognising GSA's participation in the course, congratulated Ms. Teki Martey for this feat and praised her for bringing honour to the GSA.

He said such recognition is in line with his objective of highlighting staff who are achieving great things and will support them to achieve higher heights.

Ms. Teki Martey, on her part, was so grateful to her colleagues and Prof. Agyei for the pleasant words and support and noted that the achievement will spur her on

to participate in more courses and promote the GSA.

The ISO GSP is a course instituted by ISO to train staff in National Standards Bodies (NSBs) on good standardisation practices and related matters.





Mr. Nathaniel Afram and Ms. Abigail Teki Martey at the RTIC Conference

GSA Participates in Right to Information Commission's (RTIC) Stakeholders' Conference

The GSA participated in a stakeholder conference organized by the Right to Information Commission on Thursday October 23, at the Movenpick Ambassador Hotel, Accra.

The occasion also marked the 5th anniversary of the RTI Commission and the 2025 Right to Information Month celebration.

Held under the theme: *“RTIC @ 5: Championing Transparency and Accountability through Access to Environmental Information”* brought together influential dignitaries, government, the international community, chiefs, civil society and other stakeholders. Some key dignitaries present were Hon. Felix

Ofosu Kwakye, Minister of State for Government Communications, Dr. Dominic Ayine, Minister for Justice and Attorney General and His Royal Majesty King Tackie Teiko Tsuru II, Ga Mantse.

The purpose of the conference was to engage stakeholders in a review and discussion on the critical role of access to information in promoting transparency, accountability, and civic inclusion in governance.

Speaking at the event, the Executive Secretary/Commissioner Right to Information Commission, Miss Genevieve Shirley Lartey Esq stated that, “Over the past five years, the Commission

has worked tirelessly to build awareness, strengthen institutional capacity, and ensure the effective implementation of the Right to Information Act”.

The panel engaged in insightful discussions on *“Access to environmental information: Building trust through transparency”* and *“Championing transparency and accountability through access to information in a digital era”*.

The participants from GSA were Ms. Abigail Teki Martey, Admin Officer from the Standards Directorate and Mr. Nathaniel Kofi Afram, RTI Officer, from the Public Relations Department.



Group photograph of GSA officials, Dr. Matilda SteinerAsiedu with the two students

2 NYU Students Visit GSA

Two Food Science Students from the New York University, who are on an exchange programme at the University of Ghana as part of their studies, visited the GSA on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

The aim of the visit was to learn about how the GSA impacts food and nutrition systems in the country and familiarise themselves with the operations of the Authority.

They were first taken through a presentation by Ms. Comfort Ofori Esumang of the Inspectorate Directorate.

Following the presentation, the student visited the Pesticide Residue Labs and the Microbiology Lab, where they were exposed to the

practical aspect of GSA's operations.

The facilitator from the UG, Dr. Matilda Steiner-Asiedu, thanked GSA for always accepting to take the students through its activities and noted that it helps the students practicalise what they are being taught.

The students, on their part, said they will be going back to their country with great ideas and lessons that will help them in their programme of study.





Pln. Jennifer Owusu Afriyie receiving her award

GSA's Jennifer Owusu Afriyie Wins Two Prestigious Leadership Awards

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) is once again in the national spotlight as one of its staff, Pln. Jennifer Owusu Afriyie from the Planning Department, has been honoured with two distinguished awards at the Ghana Governance and Leadership Awards, on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at the Airport View Hotel in Accra.

The awards ceremony celebrated outstanding individuals and institutions contributing meaningfully to national development through leadership, governance, and advocacy.

Ms. Afriyie received two major recognitions on the night – the Youth Leader in

Governance and Advocacy Award and the National Leadership Icon of the Year Award. These honours reflect her exceptional commitment to public service, policy advocacy, and leadership excellence within and beyond the GSA.

In her acceptance remarks, Ms. Afriyie expressed heartfelt gratitude to the organisers of the awards, management of the GSA and her colleagues in the Planning Department for their continuous support and encouragement. She noted that the recognition would further inspire her to contribute meaningfully to effective governance, public policy development, and the GSA's mission of promoting

standards and quality for national growth.

Ms. Afriyie's double win stands as an inspiration to many young professionals in public service, reaffirming the importance of dedication, leadership, and integrity in driving national progress.

The Ghana Governance and Leadership Awards is an annual event by Kensvic Communications, designed to recognise exceptional individuals and organisations demonstrating exemplary leadership, ethical governance, and impactful advocacy across various sectors.



Ms. Xavier Tawiah and her staff in a picture with the Regional Minister, Hon. Joseph Addae Akwaboa

Bono Regional Office

GSA, Regional Minister Discuss Enforcement of Verified Trading Scales in Cashew Industry

A delegation from the GSA, led by the Bono Regional Manager, Ms. Xavier Tawiah, has called on the Bono Regional Minister to seek his support for the enforcement of verification and calibration of trading scales used in the cashew industry.

The visit also focused on the calibration of moisture meters ahead of the upcoming cashew season.

Moisture content plays a critical role in the processing, storage, and packaging of cashew nuts as it directly affects quality, shelf life, safety, and processing efficiency.

Proper moisture control prevents spoilage, maintains texture and flavour, and reduces breakage during shelling. Although Ghana's cashew nuts are widely recognised for their high quality—with over 90%

classified as Grade A and competitive on the international market—issues such as inconsistent drying and poor storage have led to occasional quality downgrades by international buyers. This has prompted the need for stricter regulatory enforcement.

The initiative forms part of a regional campaign by the GSA to ensure that all weighing and measuring instruments used for commercial transactions are properly verified in accordance with the Weights and Measures Act and the Standards Act, 2022 (Act 1073).

In the cashew value chain, accurate weighing is vital to guarantee fairness and ensure that farmers and aggregators receive the correct value for their produce.

The Regional Minister expressed his full support

for the Authority's efforts and immediately issued a directive to all Metropolitan, Municipal, and District Chief Executives (MMDCEs) to comply.

He further recommended the involvement of law enforcement, where necessary, including the seizure and documentation of unverified scales for onward submission to the nearest police station for non-compliant buyers.

The Authority was also encouraged to engage all MMDCEs to assess their readiness to facilitate a successful exercise.

The Minister commended the GSA for its proactive measures and assured the delegation of the Regional Coordinating Council's collaboration to ensure smooth implementation and address any challenges that may arise during enforcement.



Bono Regional Manageress, Madam Xaviera Tawiah, and the Administrator, Miss Beatrice Fedawus speaking on Radiant Fm

Bono Regional Office Educates Public on World Standards Day

The Bono Regional Manageress, Madam Xaviera Tawiah, and the Administrator, Miss Beatrice Fedawus, had a morning radio programme with Storm and Radiant FM stations, to talk about the importance of standards, as part of the activities to observe this year's World Standards Day (WSD).

They further talked about standards development, partnerships and collaborations, compliance and enforcement of GSA mandate, and seized the opportunity to explain the need to calibrate all trading scales in this year's

cashew season, as it is fast approaching.

She added that the GSA has standards for virtually all products in the country; and therefore, encouraged all manufacturers to work together with them to produce safe and quality products for their consumers.

She further explained our certification processes, what to look out for on a calibrated trading scale (green and white sticker if it has passed, and red and white coloured sticker if it has failed).

Furthermore, they encouraged the public to search for the Conformity Mark on products before purchasing, assuring them of quality, reliable, and safe products as well as the value for money.



Ashanti Regional staff in a group photograph with FDA officials

Ashanti Regional Office

GSA, FDA Strengthen Regional Collaboration

A four-member team from GSA's Regional Office, paid a visit to the Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) in Kumasi on October 21, 2025, to strengthen regional collaboration between the two organisations in areas such as calibration enforcement, standards promotion, and other technical operations.

The visit aimed to achieve several key objectives, including appreciating FDA's referrals for calibration services, enhancing cooperation in enforcing calibration of measuring devices, promoting the sale and use of standards, exploring joint initiatives in testing, certification, and market surveillance, and harmonising regulatory policies and procedures.

During the meeting, both agencies acknowledged their mutual support and discussed strategies to strengthen calibration enforcement, collaborate in promoting standards, coordinate technical operations, and harmonise regulatory frameworks for efficiency.

The meeting culminated in several resolutions, including the formation of a Joint Working Group to plan collaborative activities, development of a Referral Tracking and Feedback System, undertaking Joint Public Education Campaigns, implementation of Pilot Projects in joint market surveillance, and the full implementation of the existing harmonisation between the two bodies.

The visit marked a major step toward stronger inter-agency collaboration. The agreed actions aim to improve regulatory efficiency, promote public safety, and advance national development through shared expertise and resources.



Mr. James Wanaba presenting an award

Western Regional Office

GSA Participates in 2025 Western Regional Business Awards Celebration

The Takoradi office of the Authority participated in the 2025 Western Regional Business Excellence Awards programme organised by the Western Regional Business Awards Committee, in collaboration with the Western Regional Co-ordinating Council (WRCC).

The Awards Scheme aims at recognising and awarding the enormous contributions made by large companies, SMEs, as well as youth and women businesses, to the growth of the local economy and the national economy at large.

This year's celebration was under the theme: "The Renewed Commitment Towards Inclusive and Sustainable Development and Economic Diversification: The Role of 24 Hour Economy".

In his brief remarks, the Regional Manager, Mr. James Wanaba, took the audience through the functional mandate of GSA, provided in Act 1078 and other enabling legislations, anchored around standardisation, conformity assessment and metrology activities.

He emphasised that to achieve inclusiveness and sustainable economic growth, there is the urgent need for businesses, irrespective of size, to incorporate and constantly adhere to technical standards in their operations, as standards are the bedrock to product quality and safety, competitiveness, profitability and consumer confidence.

A specific call was made to managers of health facilities to take steps to have their medical devices calibrated by GSA's accredited laboratories,



to guarantee reasonable accurate medical reports that could be relied upon for medical diagnosis and treatment. He emphasised that uncalibrated medical devices pose serious health risk to the public in general.

On the 24-Hour Economy Policy framework, Mr. Wanaba opined that GSA could operate 24-hour laboratory services, with the injection of substantial financial and technical support from the Government and donor agencies for the expansion and retooling of its existing accredited laboratories and the attainment of additional accredited laboratories for new service areas within its

broad mandate under Act 1078.

He noted that with government's support, it would go a long way to reduce the turnaround time for service delivery and thus promote inclusiveness of businesses, especially for SMEs and thus promote economic growth and development for the country.



Mr. Lartey joined dignitaries during the launch of the GDIW

Eastern Regional Office

GSA Participates in Ghana Digital & Innovation Week Celebration

The Koforidua Office participated in the Eastern Region's edition of the Ghana Digital and Innovation Week (GDIW) celebration, where the Regional Manager, Mr. Andrew Lartey was the special guest.

The programme was a collaboration between the German Economic Cooperation, GIZ, Digital Transformation Centre Ghana and the UK International Development, under the National Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme (NEIP).

The GDIW brought together young digital innovators and key stakeholders within the innovation community to assess the rich ideas that seek to address real world issues confronting humanity, drive industrialisation to the next level as an engine

to development, as well as identifying the seemingly challenges and explore measures and avenues to enhance youth-led initiatives.

The GDIW 2025, which was held under the theme: "Driving Inclusive Digital Innovation for Ghana's Sustainable Development", saw a spotlight of key panellists from the Eastern Regional Minister to relevant industry stakeholders, for knowledge sharing and guidance in their academic pursuit and future decisions as innovators.

Speaking at the event, Mr. Lartey urged all innovators and participants to leverage GSA's product certification services and standards acquisition, to prevent technical barriers and prove easy market access.

He emphasised that certification not only guarantees product quality and safety, but also streamlines access to international markets, especially within the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

"At the GSA, we recognise that innovation and standards go hand-in-hand. While innovation drives progress and creates new possibilities, standards provide the foundation for trust, quality, and interoperability- ensuring that innovative products and services are safe, reliable, and competitive, both locally and globally," he said.

Mr Larrey urged all participants to uphold standards as Ghana continues to embrace digital transformation, from data protection and cyber security to artificial intelligence and e-commerce, with the Authority committed to supporting innovators and entrepreneurs by developing and implementing relevant standards, fostering collaborations with industry and the academia, and promoting a culture of quality that empowers the digital ecosystem.





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GS 811:2025 – Cereals and Pulses – Specification for Fortified Hard Wheat Flour

Scope:

This Ghana Standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for fortified hard wheat flour prepared from hard wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) intended as ingredient for further processing.

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 producers of milled cereal-based products with the specification for Fortified Hard Wheat Flour by providing information on relevant terms and definitions, requirements for quality,

contaminants, hygiene, packaging and labelling, sampling and testing, and criteria for conformity. **This standard has been technically reviewed. This is the third (3rd) edition. This edition cancels and replaces the second edition. Notable changes include:**

Clause 2 – The Normative references have been updated to reflect the current state of the Standard and to be in line with the current referencing style for the drafting of Ghana Standards.

Clause 4 – The requirement for sedimentation value specified in Table 1 has been modified. The required levels of fortificants for hard wheat flour specified in Table 2 have been updated using current data.

Clause 7 – The packaging requirements have been modified.

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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