



*Prof. Agyei in a handshake with Dr. Hermogène Nsengimana, SG, ARSO*

## ARSO Secretary-General Calls on Director-General

The Secretary-General (SG) of the African Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO), Dr. Hermogène Nsengimana, on Thursday, November 13, 2025, called on the Director-General (DG) of GSA, Prof. George Agyei, to congratulate him on his new role as the DG and discuss issues of mutual interest.

Dr. Nsengimana, who was accompanied by Nadine Umtoni, Project Coordinator

at ARSO, expressed his outfit's complement to Prof. Agyei, noting that his appointment would mark a renewed commitment to Ghana's influence on ARSO.

“We are here to congratulate you officially on your appointment and we are confident that this appointment will strengthen our longstanding relationship. Ghana is a champion of standardisation in Africa, and we hope you will continue

to help the other countries catch up with you in order to help the continent grow in standardisation,” Dr. Nsengimana noted.

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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.

## Core Values

- Excellence
- Customer-focus
- Integrity
- Teamwork

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Prof. Agyei, on his part, said that the relationship between the two standards bodies was very essential in eliminating barriers of trade between countries in Africa.

“We are very happy to have you here and GSA is very committed to contributing to the harmonisation of African standards to enable us trade amongst each other. Standardisation is a qualification to access various markets, and we must help each other standardise our markets to enable us trade amongst ourselves,” Prof. Agyei stated.

He recommended that ARSO adopted digitisation as a major tool for its work to benefit SMEs that form a huge part of Africa’s economy to enable the continent grow.

During the meeting, both heads agreed to continue the agenda of harmonising African

standards and collaboration to improve trade among countries on the continent.







From left to right: Ing Ebenezer Afari Eklemet; Ing. Mrs. Irina Odame; Prof. Amevi Acakpovi; Prof. George Agyei; Ms. Joyce Okoree; Mr. Evans Asiedu, Ing. Selorm Amoaku

## IEC National Committee President Leads Delegation to Visit Director-General

The President of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) National Committee (NC) of Ghana, Ing. Prof. Amevi Acakpovi, on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, led a delegation from the NC to pay a courtesy call on the Director-General (DG) of GSA, Prof. George Agyei.

The visit sought to congratulate Prof. Agyei on his appointment and reinforce the IEC's commitment to partnering the GSA in developing electrotechnical standards to improve the quality of infrastructure and

industrial products across the country.

The IEC delegation included Ing. Ebenezer Afari Eklemet; Ing. Mrs. Irina Odame; Ms. Joyce Okoree (the Director of Certification at the GSA) and Ing. Selorm Amoaku.

Ing. Prof. Acakpovi, in his remarks, expressed the IEC's readiness to support the new DG to uphold and develop quality electrotechnical standards for the country and the sub-region.

Prof. Agyei, on his part, thanked the delegation for

their kind words and stated that collaborating with key institutions such as IEC is a significant part of his agenda adding that his doors were always opened to them.

Madam Okoree, the NC Secretary, in a brief remark, noted that since she works with the GSA, she will be the contact person to liaise between the GSA and the NC.

She pledged to update both institutions on happenings around electrotechnical standardisation.





Group picture with Mr. Abdulai Jabanyite, Mrs. Amoah, Ms. Hebidzi Ing. Akpaloo and other officials of Hisense, Electroland and GSA

## Hisense, Electroland Donate 3 Standing Air Conditioners to GSA

On Tuesday, November 11, 2025, the Scientific Staff Association (SSA) of GSA held a brief ceremony to unveil three newly installed floor standing air conditioners donated by Hisense and Electroland, at the Air Conditioner and Refrigerator Test Laboratory.

The three-floor-standing air conditioners have been installed at the Air Conditioner and Refrigerator Test Laboratory to enhance the working environment and ensure a more comfortable atmosphere for staff. The installation is expected to make the laboratory space more conducive, particularly during meetings and official activities held at the facility.

The Deputy Director-General in charge of General Services (DDG-GEN), Mr. Samuel Abdulai Jabanyite, in his remarks, expressed the Authority's appreciation to Hisense and Electroland, saying that this will mark the beginning of a great partnership.

"We are very grateful because this donation is going to go a long way to improve the working condition of staff in GSA. The partnership that exists between us is very important and we are going to ensure that we work with you to produce good products that will reduce our energy consumption," he stated.

The President of the SSA, Ms. Charlotte Hebidzi, conveyed the association's profound appreciation to Hisense and Electroland for this gesture. She further expressed her appreciation to Ing. Francis Mensah Akpaloo for his instrumental role in facilitating this donation.

Mr. Jude Mills, a representative from Electroland remarked that her company is committed to supporting GSA and this is just the first step in strengthening the partnership.

Ing. Akpaloo, Head of Air Conditioner and Refrigerator Test Laboratory, gave a brief background on the MiDA-sponsored Laboratory. He disclosed that in 2014, the

government of Ghana and the government of the United States, signed an agreement aimed at supporting Ghana's efforts to improve its energy sector, with a focus on promoting energy conservation and efficiency.





## GSA Participates in Launch of Annual Quality Summit

The GSA participated in the official launch of the annual quality summit organised by QA Consult on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at Standards Heights, Accra.

Held under the theme: “Advancing Ghana’s Industrial Excellence through Quality and Trust”, the occasion also marked the 10th Anniversary of QA Consult, a leading quality assurance and management consulting firm. The event assembled key stakeholders in the quality and standards space to reflect a decade of excellence, quality and trust.

In a keynote address read on behalf of the Director-General, Mr. Samuel Abdulai Jabanyite, Deputy Director-

General in charge of General Services (DDG-GEN), stated that the celebration is not merely about longevity but a testament of sustained excellence, dedication and vision.

“In today’s interconnected global economy, quality is not a luxury; it is a necessity. It is the currency of credibility, the foundation of competitiveness, and the assurance of sustainability,” he noted.

He revealed that the GSA views quality as a shared responsibility, one that involves every player in the value chain, from policymakers to producers, from regulators to consumers and true quality is

not confined to products or services but it is embedded in mindsets, institutions, and national culture.

According to Mr. Jabanyite, the GSA is working to harmonise its national standards with regional and international standards, ensuring that Ghanaian products meet the requirements of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and beyond.

QA Consult was born out of a vision to improve quality, safety, and productivity across industries, particularly within Ghana’s manufacturing, hospitality and service sectors.





Mr. Debrah, (far left) joined a panel discussion during the launch

## GSA Participates in Ghana Entrepreneurship Policy Chatbot Launch

On Thursday November 13, 2025, the Ghana Standards Authority participated in the official launch of the Ghana Entrepreneurship Policy Chatbot at the Accra International Conference Centre.

The event formed part of the Ghana Digital & Innovation Week which was held under the theme: Catalyzing for Change: Innovation and Digital Transformation at the Centre of Ghana's Development Agenda.

Mr. Kofi Yeboah Debrah, Ag. Head, Public Relations Department, took his place on the panel as the

representative of GSA. He joined counterparts from the Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) and the Ghana Enterprises Agency (GEA) for an engaging discussion on the theme "Bridging the Gap between Entrepreneurs and Policy". Also present at the event was Mr. Lesley Kwame Yamoah-Arkhurst, an officer with GSA's IT Department.

During the discussion, Mr. Debrah also outlined the key processes and procedures that Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) must understand when engaging with GSA. In response to a question about

certification requirements, he explained that, generally, businesses must demonstrate compliance with applicable national standards, maintain proper documentation, and ensure consistency in their production processes, all essential steps before GSA can issue certification.

In his closing remarks, he stated that the Ghana Entrepreneurship Chatbox is a brilliant initiative and it will enable businesses access to information they need to grow their business.





GSA officials with MCE of Berekum Hon. Hajia Fatima Bintu Abubakar

## Bono Regional Office

### Regional Manager Leads Delegation to Call on Berekum East, Berekum West Municipal MMDCEs, Follow-Up on Regional Minister's Letter on Verification of Cashew Trading Scales

The Sunyani office led by the Regional Manageress, Ms. Xaviera Ulla Tawiah paid a courtesy call to Berekum East Municipal (Berekum), Berekum West (Jinijini), Banda, and Tain all in the Bono Region.

The primary objective of these visits was to follow-up on the directive given by the regional minister to ensure collaboration with GSA in the verification and calibration of Cashew trading scales.

The team first of all:

- Congratulated the Honorable Chief Executives Hajia Fatima

Binta Abubakar (Berekum), Collins Asoma (Jinijini), Peter Dongi (Banda), and Salia Iddisah (Tain) on their appointment as Chief Executives, assuring them of the Authority's support in the government's developmental agenda.

- Followed up on a directive issued by the Bono Regional Minister regarding the mandatory verification and certification of all weighing scales used in the cashew trade within the region; and
- Sought their support and collaboration in ensuring

effective implementation and compliance at the municipal and district levels.

For Berekum, the team had a radio presentation in the morning, educating the populace on the GSA mandate. The team was received by their Chief Executives, members of their Coordinating Council, and the Agric Director for Berekum East Municipal (Berekum).

For Berekum West (Jinijini), the team was received by their Coordinating Director. For Banda Hon. Peter Dongi and Assistant Coordinating Director (Tain) received the team.



in their respective districts about the scale verification exercise, with sensitization carried out by the Sunyani office throughout all the General Assembly meetings in the region.

They were also encouraged to provide administrative support where possible to GSA teams conducting the verification as well as ensure that local cashew buyers and aggregators comply with the directive.

They expressed their appreciation for the engagement and affirmed their commitment to ensuring a smooth, transparent, and fair trading environment during the upcoming cashew season. Some also proposed organizing stakeholder meetings with buyers, farmers, and traditional authorities to reinforce the message.

During the courtesy calls, the team emphasized the importance of scale verification as per the Ghana Standards Act 2022 (Act 1078) as a key quality control measure that promotes fairness and transparency in the cashew value chain. Inaccurate or tampered scales have long been a source of contention between farmers and buyers, often resulting in loss of income and trust.

The team referenced the letter issued by the Bono Regional Minister, which urged all MMDCEs to collaborate with the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) and other relevant agencies to ensure that all weighing scales used in the buying and selling of cashew nuts are duly verified and certified before the season officially opens.

The Chief Executives and their team were encouraged to facilitate communication and awareness campaigns



GSA officials educating the public on Akwaba FM



*GSA officials engaging a sachet producer*

## Eastern Regional Office

### GSA Conducts Inspections at Water Manufacturing Companies

As part of the Ghana Standards Authority's (GSA) mandate to ensure the safety and quality of drinking water on the Ghanaian market, the Koforidua Office undertook a factory inspection at two key facilities: CSIR Natural Mineral Water Company Ltd, producers of Sircool Natural Mineral Water, and Boahenville Enterprise, producers of Voltic Cool-Pac.

The inspections were carried out as part of the product certification process to verify compliance with established standards.

The inspection exercise was conducted by officials from the Koforidua Regional

Office, led by the Regional Manager, Mr. Andrew Lartey. The inspections form a critical component of the Authority's regulatory activities. It focused on assessing the companies' adherence to national and international standards, evaluating production processes, examining quality assurance systems, and confirming that finished products meet prescribed safety and performance requirements.

At the CSIR Company, the team performed a comprehensive evaluation of the production lines. Products produced by the company included bottled water, dispenser bottles and bagged sachet drinking water.

Key areas of focus included hygiene practices, packaging accuracy, quality control procedures, storage conditions, and the general state of the production environment. The facility received commendable feedback regarding its compliance efforts.

The team subsequently visited Boahenville Enterprise. The inspection reviewed the company's production processes, hygienic practices, Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs), and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to ensure alignment with required standards.

These inspections form an essential part of the

Authority's broader mandate to ensure that products manufactured within the country meet national quality benchmarks and regulatory requirements.





Group photograph of GSA officials and manufacturers

## Ashanti Regional Office

### GSA Factory Inspections in Ashanti Region

On November 10, 2025, a team from the Ashanti Regional Office visited several manufacturing facilities to assess their compliance with the applicable standards.

The inspection team, consisting of Mr. Eugene Antwi Nuamah, Mr. Hayford Agyei Boadi, and Ms. Charlotte Acquah, visited three companies: Welglonet Agrotec (producers of Insecticide Powder) at Buokurom Estates for certification renewal, Najwad Business Enterprise (Palm Oil Repackaging) at Buokurom Estates for initial

certification, and Donyma Steel Complex (producers of Nails) at Dadiesoaba for certification renewal.

During the inspections, the team evaluated the production processes against the code of practice for products in question, quality control measures in place, labelling on the products, hygiene practices, and documentation to ensure conformity with relevant Ghana Standards. These inspections aim to promote standardization, improve quality, and assess conformity within the Ghanaian

economy, ensuring that products are safe, reliable, and fit for the purpose.

The GSA appreciates the cooperation of the facilities involved and reaffirms its commitment to promoting quality and standardisation across all sectors.



# GS 1392:2025: Medical Devices – Specification for multiple use (reusable) Sanitary Fabric Pads/Towels

## Scope:

This Ghana standard specifies the requirements and methods of test for multiple use (reusable) sanitary fabric pads/towels (including multiple use panty liners) for external use.

## 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 Standards provides producers of Medical Devices with the Specification for multiple use (reusable) sanitary fabric pads/towels by providing information on normative references, terms and definitions, requirements, packaging and labelling, testing, criteria for conformity and annex.

*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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