



## 14th AGI Awards Ceremony Held

The Association of Ghana Industries (AGI), in collaboration with the Ministry of Trade, Agribusiness and Industry (MoTAI) and the Ghana Standards Authority, hosted the 14th AGI Ghana Industry & Quality Awards at the Accra International Conference Centre (AICC) on Saturday, November 29, 2025.

The awards is held annually to recognise and celebrate Ghanaian companies demonstrating, excellence, innovation, and a strong commitment to quality during the year under review.

The National Quality Awards is one of the Awards Sectors run by the GSA. This is done through the Systems

Certification Department which plays the key role of auditing and identifying organisations excelling in the implementation of standards and management systems.

The theme for this year's ceremony was "Creating a Conducive Business Environment & Quality Standards for Industrial Competitiveness in a 24-HR Economy" and was graced by the Vice President, H. E. Prof. Naana Jane Opoku-Agyemang; Hon. Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, Prof. George Agyei, Director-General of GSA; and other distinguished dignitaries.

Speaking at the event, Her Excellency the Vice President said industrial growth remains central to the government's transformational policies, including the proposed 24-hour economy and the government's dedication to strengthening quality infrastructure, enhancing industrial competitiveness, and supporting businesses to align with global standards.

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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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Vice President, H. E. Prof. Naana Jane Opoku Agyemang

H. E. Prof. Opoku-Agyemang explained that the 24-hour economy policy is designed to incentivise businesses—particularly manufacturing and light industries—to operate in shifts around the clock. This, she noted, would boost productivity, maximise resource use, and create more jobs for Ghanaians.

On agriculture, she highlighted the government's Feed Ghana Programme, describing it as a strategic initiative aimed at boosting food production while creating employment opportunities nationwide.

The programme, she added, will ensure a stable supply of raw materials to support the expansion of agribusiness and position Ghana as a leading export-driven economy.

The H. E. Vice President emphasised that government alone cannot achieve industrialisation, stressing the crucial role of the private sector. She called for bold investments from industry players and assured them of government's continuous support, especially under the Agribusiness Policy, which seeks to guarantee reliable inputs for manufacturers.

H. E. Prof. Opoku-Agyemang further pledged government's determination to address persistent challenges facing the industrial sector, including limited access to credit.

Hon. Oforu-Adjare, who also addressed the ceremony, highlighted government's ongoing reforms to create a more supportive industrial

environment. She noted that regulatory and digitalisation reforms from company registration to customs clearance—are simplifying processes, reducing delays, and providing predictability for businesses to expand and compete effectively.

She further underscored government's commitment to strengthening local industry through its procurement power. Citing examples, she mentioned the procurement of locally manufactured sanitary pads for schoolgirls under the free sanitary pads initiative, as well as similar support to the automotive sector, as clear demonstrations of government's resolve to boost domestic production.

Hon. Oforu-Adjare also pointed to major infrastructure investments as critical enablers of industrial competitiveness. She referenced ongoing efforts to improve energy stability, expand industrial parks, and enhance transport and logistics networks, including Ghana's support for the Abidjan-Lagos Corridor initiative which is expected to reduce trade costs and improve regional market access for local manufacturers.

Prof. Agyei, on his part, reaffirmed GSA's commitment to supporting industry through robust quality infrastructure, standards development, testing, and certification.

He emphasized that GSA's partnership with AGI through these awards reflects a shared commitment to raising the bar of industrial excellence

and ensuring that Ghanaian products and services meet and exceed international benchmarks.

He further called on industries to support GSA in carrying out its mandate as it exists to support them to grow and contribute to economic development.

He stated that the GSA plays a key role in the government's "Reset" agenda hence the need to support government.

Outgoing AGI President, Dr. Humphrey Ayim-Darke, commended the government for removing the COVID-19 levy and implementing other pro-business measures. He called for stronger border controls and the elimination of substandard goods to protect local industries and uphold quality standards.

The Best Industrial Company of the Year Award went to Softcare Ghana for its outstanding work and activities during the year under review.

GSA was well represented by the DG- Prof. Goerge Agyei, Director Certification- Ms. Joyce Okoree, Director Testing- Dr. Maxwell Kogbe, Head of System Certification Department - Mrs. Dzienyo A. Akafia, and two auditors of the Management Systems Certification Scheme- Mrs. Doris Agyemang, and Dr. Emily Milla-Amekor



*Hon. Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare*



*Prof. George Agyei*



## AGI – NQA 2025 AWARDEES

Category	Sector	System being implemented	Organisation
Bronze	Food (Fresh fruit Juices)	GMP	Honeycomb Foods Limited
	Non-food	QMS	Pioneer Business Investment Limited
Silver	Food		Eden Tree Limited
	Non-Food	QMS	CBI Ghana Limited
Gold	Food	QMS/FSSC	Olam Agri Ghana Ltd
	Non-Food	Integrated Management Systems (IMS)	National Petroleum Authority (Government Agency)
	Medical	QMS	- Delf Imaging Ghana (Private)
Diamond Integrated Management Systems (IMS)	Food – Beverages	FSSC 22000 V6.0 EMS OHSMS	Nestle Ghana Limited
	Food - Confectionery	FSSC 22000 V6.0 QMS EMS OHSMS	Niche Cocoa Industry Limited
Diamond Integrated Management Systems (IMS)	Non-Food		
	OMC- Petroleum Owners of Shell Ghana Ltd	QMS EMS OHSMS	Vivo Energy Ghana Plc (Owners of Shell Ghana) (Highest Score)
	Cable Manufacturing	QMS EMS OHSMS	Nexans Kabelmetal Ghana Limited

\*GMP – Good Manufacturing Practice

\* HACCP – Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point

\* QMS – Quality Management System (ISO 9001)

\*EMS – Environmental Management System (ISO 14001)

\*OHSMS – Occupational Health and Safety Management System (ISO 45001)

## THE GHANA STANDARDS AUTHORITY (GSA) LAUNCHES A GROUNDBREAKING DIGITAL CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT SYSTEM TO COMBAT FAKE GOODS FROM MARCH 2026

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### #ScanBeforeYouBuy

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), the national body mandated to ensure the quality and safety of goods and services, today announces a major strategic initiative to safeguard Ghanaian consumers and legitimate businesses from the scourge of sub-standard and counterfeit products.

The proliferation of fake goods in our markets poses a significant threat to public health, safety, and the economic well-being of our nation. It undermines consumer confidence and unfairly disadvantages manufacturers and importers who adhere to GSA's rigorous certification standards.

To tackle this challenge head-on, the GSA will be rolling out a state-of-the-art **Digital Conformity Assessment and Product Authentication System in March 2026**. This innovative, nationwide solution will empower every Ghanaian with the ability to instantly verify the authenticity of GSA-certified products directly from their smartphones.

How the New System Will Work:

#### 1. Unique QR Codes

All GSA-certified products will feature a unique, secure QR code.

#### 2. Instant Verification

Consumers can simply scan this QR code using a dedicated, free mobile application.

#### 3. Real-time Authentication

The app will provide immediate confirmation of the product's authenticity, displaying key information such as the product name, manufacturer, and GSA certificate details.

#### 4. Report on Suspected Fakes

The system includes a feature for consumers to report suspected counterfeit products directly to the GSA, providing valuable data for our market surveillance and enforcement operations.

### A CALL TO ACTION FOR ALL STAKEHOLDERS

The success of this transformative project depends on the collaboration of all stakeholders.

#### To All GSA License Holders (Manufacturers, Importers, and Distributors)

You are our primary partners in this endeavour. We entreat you to fully embrace this system and begin preparations for its integration into your product packaging and labelling. Widespread adoption of the QR codes is crucial for creating a unified front against counterfeiters. The GSA will provide comprehensive guidelines and onboarding support in the coming months.

### **To the Retail Community**

You are the vital link between products and consumers. We urge you to support this initiative by stocking and promoting products bearing the official GSA QR code. This will not only protect your customers but also enhance the credibility and trust in your establishments.

### **To the General Public**

Your role is paramount. We call upon all Ghanaian consumers to actively participate in this national effort. When the system goes live, we encourage you to download the official GSA authentication app and #ScanBeforeYouBuy. Your vigilance is the most powerful weapon we have in the fight against fake goods.

### **To Other Regulatory Bodies and Industry Associations**

The GSA seeks your collaboration to ensure a cohesive and widespread implementation of this system across all sectors. Together, we can create a safer and more transparent market for all.

This Digital Conformity Assessment System represents a significant leap forward in our mission to protect consumers and promote fair trade. It leverages technology to put power directly into the hands of the people, making it increasingly difficult for illicit goods to survive in the Ghanaian market.

The GSA is committed to a smooth rollout and will conduct extensive stakeholder sensitization and public education campaigns in the lead-up to the MARCH 2026 LAUNCH.

Let us work together to restore integrity to our markets and protect the health and safety of every Ghanaian.

**Signed,**

**Prof. George Agyei**  
**Director-General**  
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*Prof. Agyei in a group photograph with Mawerehene, Nana Agyei Obrempong I (3rd from left) and other chiefs, queens and elders from Paribon, Amanokrom*

## Paribon Chiefs, Elders Pay Courtesy Call on Director-General

A delegation of chiefs, queens and elders from Paribon, Amanokrom in the Akuapem Traditional Area of the Eastern Region, led by the Mawerehene, Nana Agyei Obrempong I, on Thursday, November 27, 2025, paid a courtesy call on Professor George Agyei, the Director-General (DG), at the head office in Accra.

The Mawerehene and his entourage were at the Authority to congratulate him on his appointment as the DG and to discuss important community concerns and other relevant matters with the GSA.

Nana Obrempong I, in a brief remark, said the traditional area is seeking to collaborate

with the GSA in many areas such as the promotion of standardisation in local industries; development of standards for the preservation of traditional practices and products; cultural preservation, as well as public awareness and education.

“We the chiefs and people of Amanokrom can work with the GSA to raise awareness about standardisation and quality assurance, protecting consumers and promoting economic development,” he noted.

Nana Obrempong I pointed out that the traditional rulers stand ready to partner with the GSA to enhance the credibility and market access for local products; improve the

quality and competitiveness of local industries; empower communities with knowledge and skills; and increase economic opportunities and revenue.

Prof. Agyei thanked the delegation for the visit, the first made by a traditional authority since he assumed in September. He pledged the Authority’s willingness to work closely with traditional rulers to bring standardisation to the doorsteps of the people.

He said the GSA has begun outreach programmes at schools where officers educate and sensitise students on the importance of standardisation to national development, adding that the Authority would extend such programmes to the area

next year, beginning with the World Metrology Day in May.

Prof. Agyei said his outfit would take advantage of events like the Odwira Festival to create awareness and sensitise residents on standards and conformity

assessment. “We pledge to work with you. We will meet as management to deliberate on your requests,” he said.

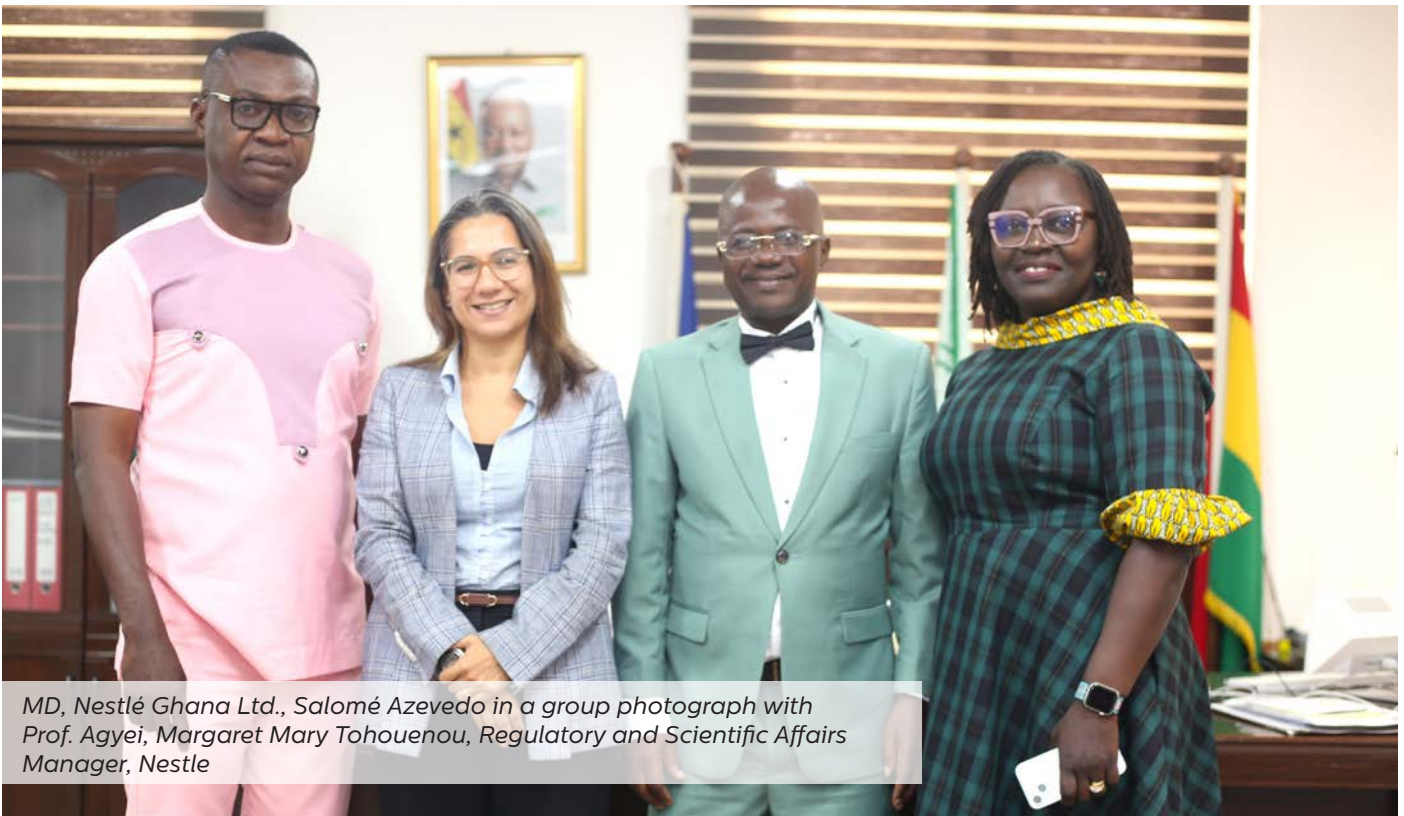
The delegation, after fruitful the deliberation, presented a citation in honour of Prof.

Agyei for his contributions to the development of the country.

The Director-General thanked the delegation for the gesture.







*MD, Nestlé Ghana Ltd., Salomé Azevedo in a group photograph with Prof. Agyei, Margaret Mary Tohouenou, Regulatory and Scientific Affairs Manager, Nestlé*

## Nestlé Managing Director Calls on Director-General

The Managing Director of Nestlé Ghana Ltd., Salomé Azevedo, on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, paid a courtesy call on the Director-General (DG), Prof. George Agyei, to congratulate him on his appointment as the DG and discuss matters of mutual benefits to both organisations.

Salomé, accompanied by Margaret Mary Tohouenou, Regulatory and Scientific Affairs Manager, extended compliments from Nestlé Ghana Ltd. to Prof Agyei, noting that his appointment signifies a renewed commitment to maintaining food standards and safety in Ghana.

She expressed Nestlé's continued commitment to partnering GSA to ensuring that food products manufactured from her outfit meet the standards.

Both leaders agreed to continue to work together to promote standardisation and conformity assessment within the food industry.





*LiSA officials in a Meeting with Prof. Agyei and other GSA management members*

## Liberian Standards Authority Officials End Tour of GSA

Officials from the Liberian Standards Authority (LiSA), who were undertaking a study tour at the GSA in the past week, ended their tour on Friday, November 28, 2025.

During their stay at the Authority, they toured various departments and laboratories and interacted with staff to study the operations of the Authority and take lessons back to their country to apply them.

During a short ceremony to end their tour, the LiSA officials expressed their gratitude to GSA for the warm reception, stating that it was an eye-opener and they will be going back with valuable lessons to improve their institution.

“Thank you so much for the warm reception. Since we came here, we have had a practical feel of how a standards body works. Prior to us coming to Ghana, we heard that GSA was the best in the sub-region and coming here has really confirmed it. We have been very impressed with your processes, equipment, among other things,” Mr. Melvin A. Tokpah, Chief Technical Officer, LiSA noted.

He further appealed to GSA to help its neighbouring countries to harmonise and improve to enable the ECOWAS region move forward.

Prof. George Agyei, Director-General (DG) of GSA, for his part, said the GSA was very

happy to host their Liberian counterparts and that the tour will re-energise the agenda of standardisation within the West African sub-region.

“Looking at the regional blocs in Africa, West Africa hasn’t taken standardisation seriously and we are lagging. ECOWAS can’t be successful if we don’t harmonise our standards and trade amongst ourselves. Such trainings and partnership will go a long way to strengthen our standardisation agenda and will help us develop,” Prof. Agyei added.

The Director of Standards, Madam Alice Donya, in a brief remark, wished the LiSA delegation well and stated

that the GSA stands ready to assist them should they need any help.

The tour formed part of a collaboration instituted by the EU and UNIDO to

provide hands-on training in testing, standards development, inspection, and certification and enhance the operational capacity of LiSA staff and enable the institution to deliver

more effective services, in support of Liberia's national quality infrastructure.







Mr. Kofi Debrah educating participants on GSA's mandate

## GSA Participates in High-Level Business Regulatory Dialogue

The GSA participated in a high-level business regulatory dialogue organised by the Institute for Liberty and Policy Innovation (ILAPI) on Thursday, November 27, 2025, at Coconut Grove Regency Hotel, Accra.

Held under the theme: “Enhancing Regulatory Efficiency and Compliance Support for Business Growth”, the dialogue formed part of ILAPI’s business regulatory and compliance reform project, aimed at fostering a fair, transparent and efficient regulatory ecosystem that supports business competitiveness.

The event brought together key policymakers, government, regulatory bodies, the private sector and civil society organisations.

Mr. Kofi Yeboah Debrah, Ag. Head, Public Relations Department, represented the Ghana Standards Authority on the panel. He sat alongside fellow panellists from the Food and Drugs Authority (FDA), the Ghana Investment Promotion Centre (GIPC), the Ghana Enterprise Agency (GEA), the Office of the Registrar of Companies (ORC), and the Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA), contributing to the insightful discussion.

He explained that people focus solely on developing great business, forgetting that the real breakthrough comes from having standards and securing certification from the GSA. These, he said, are what will allow businesses to enter new markets and explore new audiences. He

emphasised that compliance with standards and product certification is essential for cross-border trade. “Without these requirements, businesses cannot effectively compete within the AfCFTA framework,” he noted.





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## Textiles & Garments TC Launch New APP to Host Meetings

The National Technical Committee (NTC) on Textiles and Garments (GSA/TCs), on Thursday, November 27, 2025, hosted a virtual meeting to promote and demonstrate the new Online Development Platform “TexAppGh”. TexAppGh is a digital platform developed to host all Technical Committee (TC) activities, including TC meetings and events, review and develop draft and final standards, receiving public comments, among others.

Mr. Evans Asiedu, Head of Engineering, Building and Basic Standards Department, on behalf of the Director of Standards, welcomed the audience, highlighting the key purpose of the TC and TexAppGh. He appreciated the hard work and dedication of TC members, especially in this novel initiation.

Dr. Awal Mohammed, the Deputy Director-General in charge of Operations (DDG-OPS), delivered a special address on behalf of the Director-General. He indicated that the Authority is committed to standardisation and the use of digitilisation to enhance its work.

“We, therefore, applaud the Textiles and Garments TC for taking this initiative of developing TexAppGh to enhance its activities. This application will be very useful for the 24-Hour Economy Policy. We encourage other TCs to learn and adopt such innovations so that together, we can serve the people of Ghana and beyond, adequately,” Dr. Awal stated.

Mr. Amos Benson, the Standards Officer and TC Secretary, delivered a brief

presentation on “Structure, Role and Importance of the National Technical Committee for Textiles and Garments. He explained what the GSA/TC2 was, the scope of work, stakeholder structure of the NTC, structure of the committee, role of the chairperson, among several others.

“The NTC is responsible for ensuring that textiles and garments produced, imported, or exported in Ghana meet quality, safety, environmental, and trade requirements in line with international best practices,” he stated.

He explained that “GSA/TC2 develops and reviews national standards for textiles, garments, and leather products.” “We do not work in isolation. The committee is

made up of representatives from consumer and consumer advocacy groups, industry and private sector, professional and technical bodies, government and regulators, academia and research institutions, and the national standards body, which is us, GSA,” he added.

Mr. Lesley Yamoah-Arkhurst, the IT officer and app developer, made a demonstration on TexAppGh. Key features of the applications for public users include account creation, signing in, committee overview, committee statistics, scope of work, committee members directory, published standards, standards under development, TC contact details, meeting and events, and quick links. For TC members, he explained how to navigate the projects and user profile features.

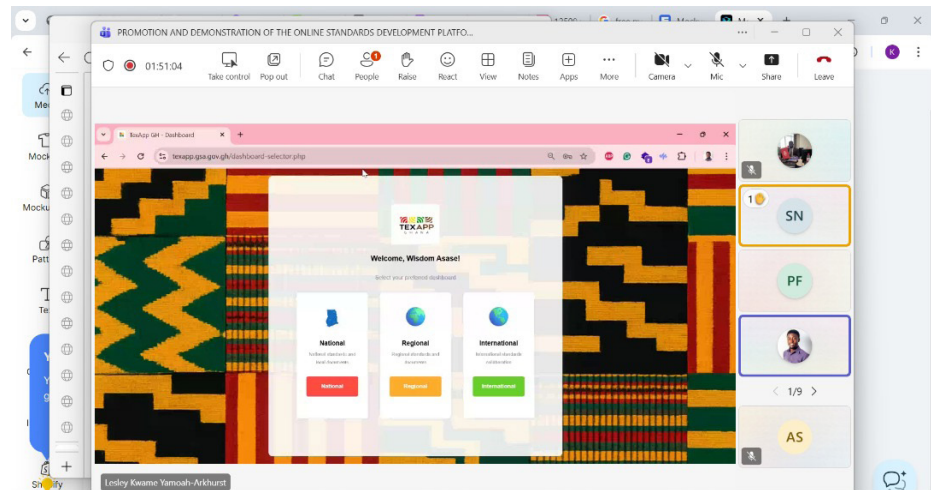
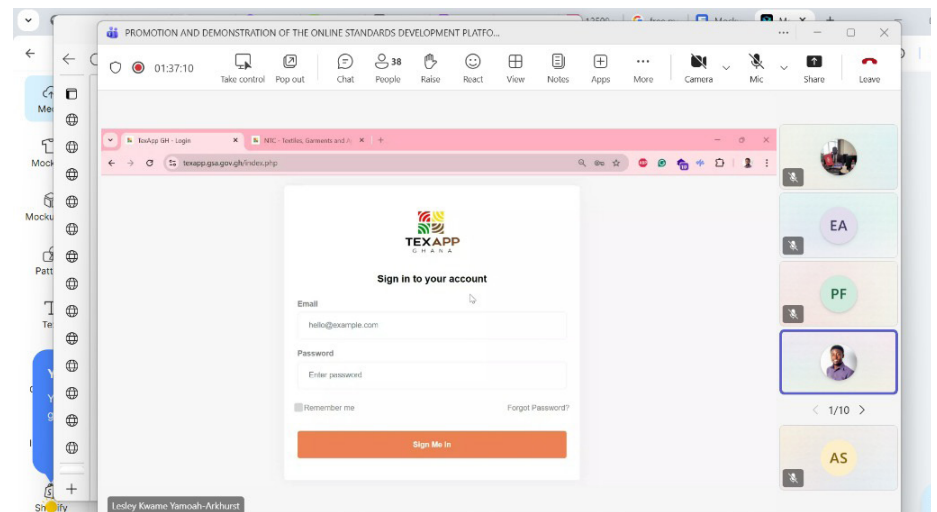
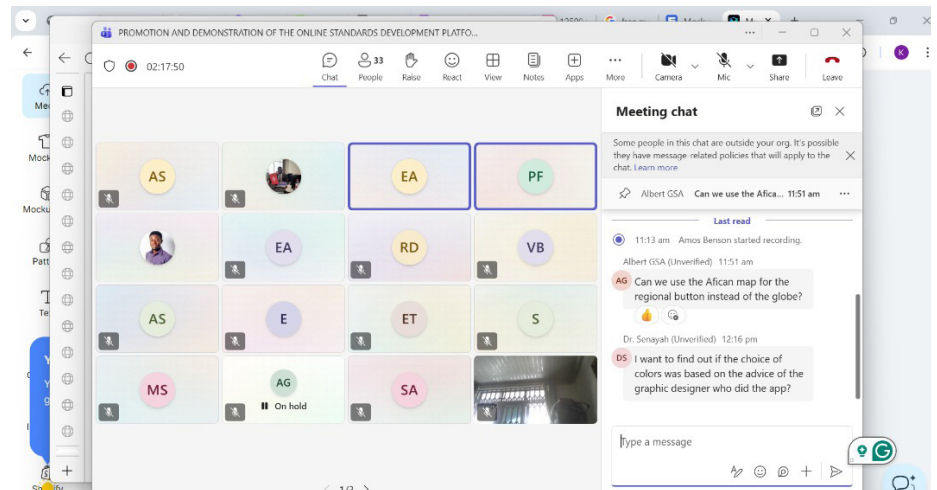
Prof Charles Frimpong, the TC Chairperson, said the TexAppGh was initiated to digitise the activities of the Committee. He reminded the TC members that “We are going to be playing the same roles. Just that this time, everything we do will be on the digital platform, including TC meetings, standard development, sharing of key documents and comments, and receiving public comments. The purpose is to save time and money, and also to make us more efficient.” He expressed his appreciation to all those who played various roles in making this project a success. He further encouraged the TC members to embrace TexAppGh and continue to work diligently for the good

of the Textiles Industry and Mother Ghana.

Prof. Frimpong officially launched TexAppGh on behalf of the DG. He encouraged the public to actively be involved in standards development, especially by reviewing draft standards and sharing

comments or feedback.

The meeting brought together TC members, industry players, government officials, academia, standard officers, and the general public.





*Mrs. Dorothy Amoah and Hannah Ampomah Mensah educating exhibitors on the importance of certification*

## GSA Promotes Standards and Quality at Volta Fair

As part of its plan to enhance safety and consumer protection ahead of the festive season, the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) participated in the 2025 Volta Fair, a two-week event which opened on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, at the Ho Stadium in the Volta Region.

A team drawn from the Authority's Marketing, Public Relations, and Standards Departments represented the Authority at the fair, engaging exhibitors and educating them on the importance of standards and certification. The goal is to empower businesses to elevate their products by testing and certifying them to meet international standards, thereby

expanding their market reach beyond Ghana and Africa.

The Volta Fair, one of the largest in the country, has attracted a diverse range of vendors and participants, providing a valuable platform for the GSA to connect with stakeholders and promote the benefits of standardisation. Through its presence, the Authority is raising awareness of the need for quality and standards in products, ultimately contributing to consumer safety.

The GSA remains committed to working with businesses and industries to ensure that Ghanaian products meet global standards and become more competitive on

the international market. The Volta Fair is scheduled to run until December 9, 2026, and continues to meet the expectations of participants and exhibitors due to its strong patronage.





*Madam Barbara Wuttur, Head of legal swearing the new ASA executives*

## New Leadership of Admin Staff Association Sworn into Office

On Thursday November 27, 2025, the newly elected leadership of the Administration Staff Association (ASA) was sworn into office at a brief ceremony held at the head office.

Speaking at the event, the outgoing president, Mr. George Assamah thanked the members for their unwavering support during his tenure and called for unity amongst the membership.

He appealed to members to support the new leadership to serve them well.

The Director of Administration, Madam Elizabeth Claire-Nelson congratulated the new executives on their election

and called for unity to move the interests of Admin staff forward.

“Administration is the wheel of every organisation. Even though GSA is a scientific organisation, without us the institution can’t move forward. We should unite to move GSA forward,” Madam Claire-Nelson said.

She also appealed to staff to support her in her new role and said she will push the interests of administration staff, noting that her doors were always opened for collaboration.

The Head of Legal, Madam Barbara Wuttur, who swore

the new leadership into office, admonished the members to create a resemblance of a family unit within the workplace. She told the leadership to build the association for members to derive and take full advantage of its benefits.

The President of ASA, Ms. Jacqueline Conduah, for her part, said that she was humbled and honoured to accept the responsibility of leading the association.

She said her main objective as a president is to make the association very visible in all areas of the organisation, working closely with management and



other stakeholders to drive progress.

She enumerated some key vision and priority areas she and her other leadership members intend to champion to move the association forward:

1. Visibility and Engagement
2. Membership Growth
3. Constitution Review
4. Financial Transparency
5. Investment Strategy and Loan Facility
6. Provision of Welfare benefit
7. Engagement with Temporary and TSI Leadership
8. Capacity Building
9. Promoting Standards and Health Talk Campaign

She said the new executives will work hard in attaining the goals set out and called on all members to invite other colleagues who haven't yet signed up to be part of the association to support her vision to move the association, and GSA as a whole, forward.





# Rwanda Rising: A Beacon of Progress in the Heart of Africa

*By: Prince Isaac K. Arthur, Director, Metrology Directorate*

When the 47th ISO Annual Meeting convened in Kigali from October 6th to 10th, 2025, delegates from around the world gathered to discuss global standards. But for many, including myself, the real standard-setter was the host city itself – Kigali. What I witnessed was not just a conference, but a revelation. Rwanda, once synonymous with tragedy, now stands as a model of resilience, innovation, and visionary leadership. Clap for Rwanda? Absolutely. Applaud until your hands ache.

## **Kigali: Africa's Cleanest Capital?**

From the moment I stepped onto the streets of Kigali, I was struck by the sheer order and cleanliness. Not a pothole in sight. The city's drainage system is a marvel – well-engineered channels that prevent water stagnation and silt buildup. The absence of plastic waste, thanks to Rwanda's pioneering 2008 ban on non-biodegradable plastic bags, means gutters remain unchoked and the environment pristine.

Walkways line every street, and zebra crossings are placed strategically. Pedestrians use them diligently, a testament to civic discipline. There's no street vending, no chaotic crossings, no honking frenzy. Just calm, green order.

## **Freshness in Every Breath**

Open spaces are adorned with manicured flowers and trees that seem to breathe life into the city. Greenery is not just planted – it's nurtured. There are no dusty roads, no smoggy corners. Kigali smells like fresh air and looks like a

dream. The city's commitment to urban aesthetics rivals that of the most advanced cities in the world.

### **Discipline on Wheels**

Road regulations are not just written – they're lived. Speed limits are respected. Motorcyclists wear helmets. Drivers obey traffic signals. It's as if the entire city has agreed to a silent pact of progress.

### **Rwanda's National Transformation**

This isn't just about Kigali. It's about a nation that has chosen a path of dignity and development. Rwanda's Vision 2050 aims to transform the country into a high-income nation by mid-century, with prosperity and high quality of life for all Rwandans. The current National Strategy for Transformation (NST2) focuses on economic growth, climate resilience, and social inclusion. (credit: [www.minecofin.gov.rw](http://www.minecofin.gov.rw))

### **Some highlights (source: [www.undp.org](http://www.undp.org)):**

- Job Creation: 1.25 million jobs targeted between 2025 – 2029.
- Digital Innovation: Rwanda is a leader in e-governance and digital public services.
- Gender Equality: Women hold over 60% of seats in Parliament, the highest globally.
- Health & Education: Universal health insurance and free primary education are realities, not aspirations.

### **A Global Example**

Rwanda's story is not just African – it's universal. It's about what's possible when a country chooses hope over despair, systems over chaos, and vision over stagnation. It's a lesson for nations everywhere: progress is not about size or wealth, but about will.

### **Final Word: Clap for Rwanda!**

To walk through Kigali is to walk through a future that many countries only dream of. Rwanda has earned its applause – not just for what it has overcome, but for what it has become. A progressive gem in the heart of Africa, Rwanda deserves recognition, admiration, and emulation.

So yes, clap for Rwanda. Loudly. Proudly. Endlessly.



Group photograph of Mary Mother students and GSA officials

## Mary Mother of Good Counsel Students Visit GSA

On Wednesday, November 26, 2025, Basic 9 students from Mary Mother of Good Counsel School, paid a visit to GSA. The purpose of the visit was to provide learners with first-hand experience and practical knowledge of the functions and operations of the Authority.

The students were received by the Public Relations and Marketing Departments, who provided an engaging overview of the Authority's mandate, core functions and key operational activities.

Mr. Kofi Yeboah Debrah, APR, and Mr. Fotwe Afful, from the Public Relations Department, took the students through an insightful presentation on the operations of the GSA. They outlined the wide range

of activities carried out by the Authority and provided a clear explanation of the roles and functions of the various directorates and departments.

They also showcased the GSA Certification Mark, educating the students on its importance and encouraging them to look out for the Mark whenever they buy items on the market.

The students toured the Pesticide Residue Laboratory as well as the Food and Drinks Laboratory, where they were offered a closer look at the day-to-day operations and the testing procedures carried out to ensure product safety and quality assurance.

The students and their teachers expressed their gratitude to the team for

the warm reception and for the time taken to guide them through the Authority's processes and operations.



Mr. Kofi Debrah taking the students through GSA's activities







DCOP Joseph Owusu Bempah and Mr. Andrew Larley

## Eastern Regional Office Koforidua Office Pays Courtesy Call on Eastern Regional Police Commander

The Eastern Regional Manager of the GSA, Mr. Andrew Larley, led a delegation from the Authority to pay a courtesy call on the Eastern Regional Police Commander, DCOP Joseph Owusu Bempah to congratulate him on his recent appointment and to reaffirm the cooperative relationship between the two institutions.

Mr. Larley conveyed the Authority's warm congratulations and used the occasion to outline the mandate of the GSA in the region. He explained the GSA's work in standards enforcement, market surveillance, testing, and public education. He noted the increasing need for close collaboration, especially in the ongoing effort to clear the market of substandard and unsafe products.

Mr. Larley stressed the Authority's continued commitment to working side-by-side with the Police Service to ensure that enforcement activities are carried out smoothly and in accordance with the law.

In response, DCOP Bempah expressed his appreciation for the visit and acknowledged the importance of the long-standing partnership between the two agencies.

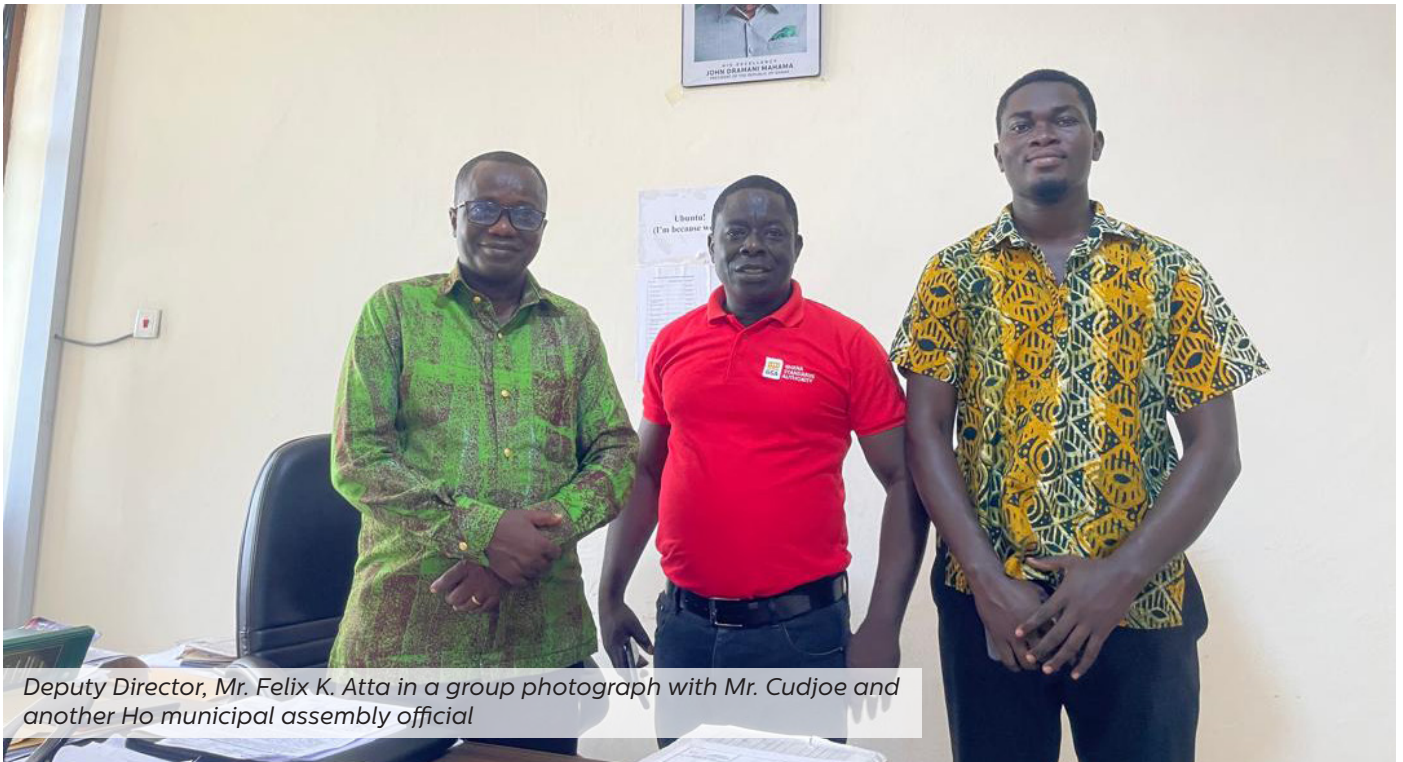
He emphasised the need to strengthen collaborative efforts so that operations targeting substandard goods can be undertaken with greater efficiency.

He assured the GSA team that police officers would remain available for all joint activities

whenever their presence is required.

DCOP Bempah further noted that standards are essential to everyday living and form part of the foundation of public safety. He affirmed the Command's full support for the Authority in the discharge of its duties.





Deputy Director, Mr. Felix K. Atta in a group photograph with Mr. Cudjoe and another Ho municipal assembly official

## Volta Regional Office

### Ho Office Engages Municipal Assembly, Seeks Approval for Strategic Signpost Installations

On 25th November 2025, the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) Ho Office, paid a working visit to the Ho Municipal Assembly to engage the authorities, brief them on the mandates of the GSA, and inform them about their ongoing marketing and public awareness initiatives.

It is also to seek approval to mount GSA signposts at key vantage points within the municipality.

The Deputy Director, Mr. Felix K. Atta, warmly received the GSA team, which was led by the Regional Manager, Mr. Joseph R. Cudjoe.

In his remarks, Mr. Cudjoe introduced his team and outlined the core mandates of

the Authority. He emphasised that “as the national standards institution, it is essential that our presence is visible because our work cuts across all sectors. We are here to officially familiarise ourselves with the Assembly and to request your support in mounting our signposts to enhance visibility and provide clear directional guidance to the public.”

Mr. Felix K. Atta expressed appreciation for the visit and stated that “I am happy to welcome you. As government institutions, collaboration is key. Working together enables us to safeguard our communities and ensure the wellbeing of our citizens.”

Following the engagement, the GSA team proceeded to inspect and identify suitable vantage locations where the Authority’s signposts will be installed.





GSA staff educating the assembly members on GSA's activities

## Bono Regional Office

### GSA Meets with Jaman North & South District Assembly Members

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) in the Bono Region has been actively engaging various stakeholders, including district assembly members, to emphasize the importance of using accurate weighing scales in their communities. This initiative aims to promote fair trade practices and ensure consumers receive value for their money, especially those who use scales in the cashew industry.

During the general assembly meetings of these districts, the GSA highlighted several key benefits of using standardized weighing scales:

**Fair Trade Practices:** Accurate scales help prevent cheating

and ensure that both buyers and sellers are treated fairly.

**Consumer Protection:** Verified scales give consumers confidence in their purchases, knowing they have been charged correctly.

**Business Efficiency:** Using standardized scales can streamline business operations and improve trust between traders and their customers.

The GSA conducts regular verification and calibration exercises to ensure scales meet required standards. They identify compliant scales with a green sticker and non-compliant ones with a red sticker. Traders

found using manipulated or unverified scales face penalties, including fines and potential suspension.

In conclusion, the assembly members assured the Authority of their commitment to help enforce their mandate.





# 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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