



Mad. Elizabeth Nelson, Ag. Director, PME, making a presentation

GSA Management Members Discuss 2025 Performance, Strategise for 2026

Management of the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) from Monday, February 9 to Tuesday, February 10, 2026, held a management meeting to discuss the 2025 performance and the 2026 draft work programme.

The meeting, held at the Standards Heights in Accra, was

graced by top management members including Mr. Hudu Mogtari, the Board Chairman; Prof. George Agyei, Director-General (DG); Dr. Awal Mohammed, Deputy Director-General in charge of Operations (DDG-OPS); Mr. Kojo Eshun, Deputy Director-General, Conformity

Assessment (DDG-CAS), and Hon. Samuel Jabanyite, Deputy Director-General, General Services (DDG-GEN).

The Regional Managers joined the meeting virtually.

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Vision

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*Board Chairman, Mr. Mogtari, DG, Prof. Agyei, DDG-GEN, Hon. Jabanyite, DDG-OPS, Dr. Awal, DDG-CAS, Mr. Eshun
(from left to right)*

Opening the meeting, the Board Chair expressed gratitude to the management members for their hard work and dedication towards the growth of the organisation and urged them to continue working together to achieve the organisation's goals and objectives.

He encouraged the management members to be ambitious in their roles and not be conservative in their ideas, urging them to come out with sound ideas that will promote their activities.

The DG, during the meeting, commended the management members and by extension the entire GSA

staff, for their output and expressed optimism on things improving in the coming year due to various targets set by the various departments.

He mentioned that GSA had to work on their information management system as a matter of urgency and move towards full digitisation of its services to make the Authority more efficient.

“Management members have been very good at their jobs despite the various constraints. I am aware of the various challenges, and I appreciate all the good work you have been involved in. The presentations have given me a lot of optimism that this

year will be a positive one and top management is willing to support you to achieve your targets,” he said.

Mr. Samuel Sackitey, the Director of Finance, during the presentations, urged the various heads and directors to try as much as possible to meet the targets because these targets help cater for the salaries and various resources that help the institution. He called on the departments and directorates to work together to help GSA execute its mandate.

The Head of Planning, Ms. Hannah Swanzy, made a presentation on a draft sectorial plan by the Ministry

of Trade, Agribusiness and Industry (MoTAI), which GSA must make inputs. Discussions were held for inputs into the sectorial plan to be submitted to the Ministry.

Various directors and heads made presentations on activities and targets achieved last year and work programmes for this year. Questions were posed to each presenter with them providing clarification and answers to them.

Overall, the meeting was successful with the

management members committing to go according to their plans and set targets. Top management pledged its support to help the various departments achieve their target.

During the closing of the meeting, Prof. Agyei reiterated the importance of the staff and asked that they all put their shoulder to the wheel to improve the fortunes of the organisation.

He added that the regions play a key role in GSA delivering on its mandate and

commended the Regional Coordinator, Mr. Abubakar Abdulai, for the work he and his regional managers have done to secure lands for the organisation.

He said the Authority will engage an architect to design a simple, modern structure so that we can expand our regional capacity and send more officers to enforce the standards.





Mr. Hudu Mogtari addressing management members



Prof. Agyei making a contribution



Dr. Koranchie seeking a clarification



Ms. Hannah Swanzy, Head, Planning, making a presentation



Dr. Paul Fosu asking a question



Madam Alice Donya sharing the Standards Directorate report



Ms. Joyce Okoree, Ag. DAD, highlighting Administration Directorate 2025 performance





Mrs. Docea Quarshie delivering her report



Dr. Maxwell Kogbe engaging management members during the meeting



Madam Elizabeth Nelson delivering her presentation



Mr. Kofi Debrah presenting PR's Work Programme



Madam Barbara Wuttor outlining the Legal Department's 2025 performance



Mr. Stephen Abbey sharing details of the Audit Department's report







His Excellency John Mahama and Zambian President, Hakainde Hichilema

Ghana, Zambia Sign Standardisation, Conformity Assessment Agreement

As part of efforts to strengthen the existing cordial relations between Ghana and Zambia, both countries have signed several Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) during the three-day state visit of His Excellency John Dramani Mahama to Zambia last week, at the invitation of his Zambian counterpart, President Hakainde Hichilema.

President Mahama, accompanied by the First Lady, Mrs. Lordina Mahama, and other officials, held bilateral talks with President Hichilema on matters of mutual interest, including strengthening diplomatic relations, enhancing trade and investment cooperation,

and exploring collaborative opportunities within the framework of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

Key among the MoUs was a Standardisation and Conformity Assessment between the Zambia Bureau of Standards and the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA).

During the signing ceremony, President Mahama emphasised the need for Ghana and Zambia to harmonise their quality standards, including phytosanitary measures, to facilitate trade and strengthen economic cooperation between the two countries.

“In order to effectively trade amongst ourselves, we must harmonise our standards, and I am confident the MoU will help us achieve that,” he noted.

President Mahama reaffirmed the commitment of both countries to deepen bilateral cooperation and work together to unlock the full potential of African trade and industrialisation.



Mr. Kofi Kapito in a handshake with Prof. George Agyei

CEO of Consumer Protection Agency Calls on GSA Director-General

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Consumer Protection Agency (CPA), Mr. Kofi Kapito, on Friday, February 6, 2026, called on the Director-General (DG) of the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), Professor George Agyei, to congratulate him on his appointment and discuss issues of mutual concerns to consumers.

Mr. Kapito commended the GSA for collaborating with agencies like the National Petroleum Authority (NPA), which he stated, has

established clear boundaries in the regulation of the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to prevent overlapping of roles.

He further noted with grave concern the influx of substandard products on the Ghanaian markets and called on the Authority to improve its enforcement and market surveillance activities while collaborating closely with relevant agencies like the CPA to help rid the markets of these products.

“We are getting complaints from people that products

sold in some malls and markets are substandard. Also, products like iron rods, cements, electrical cables and other products are still an issue that we have to tackle head-on. Let’s work together and create awareness on the availability of standards to help protect consumers,” he said.

He added that GSA must as a matter of urgency standardise scales in the markets to help in the accuracy of trade which goes a long way in making the economy better.

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Prof. Agyei, on his part, expressed appreciation to Mr. Kapito for the broad spectrum of issues raised and assured him that the GSA is on top of the issues and is working assiduously and covertly to rid the markets of substandard products.

He mentioned that plans are in place to deploy more Trading Standards Inspectors (TSIs) into the markets to check for and confiscate substandard products which will help sanitise the markets.

“I can assure you that some steps are being taken to sanitise the markets. As a standards institution, we are committed to helping businesses grow but not at the detriment of the consumer. We are not sleeping on the job despite some constraints in vehicles and financial resources,” Prof. Agyei noted.

He called on the relevant security agencies to collaborate with the GSA to help check the importation and movement of substandard products into the country.

On the issue of the standardisation of weighing scales in the markets, the DG revealed that his outfit is under a ministerial directive to develop a roadmap for introducing scales to the market women.

Prof. Agyei also noted that the CPA is a key partner of the GSA and that the



GSA Act permits the Authority to constitute Technical Committees (TCs) to advise the Board on standards related issues so they will look into it and co-opt the CPA on one of the committees to strengthen their partnership.

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

NOTICE NO. GSA/DGS/PN/25/04

#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
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Ghana Standards Authority

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Group photograph MoTAI delegation, Prof Agyei and GSA officials

Trade Ministry Engages GSA to Develop Standards, Expedite Testing for Locally Produced Uniforms

The Ministry of Trade, Agribusiness and Industry (MoTAI) is leading an initiative to promote the local procurement and production of uniforms and other apparel for security agencies and other state institutions.

The ministry, through the initiative, has tasked the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) to among others:

1. Test fabrics submitted by various institutions to establish standard specifications for fabric production
2. Develop standards to guide the production of uniforms by local garment manufacturers.

As a result of this initiative, representatives from the Textiles and Garment Division of

MoTAI, led by Madam Abena Manso-Howard Gyamfi, on Thursday, February 5, 2026, called on the Director-General (DG) of the GSA, Prof. George Agyei and other officials of the Authority, to engage them in that regard.

They noted that it has become necessary to standardise locally produced fabrics and uniforms to



MoTAI delegation

ensure consistency, quality, and conformity with user specifications.

“This is a special project for the Minister as she sees it as a project that will help develop the textile industry and is willing to support the GSA move forward with it,” Madam Abena Gyamfi, said.

She added that this initiative will go a long way to create jobs and improve the quality of textiles and garments produced in the country.

Prof. Agyei, on his part, stated that it is a very good initiative and it’s not outside the scope of building a self-reliant country.

“GSA is the top textile testing agency in Ghana, so we’ll do our best. The GSA as a standards institution is poised to take on any assignment within our capacity to build the country. We have the capacity and we’ll review and look at the standards we have to develop in that regard,” he said.

He tasked his team to look at the request with keen urgency and quickly put in procurement measures to begin the purchase of equipment for the tests where the Authority doesn’t have the capacity.

Initial sample sets of fabrics and uniforms from various

security agencies, including the Ghana Armed Forces, Ghana Immigration Service, and the Narcotics Control Commission, were presented to enable the Authority to commence the necessary testing.





Group picture of BSI and GSA trainers with food business operators

BSI, GSA Strengthen Food Safety Practices in Northern Ghana

In a concerted effort to improve food safety standards and protect public health, the British Standards Institution (BSI), in collaboration with the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), organised a three-day intensive training programme on Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) for Food Business Operators (FBOs) in the Northern Region of Ghana.

The training, held at Mariam Hotel from January 26-28, 2026, brought together a cross-section of food producers and processors.

The programme was designed to equip participants with a solid understanding of the foundations of food safety, emphasising the principles of HACCP as an internationally recognised system for identifying, evaluating, and controlling food safety hazards.

Throughout the three days, facilitators from BSI and GSA led engaging sessions on key topics including food safety hazards (biological, chemical, and physical), good hygiene practices, prerequisite programmes, documentation, and the practical application

of the seven HACCP principles. Participants were encouraged to share experiences and challenges from their operations, creating an interactive learning environment that linked theory to real-life practice.

Following the classroom training, the programme was extended with a two-day field visitation to selected FBOs within the region. The visitation aimed to assess how food hygiene and safety principles are being implemented at the operational level.

During these visits, the facilitators observed food handling practices, sanitation conditions, and compliance with basic hygiene requirements, while offering practical guidance and constructive feedback to operators.

Speaking at the end of the programme, representatives from GSA stressed that improving food safety is a shared responsibility and that capacity-building initiatives such as this are crucial for reducing foodborne illnesses and enhancing consumer confidence.

Participants expressed appreciation for the training, describing it as timely, practical, and impactful. The initiative marks another significant step toward strengthening food safety culture in the Northern Region and reaffirms the commitment of BSI and the GSA to supporting FBOs in delivering safe and wholesome food to the public.





Ms. Gorica Vučovic training GSA staff

Staff of Mycotoxin, Histamine Labs Trained on Good Laboratory Practices

As part of the Standards Partnership (SP) Programme, funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), and implemented by the British Standards Institution (BSI), a trainer, Ms. Gorica Vučovic, conducted a comprehensive training session for scientific officers in the Histamine and Mycotoxin laboratories of the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA).

The session focused on familiarising participants with new equipment, enhancing laboratory capabilities, and analysing aflatoxins and mycotoxins.

The training highlighted the benefits of the new equipment, including reduced preparation costs and the ability to analyse multiple mycotoxins in a single run, streamlining the testing process.

The trainer also visited the Pesticide Laboratory to discuss the application of Liquid Chromatography-Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS/MS), an advanced analytical technique used to separate, identify, and quantify complex mixtures in water and other samples.





Ms. Jennifer Owusu Afriyie being sworn in

GSA's Jennifer Owusu Afriyie Sworn in as GhCCI Standing Committee Member

Pln. Jennifer Owusu Afriyie, a Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer at the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), has been sworn in as a Standing Committee Member of the Ghana Chamber of Construction Industry (GhCCI), to serve under the Women in Construction Industry Services Committee.

She joined eminent, notable and experienced personalities who were officially inaugurated at a brief but impressive ceremony held at the Christ the King Conference

Auditorium in Accra on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, to steer the affairs of the GhCCI for the next three years.

Pln. Owusu Afriyie, who is also the Vice Chairperson of the Greater Accra Branch of the Ghana Institute of Planning (GIP), pledged to diligently contribute her knowledge, skills and expertise to the effective operation and advancement of the Committee, and to work collaboratively with Fellow Members to foster growth, innovation,

and compliance within the construction ecosystem.

“The experience I have been gleaned at the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) provides me with the technical expertise and regulatory knowledge necessary to mentor women-led firms in the Ghana Chamber of Construction Industry (GhCCI) on quality control and compliance. This background empowers me to advocate for gender-sensitive safety standards and leverage industry networks to increase market

opportunities for women in construction,” she told the Digest Team.

Among other things, the objectives of the GhCCI are to serve as a medium for continuous dialogue among the various stakeholders and to advocate policies, policy reforms, and amendments as well as their implementation to ensure it leads to the creation of a conducive business enabling environment.





Group photograph of GSA male football team

GSA Male Staff Engage in Thrilling Football Match

Male staff from the Administration Block and the Testing Block of the Authority engaged in a friendly match last Friday, February 6, 2026.

The match, played at the Abofu Astro turf, was the first football game of the year. The game started with a competitive pace with both teams eager to take the lead during the early exchanges.

After 20 minutes, the Administration Block boys took the lead through an own goal. Few minutes later,

Festus Apraku of the Planning Department latched onto a pass and made it two.

Mr. Abdul Hak Issah, a member of the opposing team, missed a glaring opportunity with his side behind at two-nil before Eric Lambert scored to make it three-nil in favour of the Administration team.

Derrick Labitey Mensah of the Standards Directorate scored the Admin side's 4th goal, making it seem easy for the Admin team going into the break.

During the second half, the Testing Block team made changes and put on a spirited comeback.

Shortly after the break, Tweneboah Kodua scored his first and second goal, making it 4-2.

They added another goal, making it 4-3, before Festus scored for the Admin Block to make it 5-3. The match was so competitive in the second half and the testing block boys scored 2 goals to make it 5-5. The Admin boys,

realising they had thrown away a healthy lead, put on a spirited performance late on, and scored 2 goals to end the game at 7-5 in their favour.

The star of the game was Festus Apraku who scored 4 goals for the Admin team. The staff noted that the football encounter was a good exercise and expressed excitement and satisfaction after the game while urging their other colleagues to join them whenever the opportunity presents itself.

They are appealing to management to support them with jerseys, funds for payment of the pitches and other resources to enable them train harder and participate in official corporate games.





Mr. Lartey and his team conducting an inspection

Eastern Regional Office

GSA Koforidua Office Conducts Inspection at Bella Food and Drugs Ltd.

As part of the Ghana Standards Authority's (GSA) mandate to ensure the safety and quality of drinking water on the Ghanaian market, the Eastern Regional Office

undertook comprehensive factory inspections at Bella Food and Drugs Limited, producers of Bella Natural Mineral Water (sachet and bottled). The inspection was

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

The inspection exercise, conducted by officials from the GSA Regional Office, forms a critical component of the Authority's regulatory activities. It focused on assessing the companies' adherence to national standards, evaluating production processes, examining quality assurance systems, and confirming that finished products meet prescribed safety and performance requirements.

The team performed a comprehensive evaluation of the production lines. 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 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. Through continuous engagement with manufacturers, the GSA reinforces consumer safety, promotes industrial excellence, and contributes to national development through effective standardisation.





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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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DATE	PROGRAMME	TARGET GROUPS	FEE (GHC)
28	Foundation Course on ISO 22000 (Food Safety)	Economic Operators in the Food Chain, Food Processors, Restaurateurs and Caterers	1,383.00
		Quality/Production Managers and Staff of MMDAs	1,080.00
2-3	Course in Food Handling and Packaging	Quality Managers in the Food Industry	1,383.00
4	Foundation Course on ISO 9001 (Quality Management)	Manufacturers and Service Providers, Quality/Production Managers and Staff of MMDAs	1,401.00
4-5	Foundation Course on ISO 14001 (Environmental Management)	Laboratory Managers, Supervisors and Technicians	1,383.00
17-18	Good Hygienic Practices in Food Industries	Production Managers and Food Process Operators	1,383.00
4-5	Foundation Course on ISO 45001 (Occupational Health and Safety)	Health and Safety Managers, Officers in Public and Private Organisations	1,383.00
10-11	Foundation Course in ISO/IEC 17025 (Laboratory Quality Management)	Quality/Production Managers and Staff of MMDAs	1,383.00
12-13	Introduction to Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point	Quality Control Managers in the Industry	1,383.00
23-24	Metrology for Pump Mechanics	Stakeholders in the Oil Marketing Companies	1,383.00

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