



Group photograph of GUTA leadership and GSA officials

GSA, GUTA Confer on Issues Affecting Traders, Consumers

A delegation from the Ghana Union of Traders' Associations (GUTA), on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, met with the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) to deliberate on issues of mutual concern affecting traders and the wider market.

Key among the issues discussed were the recent hike in GSA fees and charges as well as the influx of sub-

standard vehicles onto the Ghanaian market.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Kojo Eshun, the Deputy Director General of GSA in charge of Conformity Assessment (DDG-CAS), who reiterated the Authority's commitment to upholding standards, while remaining open to stakeholder concerns.

He stated that the GSA's mandate is centred on standards enforcement and compliance, regardless of the origin of the product or manufacturer.

On the matter of sub-standard goods, Mr. Eshun indicated that GSA has a dedicated

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Vision

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

Mission

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

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- Excellence
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- Integrity
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Mr. Kojo Eshun chairing the meeting

enforcement unit responsible for monitoring and addressing such issues, adding that enforcement efforts would be intensified, calling on GUTA's collaboration with Authority in that regard.

The Deputy Director-General in charge of General Services (DDG-GEN), Mr. Samuel Abdulai Jabanyite, expressed appreciation to GUTA for the important role it plays in the country's commercial and economic activities.

He reiterated that consumer protection is a core mandate of the GSA, explaining that the Authority has introduced Trading Standards Inspectors (TSIs), who have been trained

to identify and remove sub-standard goods from the market.

Mr. MacMillan Prentice, Head of the Vehicle Homologation Unit, stated that GSA has been focusing significantly on the emerging vehicle homologation sector, which ensures that vehicles meet required technical and safety standards.

He indicated that the Authority intends to expand its focus to include used vehicles adding that plans are far afoot to publish homologated vehicles on the GSA website to provide consumers with reliable information.

Mr. Eshun assured the GUTA delegation that all concerns raised during the meeting had been duly noted.

Present at the meeting included Ms. Joyce Okoree, the Director of Administration (DAD), Mrs. Dorothy Amoah, Head of Marketing and members of the Public Relations team.



Nana Bonsu Prempeh making a point at the meeting







Theme **From Production to Use: Ensuring Safety in Personal Care Products**

Date: March 25, 2026 **Time:** 10:00 am - 12:00 noon **Venue:** Microsoft Teams

Standards to be discussed:

- GS 1323, Specification for Alata Samina Bath/Shower Gel
- GS 289, Specification for Alata Samina
- GS 1324, Code of Practice for the Alata Manufacturing Industry
- GS 258, Cosmetics - Skin Creams and Lotions
- GS 1320, Cosmetics - Specifications for Hair and Body Oils
- GS 281, Cosmetics - Specification for Hair Pomade
- GS 1321, Cosmetics - Specification for Body Balm

Participants are requested to register ahead of time via the following link:

<https://shorturl.at/gCJWO>



Dr. Schultes, Ms. Pheladi, Prof. Agyei and Mr. Asante in a group picture



BAM Team Visits GSA to Review Partnership

A delegation from the German Federal Institute for Materials Research and Testing (BAM) visited the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, to review progress made under the Institutional Partnership Agreement between Germany and Ghana, which seeks to strengthen quality infrastructure in Ghana, particularly in the areas of construction, materials testing and safety.

The engagement highlighted the technical support BAM has provided to GSA over the years.

Dr. Norbert Schultes, Head of Division for Institutional Partnerships at BAM

expressed satisfaction at the progress made through this institutional partnership between the two countries.

The Director-General of GSA, Prof. George Agyei, who chaired the meeting, expressed appreciation for the collaboration and the confidence reposed in the Authority.

“It is our belief that our collaboration will move from heights to heights and achieve better results,” he stated.

The GSA-BAM partnership was established under a broader Germany-Ghana institutional cooperation framework, supported by Germany’s Federal Ministry for

Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK). Its core objective was to strengthen Ghana’s national quality infrastructure, with emphasis on construction materials testing, standardisation, and safety assurance – areas critical to public safety, industrial growth, and trade competitiveness.

As part of the partnership, BAM has provided technical expertise, training and institutional support to the GSA.

The partnership ends on March 31, 2026.



Ms. Pheladi Tlhatlha explaining a concept during the meeting





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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Prog. Agyei in a handshake with Mr. Tsonam C. Akpeloo

Director-General Holds Discussions with AGI – Greater Accra Delegation

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting industrial growth following a courtesy visit by a delegation from the Greater Accra Region of the Association of Ghana Industries (AGI) on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

The delegation, led by the AGI-Greater Accra Regional Chairman, Mr. Tsonam C. Akpeloo, met with the Director-General of the GSA, Prof. George Agyei, to explore opportunities for

collaboration in promoting standards compliance and product quality in Ghana.

Prof. Agyei recalled the GSA's long-standing relationship with the AGI and reiterated the Authority's readiness to enhance the collaboration and support the association.

“The GSA is always ready to support the AGI. The GSA stands ready to support the AGI in its quest for attaining high industrial standards, both locally, and to meet

the requirements of the international market,” Prof. Agyei noted.

Central to the discussions were the challenges faced by industries, particularly, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), in meeting standards requirements.

The GSA and AGI-Greater Accra Region agreed that sustained stakeholder engagement is key to bridging the gap and outlined plans for joint sensitisation

initiatives aimed at supporting industrial growth and improving product quality.

In this regard, the two sides plan to organise a 'Knowledge Forum' to equip businesses with the knowledge and support needed to meet standards requirements.

Present at the meeting were Dr. Awal Mohammed, the Deputy Director-General in charge of Operations (DDG-OPS) and Madam Barbara Wuttor-Asem, the Head of Legal.





Group photograph of residents and artisans of Jamestown and officials of GSA and BAM



GSA, German Research Institute, Educate Jamestown Community on Safe, Sustainable Construction Practices

Officials from the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) and German's Federal Institute for Materials Research and Testing (BAM), on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, engaged residents and artisans of the Jamestown community on safe and sustainable construction practices.

The residents were educated on the Standards for cementitious materials as well as methods of mixing concrete.

The Deputy Director-General in charge of General Services at the GSA, Hon. Samuel

A. Jabanyite, during the engagement, said that the Authority was stepping up efforts to improve safety in the country's construction industry. According to him the Authority is developing a standard for concrete to ensure quality building materials and reduce structural failures.

He also stated that through the partnership with the German government, they have discovered local materials that can be used to produce cement which can help drastically reduce

the import of clinker which in the long term will help create jobs and boost the country's economy.

He appealed to the residents to take the lessons drawn from the engagement seriously to ensure a safe built environment in the country.

"We are here to visit and teach you how to use cementitious products right. The GSA and the German government are partnering to come up with more sustainable methods to improve cementitious materials which are safe for the environment. Let's

practice the things studied here to help promote a standardised built environment in the country,” Hon. Jabanyite noted.

Dr. Ing. Wolfram Schmidt, a Senior Researcher at BAM, explained that his outfit was partnering with the GSA to help improve the quality, safety, and sustainability of construction materials and chemical standards in Ghana.

He took the residents through various standardised methods of mixing concrete and the importance of using the right measurement when mixing concrete among many other good construction practices.

Ms. Tlhatlha, Pheladi, an official from BAM, took the residents through a construction handbook which spells out instructions and guidelines on “Safe, Smart and Durable Construction in Ghana.”

The partnership between the GSA and the BAM is a key international cooperation aimed at improving the quality, safety, and sustainability of construction materials and chemical standards in Ghana.

This collaboration forms part of a broader, ongoing institutional partnership agreement between the GSA and Germany’s Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK).



Mr. Malik Abbey and Dr. Wolfram Schmidt educating residents of Jamestown



Hon. Jabanyite addressing the residents during the outreach programme



Ms. Pheladi describing contents of the construction handbook







FAO Officials presenting the donated Items to GSA officials

FAO Donates Laptops, Printer to Codex

The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations, on Thursday, March 12, 2026, donated two laptops and one printer to the Codex Unit of the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) at a brief ceremony held at its Head Office in Accra.

This gesture by the FAO reaffirms its commitment to continued collaboration with the GSA. The donation is expected to support the department's data collection activities and further strengthen its role in coordinating Codex-related programmes.

In her remarks, Madam Doreen Koranteng, the Codex Contact Manager, expressed profound appreciation to the FAO for the support, adding that the resources would be put to efficient use.

“We are grateful for the relationship we have with FAO. We believe this is just the beginning, and there are more opportunities ahead. We will ensure that the items provided will be used in the best interest of the secretariat,” she stated.

Present at the ceremony were staff from the Codex

Unit, including Madam Doris Dede Agyeman, Mr. Fredua Agyeman Bawua and Miss Abigail Gyamfuaa Fosu. As well as Mr. Nathaniel Kofi Afram from the Public Relations (PR) Department.





Panel discussion ongoing during the stakeholder dialogue

GSA Warns Firms on Construction Standards Compliance

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) has warned that companies that failed to comply with construction standards would face the full rigours of the law.

The Authority said it would continue to strengthen testing procedures in the construction sector and review standards to ensure they were fit for purpose.

Mr. Samuel Abdulai Jabanyite, Deputy Director-General in

charge of General Services at the GSA, made this known at a stakeholder dialogue on concrete development in Accra.

It was held under the theme “Integrating Standards, Cementitious Materials, and Concrete Technology for Good Construction Practice.”

Mr. Jabanyite explained that collaboration between GSA and BAM, a German research institute, had enhanced the

technical capabilities of staff and led to the development of a handbook for safe and durable construction in Ghana.

He said that the Authority was working with BAM and Koforidua Technical University to explore the use of agricultural waste such as groundnuts husks, rice husks and sugarcane waste in cement production.

Mr. Jabanyite said Ghana’s infrastructure agenda required the use of quality concrete to ensure safety and standards.

“Concrete is the backbone of modern construction. The dialogue is a collective response to addressing challenges in the sector,” he stated.

Mr. Jabanyite noted that the Authority would continue to enforce standards and equip companies with tools to protect consumers from poor structures.

Dr. Wolfram Schmidt, Senior Researcher at the BAM, emphasised the importance of collaboration in modernising standards in the built environment to ensure compliance and innovation.

A senior lecturer at Accra Technical University, Dr. Nana Benyi Ansah, said public test laboratories were essential to quality infrastructure and credibility of standards. “We do not have to treat laboratory modernisation as an administrative upgrade but as a national infrastructure priority,” he said.

Madam Sarah Acheampong, Head of Production at Regimanual Concrete Products, stressed that the quality of concrete could not be compromised.



Hon. Jabanyite addressing stakeholders at the dialogue



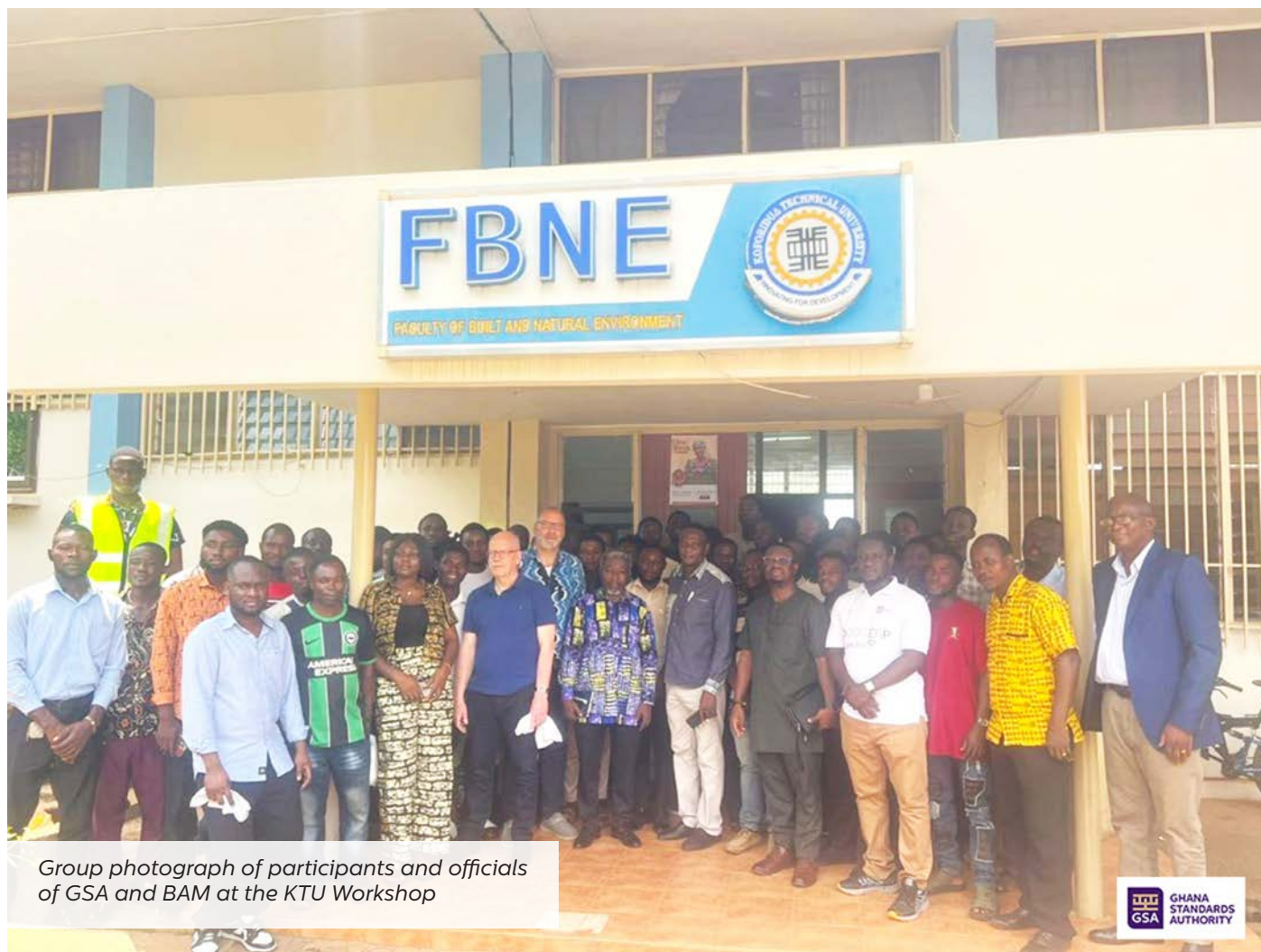
Dr. Norbert Schultes giving his address



Dr. Wolfram Schmidt making a presentation







Group photograph of participants and officials of GSA and BAM at the KTU Workshop

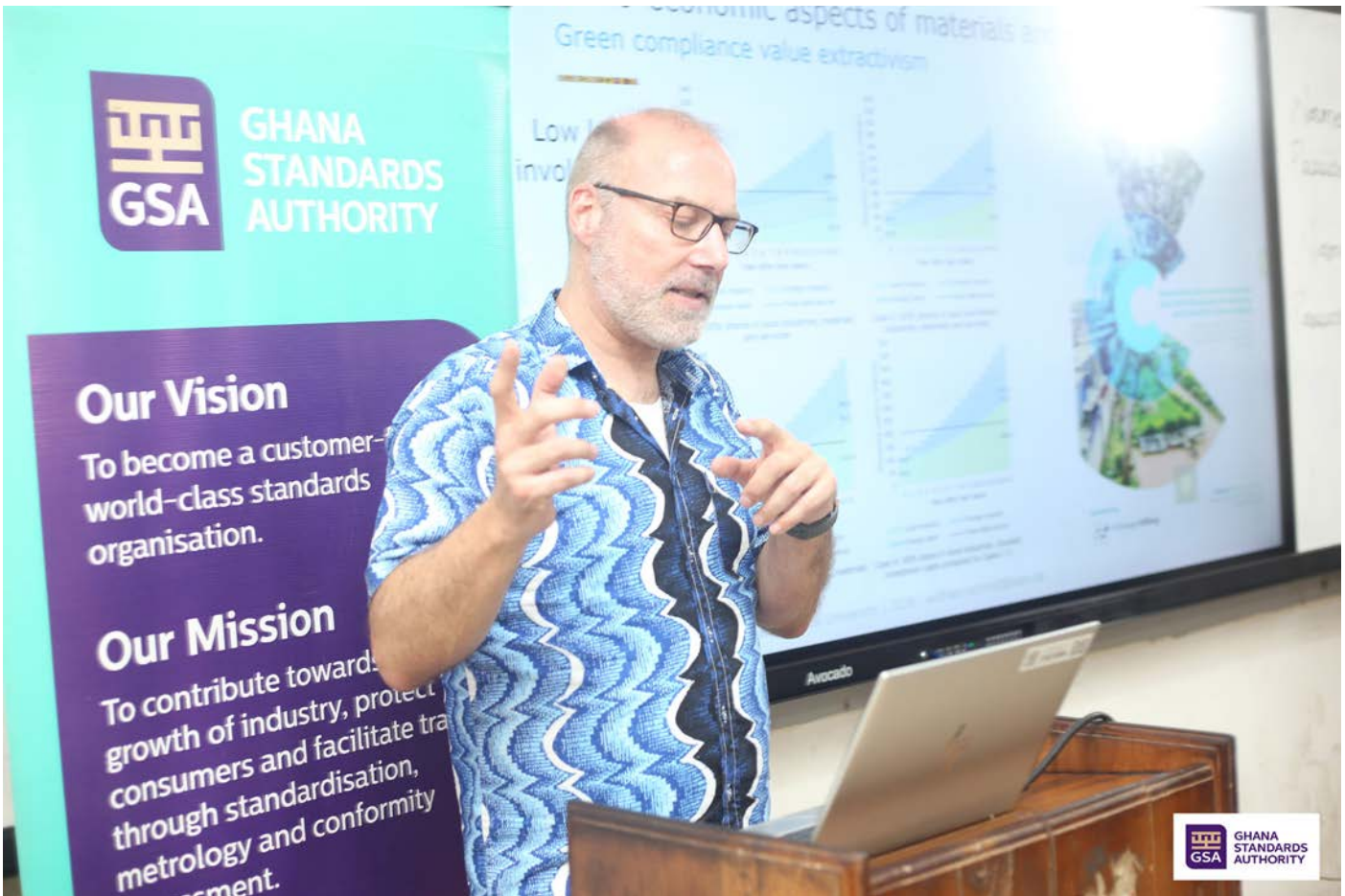
GSA, Germany's BAM Champion Circular Economy in Concrete at KTU Workshop

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), in collaboration with the German Federal Institute for Materials Research and Testing (BAM), has held a one-day workshop on circular economy and concrete at the Koforidua Technical University (KTU), bringing together key stakeholders from across Ghana's construction and standards ecosystem.

The workshop, held on Thursday, March 12, 2026, attracted participants from academia, concrete and building material producers, engineers, and regulators, and underscored the growing national interest in sustainable construction practices and the role of standards in driving innovation and resilience in the built environment.

The event was graced by Mr. Samuel A. Jabanyite, the GSA's Deputy Director-General in charge of General Services (DDG-GEN), Norbert Schultes, Head of Division for Institutional Partnerships at BAM, and Mr Samuel Sackitey, the Director of Finance at the GSA.

Ing. Emmanuel Obeng, of the Civil Engineering



Dr. Schmidt making a presentation

Department, made a presentation on “Advancing Sustainable Construction in Ghana through Standards Development”.

His presentation highlighted how standards provide the framework that ensures quality, safety, and sustainability as Ghana adopts circular economy principles in the construction sector.

Dr. Wolfram Schmidt, Senior Researcher at the BAM, brought international perspectives to the fore when he delivered a talk on the “Need for Developing Local Value Chains, Circularity, and the Broader Economic Implications for Africa.”

Dr. Schmidt stressed that Africa’s rapid urbanisation presents both challenges and opportunities for sustainable construction, adding that collaboration between African institutions and international research bodies, such as BAM, is crucial for knowledge transfer and the development of localised solutions.

The discussion on local resources was further enriched by Dr. Bright Asante, who presented on “Available Local Bio-based Value Chains in Ghana.” His presentation explored how bio-based materials could be integrated into construction practices, particularly in concrete and related building materials.

A handbook for safe, smart, and durable construction in Ghana, was introduced to the participants. Participants at the workshop engaged in interactive discussions, sharing experiences from industry and academia on the practical challenges of adopting circular economy principles in concrete production and construction.

The workshop forms part of ongoing efforts by the GSA and BAM to strengthen cooperation in standards development, research, and capacity building, with the goal of advancing sustainable construction.







Mrs. Dorothy Amoah in a group photo with front-desk personnel of GSA

GSA Head of Marketing Facilitates Customer Service Orientation

The Ghana Standards Authority's (GSA) Head of Marketing, Mrs. Dorothy Amoah, held a one-day Customer Service Orientation training session for front-desk personnel of the Authority, on Monday, March 9, 2026.

The goal of the training was to meet and exceed customer expectations by enhancing the ability of the front-desk staff.

The training focused on fundamentals such as The Power of First Impression;

Mastering the Welcome of Clients; and Efficient Request Processing, which are perspectives that help see the service through the eyes of the client.

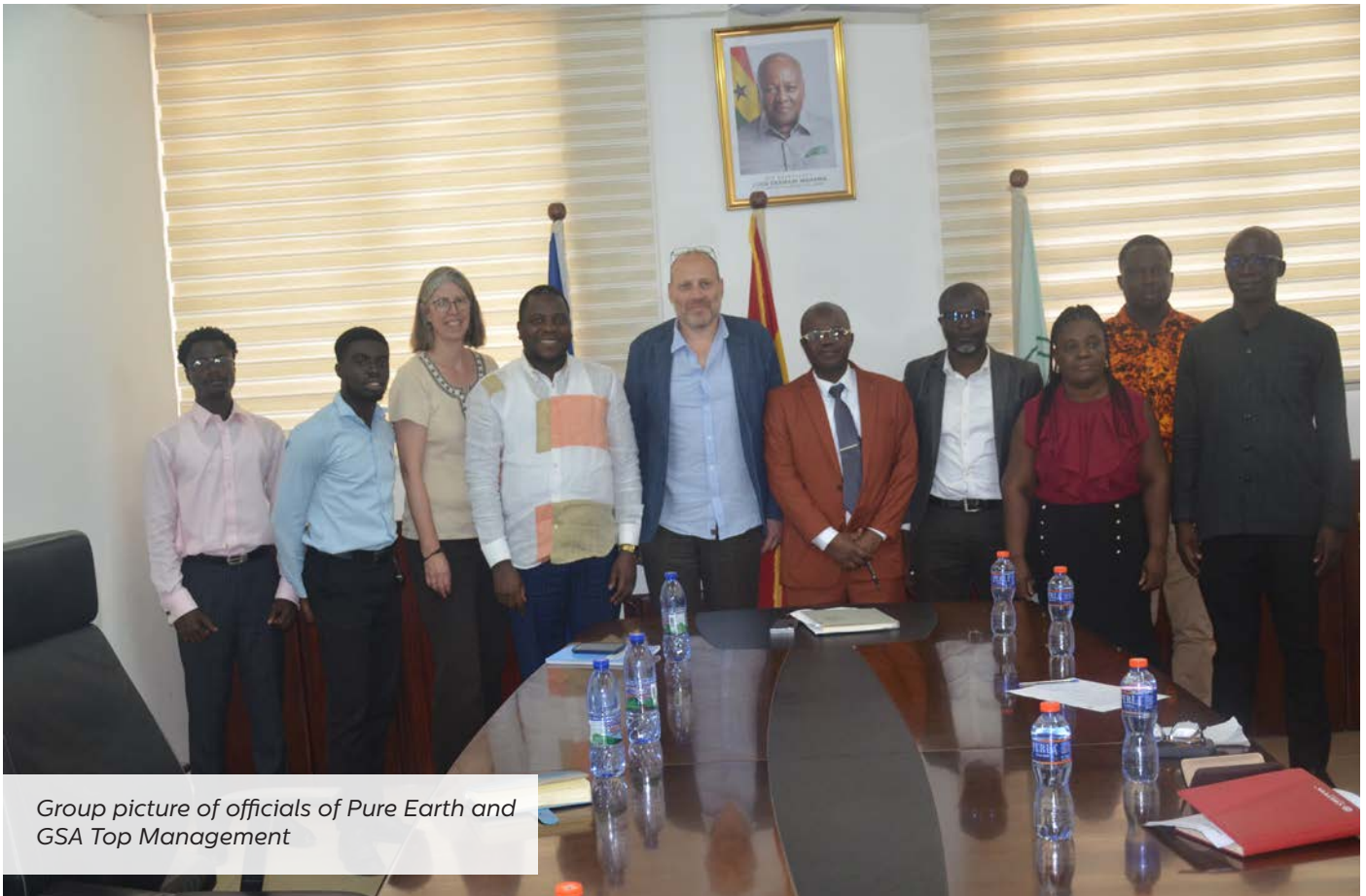
During the session, Mrs. Amoah underscored a critical reality of the Authority's operations. "Services at GSA are intangible; therefore, clients see the staff here as the services," she said.

She further explained that standards are the core business of GSA, therefore

the human element becomes the primary tangible metric for measuring client's satisfaction. Thus, if the interactions are seamless, the services are perceived as high quality.

The GSA is a customer focused world class standards organisation; therefore, the training will elevate the services rendered by the front desk personnel to ensure that customer expectations are exceeded.





Group picture of officials of Pure Earth and GSA Top Management

GSA, Pure Earth, Strengthen Partnership to Enhance Lead Testing Capacity in Ghana

A delegation from Pure Earth, led by Esmond Quansah, the Country Director, on Thursday, March 12, 2026, visited the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) to strengthen the partnership for enhanced lead testing capacity in Ghana.

The delegation included Joanne Lowell, the Vice President (VP) in charge of Technical Support and Research and Dr. Richard Reithinger, the VP (Programmes).

Prof George Agyei, Director-General of the GSA, welcomed the Pure Earth team and, on behalf of the Testing Directorate and the Metallic Contaminants Laboratory, expressed his gratitude for the continuous collaboration and technical role provided by Pure Earth Ghana in advancing lead exposure reduction initiatives in Ghana.

The Pure Earth team commended GSA for its

outstanding efforts in lead surveillance and regulatory compliance through standards development and conformity assessment. Mr. Quansah, however, noted that Pure Earth has expanded its lead exposure reduction efforts in Ghana, increasing the number of consumer product samples that need to be tested.

“Sending these samples outside Ghana to be tested will cost us a lot of money. As

such, it will be imperative to support GSA in being well-equipped to run tests on all these samples, right here in Ghana. Let us know how Pure Earth can support you to meet this demand,” he added.

Dr. Maxwell Kogbe, the Director of the Testing Directorate at GSA, noted that the Authority offers testing of metallic contaminants to both Ghanaian and African clients, as well as food, beverages, cosmetics, and organic samples that require those metallic contaminant parameters to be tested for quality purposes or for certification purposes.

“Currently, we have one Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer (AAS) and one Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS). But there is so much pressure on these machines. It would be great if Pure Earth could support us with one more piece of equipment to ease the pressure on these two. We also need training on the equipment maintenance and repair, as we currently outsource routine repairs at very high costs to GSA,” he explained.

Dr. Reithinger shared the various phases of the current project, including the investigation of cookware and eyeliners, public sensitisation, government collaboration, strengthening of systems and processes, sample processing, and supporting testing capacities.

He said Pure Earth would like to support GSA and would like the Authority to



run as a reference lab to train other African countries and enquired whether the GSA had existing collaboration with other African countries.

Prof. Agyei assured the Pure Earth team of GSA's excellent track record of supporting other African Standards National Bodies (NSBs) by offering GSA testing services to all African countries, actively contributing to the harmonisation of continental standards, and running capacity building programmes for staff of African NSBs.

"Investing in Ghana is investing in Africa. We do not hoard our knowledge and resources. We always help our fellow NSBs to also rise and stand strong. We have strong partnerships with Gambia, Liberia, Nigeria, and many more," he added.

Mr. Quansah assured GSA that Pure Earth would share details of its support after a cost-benefit analysis based on GSA's needs assessment report.

The delegation toured the GSA's laboratories after the meeting.







TSIs embarking on an enforcement activity

Inside Accra's Industrial Core: What GSA Operations Reveal About Compliance Gaps

In Accra's North Industrial Area, the rhythm of production rarely slows. Trucks move in and out, machines run steadily, and goods flow into Ghana's markets. But beneath this industrial momentum lies a quieter, more consequential issue—compliance.

Recent operations by the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) point to a system that is active, yet uneven; structured, yet strained by gaps in adherence and enforcement.

Conducted within the same operational window, the exercises offer a rare, ground-level view of how standards are applied—and, in some cases, sidestepped—within one of the country's most important manufacturing hubs.

Two Operations, One Reality

On 12 March 2026, a GSA Intelligence and Information Unit team carried out a

targeted surveillance exercise across five companies in the North Industrial Area. The objective was clear: verify operations, assess compliance, and gather intelligence.

On the same day, a second team led by Regional Manager Clement K. Kubati undertook a routine inspection at KANE-EM Industries Limited within the same enclave.

Though different in scope,



both operations reached the same conclusion: compliance within the area is inconsistent—and in some cases, deliberately circumvented.

Islands of Full Compliance

Not all findings were adverse.

At Ghana Carton Manufacturing Company Limited, inspectors encountered a model of regulatory adherence. Certification had been renewed, documentation was complete, and operations aligned with approved

standards.

Such cases underscore a critical point: compliance is neither abstract nor burdensome—it is practical, measurable, and achievable.

The Normalisation of Partial Compliance

More commonly, however, inspectors encountered partial compliance.

At Shifa Company Limited, some certifications were valid while others were absent, with certain product lines operating without the

necessary approvals.

At KANE-EM Industries Limited, the pattern was more pronounced. Production extended beyond the scope of licensed activities, with indications that a single license was being used to cover multiple products.

This is not the absence of regulation—it is selective engagement with it.

Claims Without Records

At Dakfo Enterprise and CAPPS Company Limited, company

representatives asserted that their products are tested by GSA officials at the ports. Yet during inspections, no documentation was produced to substantiate these claims.

In regulatory terms, undocumented compliance is indistinguishable from non-compliance.

From Evasion to Obstruction

The most troubling development emerged during the inspection at KANE-EM Industries Limited.

When inspectors attempted to collect product samples—a routine step in quality verification—they were met with resistance. The situation escalated into confrontation, with reports that security personnel were instructed to restrict movement within the facility.

The inspection team withdrew.

The episode signals a shift from passive non-compliance to active obstruction of regulatory authority.

Recurring Risks on the Factory Floor

Across both operations, several issues appeared consistently:

- Production without valid certification
- Misuse of licenses across multiple product lines
- Poor or non-existent documentation
- Weak traceability systems
- Absence of basic protective gear for workers

These are not isolated

breaches. They point to systemic weaknesses in compliance culture within the industrial zone.

Enforcement Under Constraint

The operations also exposed limitations on the enforcement side.

Inspection teams operated with:

- Limited access to dedicated vehicles
- Extensive movement on foot between sites
- Logistical challenges in collecting samples
- Minimal field support

Such constraints inevitably affect the depth, consistency, and reach of regulatory oversight.

What Is at Stake

The implications extend beyond individual factories.

Where compliance falters:

- Substandard products enter the market
- Consumer safety is compromised
- Compliant businesses face unfair competition
- Confidence in regulatory systems erodes

In an industrial economy, standards are not optional—they are foundational.

A System at a Crossroads

The North Industrial Area operations present a clear picture: enforcement is present and active, but not yet decisive enough to ensure full compliance across the board.

Closing that gap will require more than periodic inspections. It will demand sustained enforcement, stronger institutional support, and a firmer response to resistance.

The Bottom Line

Standards are not upheld by policy alone. They are enforced in real time—on factory floors—through documentation, verification, and accountability.

What these operations reveal is not a system in collapse, but one under pressure.

The outcome will depend on a single question:

whether compliance becomes the norm—or remains negotiable.



Group picture of GSA ladies marking Ghana Month

GSA Marks Ghana Month

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) proudly joins the nation in celebrating Ghana's independence throughout the month of March, celebrated as "Ghana Month".

The celebration is being marked at the GSA under the theme: "Proudly Ghanaian: Promoting Made-in-Ghana and GSA Certified Products", highlighting the Authority's commitment to promoting local industries and products that meet international standards.

A series of events has been planned to showcase Ghana's rich cultural heritage and

promoting made-in-Ghana products.







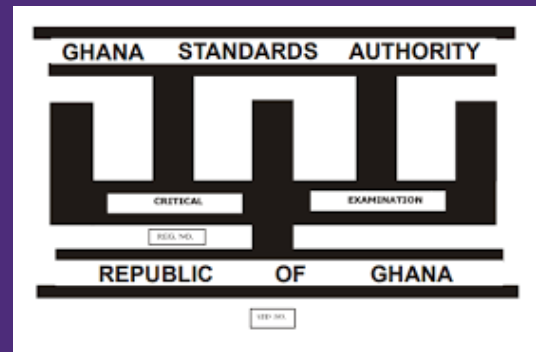


Look out for the **CERTIFICATION MARK** when buying a product

The Certification Mark is an assurance of:

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2. Provide clearance letter from the Social Security and National Insurance Trust
3. Provide clearance certificate/letter from the Ghana Revenue Authority

4. Provide License from relevant regulatory authority.
5. Provide Product Certificate(s) from the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA).
6. Have in place a relevant management system(s) verifiable by the Ghana Standards Authority.
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Mr. Lesly Yamoah-Arkhurst (fifth from left) in a group photo with international metrology officials

GSA's Lesley Yamoah-Arkhurst Elected Vice Chair of International Metrology Digitalisation Sub-committee

Following the successful representation of the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) at the Metrology for Digital Transformation (M4DT) workshops organised by the Physikalisch Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB)-sponsored CABUREK programme held between February 2024 and November 2025, and a subsequent nomination as a panelist by the National Institute of Metrology, Thailand for its national dialogue on large-scale digital transformation, important developments have emerged within the international metrology community.

The International Measurement Confederation (IMEKO) Technical Committee on Digitalisation (TC6), with participation from representatives of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM), PTB, the Inter-American Metrology System (SIM) region, Intra Africa Metrology System (AFRIMETS), and IMEKO TC6 members involved in the CABUREK programme, has established a new subcommittee – IMEKO TC6 Subcommittee on Metrology for Digital Exchange Networks (M4DXN).

During the committee's election held from March

6–10, 2026, GSA's Lesley Yamoah Arkhurst was elected Vice Chair of the newly formed sub-committee.

The M4DXN subcommittee seeks to foster the exchange of experiences, expertise, and tools among stakeholders working to advance metrology for digital transformation globally.



MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS CERTIFICATION SCHEME



In today's highly competitive international marketplace, customers, governments, stakeholders the world over are demanding organisations adopt management systems which, provides assurance of consistently safe and quality goods (product) and services.

To assist Ghanaian industries gain access to the competitive (international) market, the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) has established the GSA Management Systems Certification Scheme, which has been accredited by DAkkS (a German accreditation body).

Management System (MS) can be implemented by any enterprise/organisation in any sector, whether

Public/ Private no matter the size of the organization.

The MS:

- (i) Specifies processes to control activities and resources of an organisation to achieve specified goals and objectives.
- (ii) Creates an organisational culture that reflexively engages in a continuous cycle of self-evaluation, correction, and improvement of operations and processes through:
 - heightened employee awareness and
 - management's leadership and commitment

SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION

Systems Certification activities, in accordance with the requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-1/2/3 & ISO/IEC 27006 for the following management system standards:

ISO 9001:2015 - Quality Management Systems – Requirements.

ISO 22000:2018 - Food Safety Management Systems – Requirements for any organisation in the food chain.

ISO 14001:2015 - Environmental Management Systems - Requirements with guidance for use.

ISO 45001:2018 - Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems - Requirements with guidance for use.

ISO/IEC 27001:2013 - Information Security Management System.

HACCP Certification - Food and water business operators involved in the preparation, processing, manufacturing, packaging, storage, transportation, distribution, handling or offering for sale or supply in the food chain.

GMP Certification - Food, Cosmetics, Pharmaceutical operators involved in the preparation, processing, manufacturing, packaging, storage, transportation, distribution or offering for sale or supply.

BENEFITS OF MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

1. Internal benefits to organizations include:

- Alignment with customer and regulatory requirements.
- Improved management processes and integration with corporate risk strategies.
- Improved leadership, management commitment and decision-making.
- Better working conditions and increased motivation of employees.
- Reduced cost of internal failure [low rates of re-work, rejection] and external failures [replacements, complaints, returns]
- Continual improvement of the MS.

2. External benefits to organizations include:

- Higher customer and stakeholder satisfaction
- Improved reputation and corporate image
- More market competitiveness
- Increased business resilience
- Improved customer and business partner confidence
- Opens up export markets for your products and services
- Adds credibility and confidence that organisation's products or services meet relevant international and local regulation

HOW TO GET CERTIFIED - STEPS

1. Submission of Application
2. Issuance of quotation
3. Stage 1 Audit
4. Stage 2 Audit
5. Recommendation and Approval
6. Issuance of Certificate
7. Surveillance/Recertification Audit



Hon. Jabanyite interacting with Mr. Lartey, Eastern Regional Manager

Eastern Regional Office DDG- GEN Visits Eastern Regional Office

The Deputy Director-General in charge of General Services (DDG-GEN), Hon. Samuel Abdulai Jabanyite, on Thursday, March 12, 2026, led a team from the GSA to visit the Eastern Regional office to familiarise with the staff and know their concerns as the outfit responsible for the region in area of standardisation.

The team was received by the Regional Manager, Mr. Andrew Lartey, who welcomed and briefed members of the team on the current operations of the office. The delegation toured the regional office to know its challenges and understand its needs.

Upon arrival, Hon. Jabanyite introduced himself to the office as it served his first time of being in the region, as well as his team members including a representative from the German Federal Institute for Materials Research and Testing (BAM), Director of Finance, Mr Sackitey and his team, Mr George Anti, Mr Kofi Yeboah Debrah, APR and his team.

Discussions centred on ways of resourcing and retooling the office to execute its duties and mandate perfectly in the interest of the GSA and service delivery to consumers, as well as ways to empower its members to promote and promulgate standards.

Key among issues discussed were the lack of air conditioners to cool the offices, lack of vehicles as both cars in the region have broken down, concerns of TSIs at post and lack of furniture to accommodate the new batch of TSIs posted to the office.

The meeting provided an important platform for both parties to keenly reconsider the challenges faced and explore opportunities to solve pertinent issues in the region, as well as strength ties for future collaborations.





Group photograph of Ashanti Regional HeFRA officials and Dr. Frimpong

Ashanti Regional Office

Ashanti Regional HeFRA Officials Visit Regional Manager

On March 13, 2026, the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) Kumasi Office welcomed a delegation from the Ashanti Regional office of the Health Facilities Regulatory Agency (HeFRA), marking a significant milestone in enhancing institutional collaboration.

Led by the new HeFRA Regional Head, the visit aimed at introducing the agency's leadership, pinpoint areas of mutual interest, and explore how both organisations can leverage their strengths to foster sectorial and national development.

Dr. Samuel Kofi Frimpong, the Ashanti Regional Head of GSA, extended a warm welcome to the delegation and discussed the provisions of the GSA Act 2022 (Act 1078). He emphasised the core mandate of the Authority which are pillars of national quality infrastructure: Conformity Assessment (Certification, Inspection and Testing), Standardisation, and Metrology.

Dr. Frimpong pointed out that these pillars offer tremendous opportunities for collaboration, particularly in metrology and standardisation, where the

calibration of medical devices plays a crucial role in ensuring accuracy, safety, and quality in healthcare delivery.

The Head of HeFRA elaborated on the agency's mandate, which encompasses licensing orthodox health facilities and working in tandem with the Pharmacy Council. He expressed a keen interest in building a partnership with GSA, especially regarding compliance with ISO standards and the promotion of quality benchmarks within healthcare facilities, particularly for medical devices.



Ms. Xavieria Tawiah displaying the Certification mark

Bono Regional Office

GSA Educates Bono Residents on its Activities

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) honoured an invitation from the Church of Pentecost to educate its members during their environmental week celebration. The programme was organised under the theme “Environmental Care Campaign in Relation to the Role Standards Play in the Environment.” The objective of the session was to raise awareness about the importance of protecting the environment and how standards contribute to environmental sustainability.

During the presentation, the Regional Manageress explained that GSA is the national institution responsible for developing and promoting standards to ensure the quality and safety of goods and services in Ghana. She indicated that standards are essential tools that guide industries, institutions, and individuals to operate in ways that protect the environment and promote public health.

The team further explained that environmental standards help regulate activities

that may negatively affect the environment. These standards guide issues such as waste management, pollution control, safe production processes, and the efficient use of natural resources. By complying with these standards, businesses and individuals can reduce environmental pollution and contribute to sustainable development.

Members of the church were also educated on the importance of maintaining a clean environment in their homes, communities, and

workplaces. The speakers encouraged participants to adopt responsible environmental practices, such as proper waste disposal, reducing plastic use, avoiding littering, planting trees, and participating in community clean-up exercises.

The session emphasised that caring for the environment is not only a civic responsibility but also a moral and spiritual duty. Participants were reminded that protecting the environment aligns with Christian teachings on stewardship, where individuals are called to take good care of the earth and its resources. The regional manageress also discussed metrology, conformity assessment, standardisation, and the processes involved in our certification.

In conclusion, the educational programme strengthened the collaboration between faith-based organizations and regulatory institutions in promoting environmental responsibility. The engagement also highlighted the important role that standards play in safeguarding the environment and ensuring a healthier and sustainable future for all.





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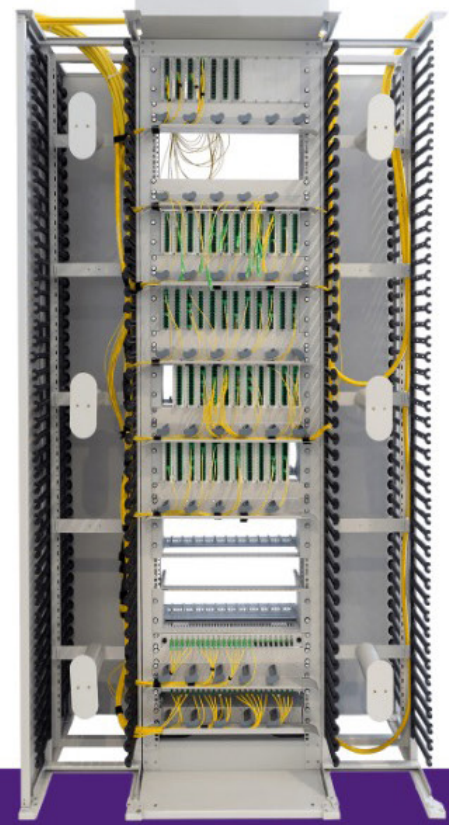
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GS 1405-1:2025: ODN Quick Construction and Digitalization; Part 1: General and Guidance



Scope:

The present document describes the general guidance on Optical Distribution Network (ODN) quick construction and digitalization. The digitalized Quick ODN enables the carriers to improve the fibre deployment efficiency, achieve digital resource management, and consequently improve the operation and management efficiency.

The present document describes the composition of the digitalized quick ODN and the general requirements on physical label, digitalized quick ODN devices, intelligent management terminal, intelligent optical path analysis equipment and intelligent management system.

The present document is mainly based on intelligent optical distribution networks that can collect the ODN device information through intelligent optical path analysis equipment or intelligent management terminal (such as a smart phone with the ODN management application). It can also be used as a reference for other networks with optical fibre connections.

For optical distribution networks that collect label information in other methods, it is possible to refer to the present document similarly.

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 guidelines to ODN Quick Construction and Digitalization by providing information on references, definitions, composition of digitalized Quick ODN, general requirements on:

- physical label
- digitalised quick ODN devices
- intelligent management terminal
- intelligent optical path analysis equipment
- intelligent management system.

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

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