

ADVANCEMENT QUARTERLY

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InAD Facilitates Fidelity Bank Ghana's Donation of 50 Laptops to Support 'One Student, One Laptop' Initiative at UG

The University of Ghana has received a donation of 50 high-end laptops from Fidelity Bank Ghana in support of the Vice-Chancellor's flagship 'One Student, One Laptop' initiative, aimed at strengthening students' access to digital learning tools.

The laptops were presented by the Managing Director of Fidelity Bank Ghana, Mr Julian Opuni, during a brief ceremony on campus. This donation is part of the Bank's broader commitment to advancing education and equipping students with the digital tools they need for 21st-century learning.

The University's Institutional Advancement Directorate (InAD) facilitated the donation, underscoring its role in building partnerships that benefit the University community. Speaking on behalf of the Director of the Institutional Advancement Directorate, Mr. Richard Karikari, Head of Product Development and Financing, expressed appreciation to Fidelity Bank Ghana for fulfilling its commitment to the University.

Professor Peter Quartey, Chair of the One Student, One Laptop Committee, noted that the initiative has already demonstrated significant impact and assured stakeholders that the laptops will be allocated to students most in need through the Committee's established screening process.

Receiving the laptops, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Nana Aba Appiah Amfo, thanked Fidelity Bank Ghana for honouring its promise and supporting the University's first Strategic Priority of delivering a transformative student experience. She emphasised that access to personal laptops is essential to building students' digital capacity and improving their preparedness for the modern workforce. She further highlighted the value of industry partnerships in equipping students with practical skills, real-world exposure, and opportunities for independent learning, and expressed optimism for a sustained and deepened collaboration.

Beyond the donation, both institutions reaffirmed their commitment to expanding collaboration, particularly through structured internship opportunities that will expose students to real-world industry experience.

Also representing the Institutional Advancement Directorate at the ceremony were Ms. Adwoa Abrokwa, Head of Alumni Development, and Ms. Joy Lamptey, Head of Project Implementation.



InAD Participates in 2026 West Africa Hub Convening in Lomé



The Institutional Advancement Directorate (InAD) joined the delegation from the University of Ghana at the 2026 West Africa Hub Convening, held from 25 to 27 March 2026 in Lomé, Togo.

Organised by The Education Collaborative, the convening brought together close to 170 higher education leaders, administrators, and policymakers from 43 institutions across 13 African countries to deliberate on advancing student-centred transformation in African higher education. The convening was held under the theme “Students First: Rethinking Support Systems, Campus Life, and Academic Success in African Higher Education Institutions.”

The University of Ghana delegation included representatives from the Institutional Advancement Directorate (InAD), the University of Ghana Business School (UGBS), the Student Financial Aid Office, the Centre for Disability Studies and Advocacy (CEDSA), the Sports and Wellness Directorate, and the Careers and Counselling Directorate, among others. Collectively, the delegation engaged in discussions on strengthening student support systems through policy, governance, teaching and learning, and campus culture.

The three-day programme featured more than 20 sessions, including keynote presentations, panel discussions, and interactive workshops focused on student wellbeing, inclusive campus design, employability, academic success, and marketing and communications. Participants shared institutional experiences and explored scalable, evidence-based approaches to improving student outcomes across the sub-region.

On Day Two of the convening, Prof. Abekah-Nkrumah, Director of Institutional Advancement, delivered a presentation during the session on “Strengthening Student Learning through the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) in African Higher Education.” Other members of the University of Ghana delegation also contributed to discussions across various sessions, reflecting the University’s multi-disciplinary approach to student success.

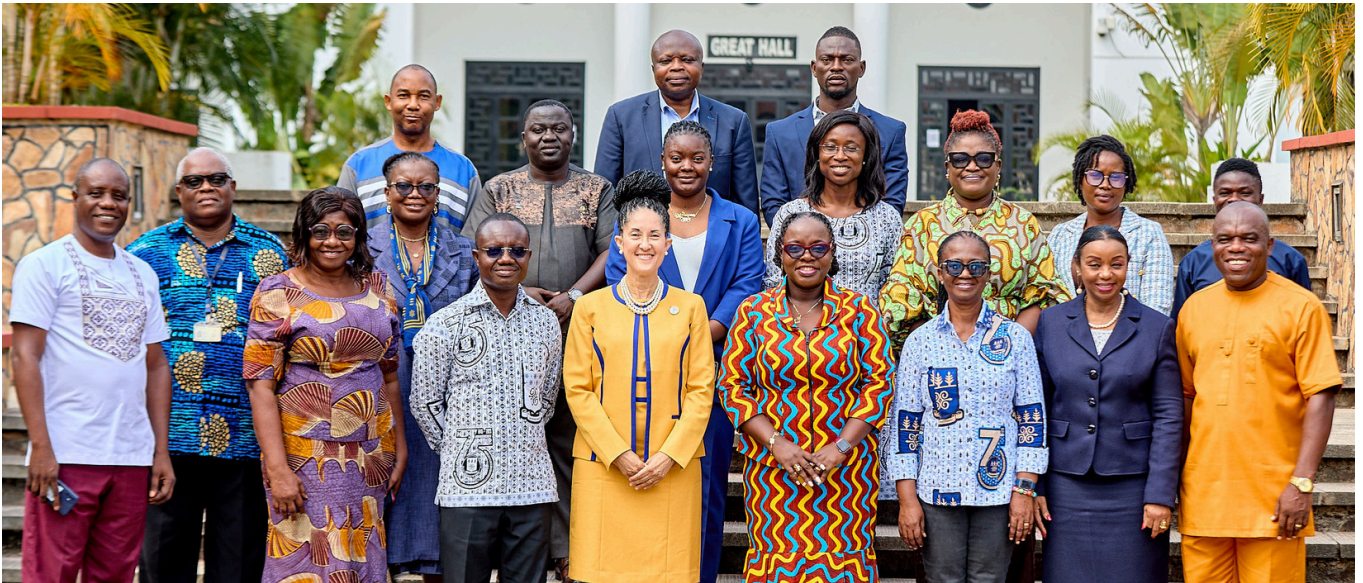
The convening emphasised translating dialogue into action, with participating institutions outlining practical steps to strengthen student-centred support systems within their respective contexts.

Also present from InAD were Mrs. Joanna Omaboe, Lead of the Institutional Development Unit, and Ms. Akorfa Ama Akoto, Lead of the Marketing and Communications Unit.

Participation in the 2026 West Africa Hub Convening underscores InAD’s commitment to collaboration, innovation, and evidence-informed practice in advancing student success and institutional effectiveness within the University of Ghana and across the West African higher education landscape. Learn more about the convening: <https://educollab.info/WAS>



UG and UoL Strengthen Academic Ties



The University of Ghana Alumni Association in Liberia (UGAAL), the first of the five most recent UG alumni associations launched by InAD through the ACE Impact Project, organised a courtesy call aimed at strengthening the relationship between the University of Ghana and the University of Liberia. The high-level delegation from the University of Liberia, led by President Dr. Layli Maparyan, visited UG to deepen ongoing academic collaboration.

The delegation was received by Vice-Chancellor Professor Nana Aba Appiah Amfo, who highlighted the crucial role of purposeful international partnerships in advancing research excellence, leadership development, and holistic academic growth. Discussions centered on key priority areas, including student exchange programmes, joint PhD supervision, faculty collaborations, and opportunities for the University of Liberia to participate in the Legon Leadership Academy.

These collaborative pathways are expected to drive academic mobility, shared scholarship, and enhanced professional development for staff and students across both institutions. Both universities also explored broader areas of cooperation, such as research partnerships, leadership development, and strengthened avenues for community engagement. Prof. Amfo underscored that deepening ties with sister institutions across Africa remains central to UG's vision of global relevance and its commitment to contributing to societal development through higher education. Dr. Maparyan expressed appreciation for the warm reception, emphasising the shared values and aspirations that underpin the relationship between the two institutions. She noted that the emerging partnership presents unique opportunities to build academic capacity, foster leadership excellence, and boost regional collaboration in higher education.

Officials from the Institutional Advancement Directorate (InAD) were present at the meeting, including Professor Gordon Abekah-Nkrumah, Director of InAD, and Ms. Adwoa Abrokwa, Head of Alumni Development. Also in attendance was Mr. Daniel Blamoh Nah, President of the University of Ghana Alumni Association in Liberia (UGAAL), whose presence highlighted the vital role of international alumni in facilitating cross-border institutional relationships. The engagement concluded with a reaffirmation of both institutions' commitment to formalising and operationalising mutually beneficial programmes that promote innovation, knowledge exchange, and long-term academic impact across the West African subregion.

InAD Hosts Training on Revenue Diversification and Fundraising for Staff



The Institutional Advancement Directorate (InAD) of the University of Ghana has organised a one-day capacity-building workshop on the theme “Rethinking Revenue: Diversification and Fundraising in Higher Education.” The session was facilitated by Prof. Paul Tiyambe Zeleza, Professor of African Studies and former Senior Advisor to the President of Howard University, Prof. Ben Vinson III.

Coordinated by the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, the training aligns with the University’s broader efforts to strengthen its institutional advancement systems and enhance sustainable resource mobilisation.

Prof. Zeleza examined the global financial pressures currently facing universities, including declining public funding, intensified competition for philanthropic support, demographic shifts, and increasing expectations for accountability, transparency, and measurable impact. He emphasised the urgent need for higher education institutions to diversify revenue streams while reinforcing governance frameworks, leadership credibility, and institutional trust, key pillars for effective fundraising.

Drawing on his extensive leadership experience across Africa and North America, including his tenure as Vice-Chancellor of the United States International University–Africa in Kenya, Prof. Zeleza emphasized that fundraising is fundamentally a leadership responsibility rooted in mission clarity, strategic alignment, and robust internal systems. He engaged participants on best practices in alumni relations, donor stewardship, data-informed decision-making, and the ethical use of digital tools in advancement work.

The session encouraged InAD staff to view fundraising as a shared, institution-wide responsibility that links academic excellence, student success, and societal impact with philanthropic investment. Prof. Zeleza underscored that resource mobilisation is a long-term process rooted in cultivating trust, shared purpose, and mutual investment, positioning universities as co-creators of knowledge rather than recipients of aid.

In his remarks, the Director of InAD, Prof. Gordon Abekah-Nkrumah, emphasised the urgent need for higher education institutions to diversify revenue streams while reinforcing governance frameworks, leadership credibility, and institutional trust, which constitute key pillars for effective fundraising.

Prof. Abekah-Nkrumah reaffirmed InAD’s commitment to leveraging global expertise and best practices to reposition institutional advancement as a key driver of financial sustainability, institutional reputation, and long-term impact. He expressed appreciation to Prof. Zeleza and the Office of the Vice-Chancellor for facilitating the training.

The Institutional Advancement Directorate serves as the University’s central unit responsible for enhancing visibility and reputation, fostering relationships with alumni and partners, and securing philanthropic support to advance the University’s mission.

The engagement with Prof. Zeleza reflects the University leadership’s broader commitment to strengthening advancement structures in response to evolving trends in global higher education financing.



UG Vice-Chancellor Prof. Amfo Elected Chair of the Association of Commonwealth Universities Council



The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ghana, Prof. Nana Aba Appiah Amfo, has been elected Chair of the Council of the Association of Commonwealth Universities for an initial two-year term, effective 1 January 2026.

Prof. Amfo's election to the role was announced in a release from the head office of the Association in London on January 8, 2026. In her new role, she will also serve as Chair of the Executive Committee of Council, providing leadership and strategic direction to the Association's governance structures.

Prof. Amfo brings more than 24 years of experience in academia and university governance to the position. As Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ghana, she has led major institutional reforms, including a multi-million-dollar digitalisation programme aimed at improving teaching, learning, research, and administrative systems. Her previous roles at the University include Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic and Student Affairs), Dean of the School of Languages, and Head of the Department of Linguistics. She has also contributed to higher education governance beyond the University of Ghana through leadership and service within regional and global academic networks.

Before she was elected Chair, Prof. Amfo served on the Governing Council of the Association of Commonwealth Universities, where she was inducted as one of eight new members following her appointment on 1 August 2024.

Commenting on her election, Prof. Amfo said, "I am deeply honoured by the trust placed in me by Council. At a time of profound global change, the Association's role as a connector of universities across the Commonwealth has never been more important."

The Secretary-General and Chief Executive of the Association of Commonwealth Universities, Prof. Colin Riordan, welcomed Prof. Amfo's election and described her as well placed to lead the Council.

"Her global outlook, proven leadership, and deep experience in higher education make her an outstanding choice to guide the Association. As we implement the Road to 2030 strategy, Prof. Amfo's vision and insight will be important in advancing our priorities and ensuring impact," he noted.

Prof. Riordan also paid tribute to the outgoing Chair of Council, Prof. Cheryl de la Rey, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Canterbury, New Zealand, whose term ended on 31 December 2025, acknowledging her service to the Association and the wider Commonwealth higher education community.

Prof. de la Rey was honoured with the Symons Award at the 2025 Association of Commonwealth Universities Congress in Nairobi, Kenya, in recognition of her contribution to the organisation.

The University of Ghana community is elated by this international appointment and commends Prof. Nana Aba Appiah Amfo's stellar leadership, which has earned the trust of the global higher education community.

InAD joins the University community to wish her success in her new role, in which she seeks to strengthen collaboration, advance equity and inclusion, and ensure higher education continues to serve as a force for sustainable development and societal transformation.

The Association of Commonwealth Universities is one of the world's oldest international university networks, bringing together more than 500 member institutions to promote collaboration, innovation, and the advancement of higher education across the Commonwealth.

Read more about the ACU Council: <https://www.acu.ac.uk/about-us/governance/> [Read the official announcement](#)

InAD Welcomes National Service Personnel with Orientation Session



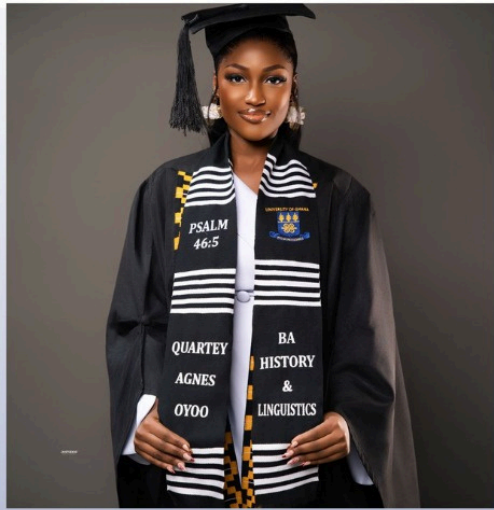
The Institutional Advancement Directorate (InAD) of the University of Ghana has organised an orientation session for National Service Personnel assigned to the directorate for the service year. The session provided a formal platform to welcome the personnel and acquaint them with InAD's mandate, work culture, and expectations.

Participants received essential guidance on their roles and responsibilities, as well as an overview of how their contributions support the directorate's work in advancing the University's strategic goals. InAD encouraged the National Service Personnel to actively engage, learn, and contribute meaningfully throughout their service period, emphasising teamwork, professionalism, and commitment to excellence.



InAD NSPs Celebrate Academic Milestones at February Congregation

CONGRATULATIONS



Agnes



Pokuah



Princess



Awurama

InAD congratulates its National Service Personnel for the 2025/2026 academic year, who graduated with diverse academic degrees during the University's February Congregation ceremonies.

The graduates completed their academic programmes before joining InAD for national service and brought their knowledge, skills, and professionalism into the Directorate's work. Their achievement marks an important milestone in their academic journeys and reflects the University of Ghana's tradition of excellence.

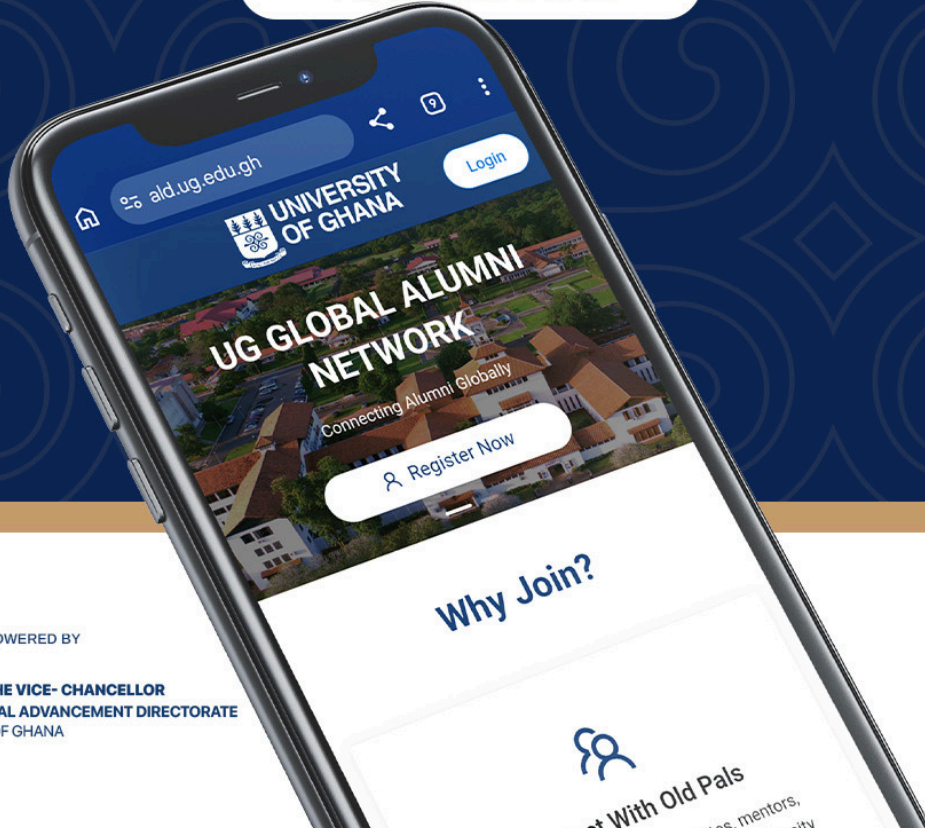


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Upcoming Event

Coming Soon | 28 May

The UGA Network App launches on 28 May as the official digital platform for University of Ghana alumni worldwide. Designed as a single, trusted hub, the app enables alumni to register, reconnect, update their profiles, and stay engaged with the University community, while accessing global alumni networks, events, and opportunities. Your lifelong connection to the University of Ghana, all in one place. Register. Reconnect. Belong.



Upcoming Event

Coming Soon | June 2026 | Cedi Conference Centre, UG

The Conference will convene students, alumni, faculty, and staff from the University of Ghana and other higher education institutions to stimulate new thinking, share global best practices, and chart practical pathways that strengthen service excellence and contribute to a transformative student experience.

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