

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

# HIGH-LEVEL FORUM

ON STI4SDGs AND THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF  
UNESCO RS|SR FOR  
THE ECOWAS  
SUB-REGION

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27 - 28 OCTOBER, 2022  
AFRICAN REGENT HOTEL, ACCRA

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@ 9:00 a.m.



## **Day 1: 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2022**

8:30am – 9:00 am Registration of Participants

9:00 a.m. **Opening Ceremony**

Welcome Remarks by Mrs. Cynthia Asare Bediako, Chief Director, Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology, and Innovation (MESTI)

Remarks by Gabriela Ramos, Assistant Director-General for Social, and Human Sciences, UNESCO.

Remarks by Representative, Swedish International Development Agency

Remarks by Representative, ECOWAS Commission

Remarks by Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration

Remarks by Chairman (Host) – Dr. Kwaku Afriyie (MP), Hon. Minister, MESTI and Opening of High-Level Forum

### **Group Photo**

9:45 a.m. **Snack Break**

10:00 a.m. **Plenary Session One (1)**

**Moderator:** Dr Gordon Akon-Yamga, Research Scientist, CSIR-STEPRI

### **Presentations**

1. SIDA Project and 2017 UNESCO Recommendations on Science and Scientific Researchers by UNESCO, Accra Office.
2. Presentation on Ghana's Roadmap of Science, Technology & Innovation (STI) for SDGs – Dr Wilhelmina Quaye, Director, CSIR-STEPRI.
3. 2017 UNESCO RS|SR and STI4SDG Focused Implementation Areas, Partnerships and Roles of Stakeholders by Dr. George Owusu Essegbey, Chief Research Scientists, CSIR-STEPRI.
4. Regional Integration – The Role of the ECOWAS Commission and National Governments in strengthening Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development and the implementation of the 2017 RS|SR and STI4SDG within the Sub-Region by the ECOWAS Commission.

1:00 pm	<b>Lunch Break</b>
2:00 pm	Reconstitution of Forum
2:10 pm	Open forum/Discussions - <b>Moderator Dr. Gordon Akon Yamga</b>
3:45 pm	<b>Snack Break</b>
4:00 pm	<b>Closing for Day 1</b>

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**Day 2: 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2022**

8:30 am – 9:00 am	-	Registration of Participants
9:00 am – 9:30 am	-	Recap of Day 1 & Feedback from Participants (Rapporteur)
9:30 am	-	Plenary Session II
		Moderator, Melody Boateng, UNESCO, Accra Office
9:30 am – 10:00 am	-	Unlocking Private and External Capital - Maximizing Potential and Investment in Next Technological Revolution Within the ECOWAS Sub-Region" by Dr. Prince Koree Osei, Center President-Ghana – AIMS.
10:00 am – 10:15 am		<b>Snack Break</b>

**Science, Technology & Innovation (STI) - Related Applications  
Moderator; Kwamena Quaison, Director, STI, MESTI**

Presentations

1. Inclusive and Quality Education – Higher Education Research, Innovation and Development by Prof Felix Ankomah Asante (Pro Vice Chancellor, Research, Innovation and Development), University of Ghana – Legon.
2. Industry, Innovation for Creation of Decent Employment through Effective Application of Science, Technology & Innovation (STI) by Mikael Opoku, Head, Policy Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation (PPME), Ministry of Trade and Industry.
3. Good Health and Well-being through Effective Application of Science, Technology, & Innovation (STI) by Edith Gavor, Former Head, Drugs Unit, Ministry of Health.
4. STI Applications in Agriculture - Food Security and Food Nationalism by Prof. Charles Tortoe & Dr. Joleen Nyarko, CSIR-Food Research Institute.

5. Clean Water and Sanitation through Effective Application of STI by Mrs. Adwoa Painsil, Ag. Executive Secretary, Water Resources Commission, Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources

1:15 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
2:15pm	Reconstitution of Forum
2:15 pm – 3:15pm	Open Discussions
3:15pm – 3:30pm	<b>Snack Break</b>
3:30 pm – 3:45pm	Wrap – Up of Forum (Rapporteurs)
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Closing and Departure - <b>Hon. Minister, MESTI</b>