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**LAUNCH OF GHANA STATISTICAL SERVICE STATS BANK AND STATS BANK
HACKATHON**

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ISSER CONFERENCE CENTRE**



Professor Samuel Kobina Annim, Government Statistician

Her Excellency Vibeke Sandhom Pederson, Deputy Head of Mission,
Head of Cooperation, Embassy of Denmark

Distinguished Invited Guests,

Our Hackathon Finalists,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

All Protocol Observed,

All too soon, we have come to the end of insightful, educative, and fun filled programme. Let me first commend the Ghana Statistical Service for bringing such a brilliant initiative to life. The successful launch of the GSS Statsbank at the University of Ghana today vividly reflects Ghana's resolve to launch and sustain digitalization initiatives across several sectors of its economy to make services easily accessible to the Ghanaian populace.

Today, Statsbank is duly launched, and I believe that its operation and functionality will augur well for the retention of data on census and population related activities at the University of Ghana.

First and foremost, permit me to express our heartfelt appreciation to the Government Statistician and the Ghana Statistical Service for the

opportunity to host the high-level academia-based launch of the Ghana Statistical Service StatsBank. One major thing that struck me from the demonstration of the StatsBank in generating Tables and some key statistics is the fact that the Population and Housing Census knows no bounds.

The continuous use of this application will help save resources spent on collecting and managing research information. This means that the rather scanty and competitive research resources such as funding for chasing data would be invested in other equally crucial areas. This innovation is indeed praiseworthy, and the University of Ghana is proud to be associated with it.

I am particularly grateful for the opportunity for our students to participate in the STATS BANK Hackathon, and with what we have witnessed in this auditorium today, I am confident that we will emerge victorious at the national hackathon organized by the Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) in partnership with Statistics Denmark.

Let me once again express sincere appreciation to the Embassy of Denmark for supporting this initiative. Without their partnership, these initiatives could not have become functional.

Permit me to congratulate our hackathon participants who truly proved that they deserved their places. Indeed, you have proven that you deserved a place in this competition. To all of you, I say, Aekoo for

a job well done, and I charge you to become the first StatsBank student ambassadors towards who will actively publicise and create an awareness of the application by sharing it amongst your peers and associates. For our mentors and judges, consider the time spent and knowledge imparted as a legacy for population issues in our country Ghana, and I will encourage you to stay connected to your trainees.

Above all, the networking opportunities offered by this launch and the Hackathon are priceless, and I urge all of us to be part of the final national event to be confirmed very soon, and particularly to cheer up the University of Ghana contestants.

Do enjoy the rest of the evening.

Prof. Nana Aba Appiah Amfo
Vice-Chancellor
Launch of Ghana Statistical Service Statsbank Closing
Ceremony
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