

**OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR**



**UG SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNI HOMECOMING & SOD-CUTTING CEREMONY  
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW UGSOL BUILDING COMPLEX**

**THEME**

***INVESTING IN EXCELLENCE, EMPOWERING THE FUTURE OF LEGAL EDUCATION IN GHANA.***

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- Her Ladyship the Chief Justice of the Republic of Ghana,  
Justice Gertrude Araba Esaaba Torkornoo;
- Honourable Minister for Justice and Attorney-General of  
the Republic of Ghana, Mr. Godfred Yeboah Dame;
- President of the Ghana Bar Association, Mr. Yaw  
Acheampong Boafo;
- Provost of the College of Humanities, Professor Daniel  
Frimpong Ofori;
- Dean of the University of Ghana School of Law, Professor  
Raymond A. Atuguba;
- Faculty and Staff;
- Our Cherished Alumni;
- Students;
- Distinguished Guests and Friends of the University of  
Ghana;
- Ladies and Gentlemen.

Good afternoon to you all.

It is with great pleasure that I join the learned community of legal luminaries of the premier University in Ghana on this momentous occasion - the UG School of Law's Alumni Homecoming and groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of a new School Complex.

Since the establishment of the University of Ghana School of Law (formerly known as the Law Faculty), it has nurtured and produced great legal minds who have distinguished themselves on national and international assignments.

The University of Ghana School of Law holds its place as a pacesetter in legal education in Ghana and across the sub region. It has been instrumental in setting up Law Programmes in other universities and it continues to provide mentoring and affiliation support to bring them at par with the highest standards and best practice characterizing the training we offer here in Legon.

The UG School of Law's place in the history of the Republic of Ghana cannot be underestimated, traversing the various dispensations which dates to the independence of our beloved

country. It has produced renowned adjudicators and jurists for all courts including the apex court of the land and we are privileged to have here with us today, the Chief Justice of the Republic Her Ladyship Justice Gertrude Torkornoo, an alumna of UG, together with other senior fellows in the law fraternity, who are also alumni. It is heartwarming to see all of you noble men and women blazing the trail in your respective fields, making the University of Ghana and the School of Law in particular proud.

The School's Alumni Homecoming is a cherished tradition that aims at reuniting alumni, faculty, and students from various generations. It provides a platform to build and strengthen social networks, reminisce and rekindle old friendships. It is a time to reflect on the incredible journey of our students since their time here at the School, and to celebrate their accomplishments in the legal field and beyond.

The 2023 edition of the UGSoL Homecoming holds special significance as it tackles the critical topic of legal education in Ghana. The legal landscape is evolving rapidly, and the need

to invest in excellence and empower the future generation of legal practitioners has never been more important. The School has assembled a distinguished panel of speakers and experts who will shed light on the challenges and opportunities facing legal education and discuss the pivotal role our alumni can play in shaping its future.

This year's Homecoming has the theme, “***Investing in Excellence, Empowering the Future of Legal Education in Ghana.***” It promises to be a remarkable event, reuniting former students, celebrating achievements, and envisioning a brighter future for legal education in Ghana.

I am excited that as part of the activities marking this year's homecoming, there will be a sod-cutting ceremony to commence the construction of a multipurpose building to house the University of Ghana School of Law.

Ladies and gentlemen, the University of Ghana School of Law, one of the flagship academic units of the University of Ghana has experienced exponential growth in programme offering,

student and staff population. From 6 programmes, the School currently offers 41 programmes. Consequently, the student population has also grown to over 2000 from about 600 students. The staff strength has also been augmented to a little over 100 to meet the growing demands of the School. From these statistics, there could not have been an opportune time to commence the construction of an edifice befitting the status of the University of Ghana School of Law. This sod-cutting ceremony is therefore very timely.

The New UGSoL Building Complex that we envision will be more than just lecture halls and libraries. It will be a hub of innovation and scholarship; a place where students, faculty and practitioners can converge to explore, brainstorm, and make valuable contributions to the practice of the legal profession. It will be equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, modern classrooms, moot courtrooms, and research centres, all designed to foster innovation and collaboration. Aside the purely academic facilities, there will be a 1500-seater auditorium, eateries and spaces for student relaxation, conference room, conducive office spaces for academic and

administrative staff, baby bay and kids play area and gym among others to offer a holistic experience of world-class education to our cherished students. Additionally, the challenge of turning down applications of qualified students due to limited classroom spaces will be addressed with this project.

Management of the University is committed to expanding both academic and residential facilities as well as strengthening systems and structures to deliver quality world-class training to our students. This project aligns with my vision as Vice-Chancellor is to create a culture that promotes research, teaching and learning, administrative processes and extension activities driven by technology and anchored in humanism.

This facility will ensure that our students have a conducive environment and access to the best resources for their academic and professional growth. This project is not merely another construction endeavour; it is a priority project that will define the future of UG School of Law and legal education in the country as a whole.

I am thrilled to announce that our commitment to this project is unwavering. We have set an ambitious timeline to complete the construction of the UGSoL Building Complex within two years. With support from you our distinguished alumni and friends of the University, I am confident that we will achieve this target.

Having had a sneak peek at the programmes outlined for this week-long Homecoming (starting today to Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November), I anticipate that they will be very exciting. I look forward to participating in as many of the programmes as possible and I encourage the entire community to generously patronize the programmes to make the celebration a resounding success. I have been informed that selected programmes will be streamed virtually on the School's website and other media platforms for those who are not able to join in person to benefit.

On this note, I wish to commend the leadership of the University of Ghana School of Law, both past and present, particularly the current Dean, Prof. Raymond Atuguba for the



direction you are providing to the School of Law to sustain it as the most preferred and highly ranked School of Law in Ghana. Our university has produced leaders, scholars and professionals who have made profound impact on society, and this is a testament to the quality of education we offer. Let us strive to maintain this enviable feat.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, welcome back home, relive the good old days and let's work together to lift the University of Ghana School of Law a notch higher.

Thank you for your attention.

**Prof. Nana Aba Appiah Amfo**

**Vice-Chancellor**

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