

**OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR**



**MAIDEN MEETING OF THE CORPORATE ADVISORY TEAM**  
**ANNUAL NEW YEAR SCHOOL & CONFERENCE (ANYSC)**

**ADDRESS BY:**

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Good morning distinguished ladies and gentlemen, thank you for extending an invitation to me to join you for the inaugural meeting of the Corporate Advisory Team. I would like to start off by expressing my appreciation to you once again for accepting to support the University in this capacity.

The Annual New Year School and Conference (ANYSC), one of the most anticipated and well participated scholarly activity, which has become a long-standing tradition here at the University of Ghana, is currently undergoing some reformation. This is to ensure that it remains functional and relevant among stakeholders, bearing in mind the changing global dynamics.

The process of re-strategising is to be championed by a team of distinguished and very accomplished personalities with high level of integrity including Dr. Ishmael Yamson, an accomplished corporate executive and former Chair of the University Council; the Honourable Minister of Finance, Ken Ofori-Atta; the first female Chief of Staff of the Republic of Ghana, Hon. Akosua Frema Osei-Opare, a seasoned entrepreneur with one

of the largest conglomerates in Ghana, Dr. Joseph Siaw Agyepong; Governor of the Bank of Ghana, Dr. Ernest Addison together with Rotarian Jack Andrews Dotsey, an experienced academic and Dean of the School of Continuing and Distance, Prof. Olivia A. T. F. Kwapong; and a Senior Assistant Registrar, Mrs. Regina Afari Boateng providing administrative support. The team will be chaired by Hon. Sam Okudzeto, an astute lawyer and a statesman.

The principal role of the Corporate Advisory Team would be to assist the School of Continuing and Distance Education to create, develop and manage resources with the goal of ensuring financial sustainability of the Annual New Year School and Conference.

In addition, the Team shall:

- a. Set up an endowment fund for the promotion and institutional advancement of the ANYSC.
- b. Ensure that the ANYSC aligns its objectives with the mission and vision of the University and the developmental agenda of the country as a whole.
- c. Evaluate on a regular basis, the effectiveness of the School and Conference in accomplishing its core mandate.
- d. Conduct an annual assessment of the performance of the Annual New Year School and Conference.
  - a. Evaluate the effectiveness of allocation of resources.
  - b. Assess the effectiveness of individual Team members as a whole.

- c. Set up a foundation for the ANYSC and to review and approve on annual basis, a spending policy.

The School and Conference as you are aware seeks to mobilize various individuals, groups and associations in and outside Ghana to participate and support the most critical conversation of the country. Outcomes of the School and Conference feeds into policy formulation and regulations, legislative instruments, bills and other significant work streams of Government to ensure sustainable development.

As I mentioned at the inauguration of the Team, held during the Opening Ceremony of the 73rd Annual New Year School and Conference (ANYSC), it is our expectation that the Corporate Advisory Team will serve as a critical bridge between academia and industry to mobilize resources for expanding and sustaining the ANYSC brand.

Chair, permit me to add that two major projects stand out for us:

1. **An Endowment Fund** to organize the event and also operationalize and implement the communicate that results from the event, with special focus on **both in-school and out-of-school youth interventions.**
2. **Develop a multi-purpose New Year School Youth Village** to house the annual event and also provide an **all year-round training and other capacity building**

**interventions for the youth.** Per the architectural design, the Village is proposed to have:

- a tech-hub/incubator for young entrepreneurs
- an exhibition unit
- an auditorium
- an office complex
- a residential/hostel facility (to be used by on-campus students as well)
- a commercial complex and
- a recreational area.

In recognition of your efforts, the University would be very happy to name the facilities after significant contributors, including members of the Corporate Advisory Team who I hope will exceedingly support this project.

Management of the University under my leadership as Vice-Chancellor is poised to distinguish itself in knowledge generation and dissemination and we are very confident that with this caliber of personalities on the Team, the ANYSC will experience a magnificent transformation to the admiration of all stakeholders.

Thank you for making time to be here and I wish you fruitful deliberations.

***Professor Nana Aba Appiah Amfo***  
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