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**OPENING REMARKS BY CHAIRPERSON, PROFESSOR NANA ABA APPIAH AMFO AT THE
LAUNCH OF THE UG NKABOM COLLABORATIVE**

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**Great Hall
University of Ghana**

- *Honourable Deputy Minister for Food and Agriculture*
- *Honourable Deputy Minister for Trade, Industry and Agribusiness*
- *Honourable Deputy Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection*
- *Pro-Vice-Chancellors*
- *Provosts*
- *Deans, Directors and Heads of Department*
- *Representatives from McGill University*
- *Representatives from the Mastercard Foundation*
- *Partners from Koforidua Technical University, UHAS, KNUST, Ashesi University, UESD & AGI*
- *Director of Presidential Initiatives in Agriculture and Agribusiness*
- *Chief Executive Officer, Chamber of Agribusiness Ghana*
- *Representatives from World Vision*
- *Industry Partners*
- *Faculty, Staff & Students*
- *Invited Guests*
- *Ladies and Gentlemen*

It is with great honour that I welcome you all to the University of Ghana, the premier University in Ghana. The University has,

since its founding, distinguished itself as a beacon of excellence in higher education, experiencing steady growth through groundbreaking research, strategic international collaborations, and strong industry linkages. As we strive to remain relevant in national and global development, we are committed to advancing cutting-edge research, high-quality teaching and learning, and impactful community engagement.

In line with this vision, I am particularly excited about UG's role in the NKABOM Collaborative especially because of its alignment with all our strategic objectives. The programme is intended as transformational, and staff- and student-centered, while pursuing ground-breaking and relevant research, leveraging on strategic engagements and partnerships.

Today, we gather here to launch the UG NKABOM Collaborative, the first ever UG Honours and Mentorship programme under the theme “***Empowering Youth for a Sustainable Agrifood Revolution in Ghana and Beyond***”.

These initiatives are aimed at providing opportunity and access to the best education and capacity building programmes, equipping students with requisite skills, mentorship and networking opportunities with industry and communities.

This launch event will also feature a panel discussion by actors from education, policy, industry and civil society working in nutrition and agri-food systems, as well as a seminar on the topic: ***‘From Soil to Success: Cultivating Profitable Futures for Ghanaian Youth through Digital Agritech’***.

I am excited to see among our distinguished guests, key stakeholders from all the relevant institutions covering the public and private sectors. Your presence here reflects your commitment towards the successful implementation of this initiative.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, it is a great honour to Chair the launch of the **UG Nkabom Collaborative**. I am eager to see the manifold impact the collaborative will have on our students, alumni and other stakeholders that we will engage.

I am hopeful that the seed we are sowing today at this launch of the UG Nkabom Collaborative will become a great tree that we will all come to eat of its fruits.

Once again, I welcome you all warmly to our beautiful and serene campus for a productive session.

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