



**SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

**30TH ANNIVERSARY
LAUNCH**

THEME:

**“THREE DECADES OF PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION,
RESEARCH, AND SERVICE: STRENGTHENING
GLOBAL HEALTH SYSTEMS.”**

Date: Wednesday 3rd July, 2024

Venue: SPH Auditorium Time: 10.00am



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PROFESSOR KWASI TORPEY
Dean, School of Public Health

OPENING CEREMONY

9:00-10:00am	REGISTRATION Foyer of the Auditorium, School of Public Health, University of Ghana
10:00-10:02am	Opening Prayer -- Dr Afua Amoabeng Nti
10:02-10:05am	Welcome -- Professor Kwasi Torpey, Dean SPH-UG
10:05-10:07am	Introduction of Chair --Dr. Adanna Nwameme, Faculty SPH
10:07-10:12am	Chair's Opening Remarks - - Professor Awandare PRO-VC ASA
10:12-10:20am	The SPH story so far --Emerita Professor Isabella Quakyi, Foundation Dean SPH,UG
10:20-10:25am	Goodwill Message College of Health Sciences, University of Ghana --Professor Julius Fobil, PROVOST -CHS
10:25-10:35am	Guest Speaker's Remarks --WHO Country Representative
10:35-10:50am	Launch of 30th Anniversary Unveiling of Logo & Cloth Design Unveiling of Anniversary Programme
10:50: -10:55am	Closing Remarks by Chair --Professor Gordon Awandare PRO-VC ASA
10:55-11:00am	Closing Prayer --Dr. Genevieve Aryeetey
	Photo Session (Physical & Virtual) Brunch Departure

BACKGROUND

The School of Public Health is one of the six schools within the College of Health sciences, at the University of Ghana. Established in 1994, the school was created in response to the increasing demand for skilled Public Health Practitioners who will provide leadership in Public Health reforms in the country's public health sector. The primary goal of the school is to train Public Health Professionals to effectively work at the District, Regional and National levels in various governmental, quasi-governmental, non-governmental and private organizations. Over the years, the school has introduced new programmes to meet the specialized skills needed for the transformation of the health sector. These programs are also open to non-health personnel whose activities have an impact on the environment and public health.

At the School of Public Health, we believe that well-trained Public Health personnel will offer technical leadership in critical disciplines such as Population, Family, and Reproductive Health, Health Informatics and e-Health, Occupational & Environmental Health and related-diseases, Social & Behavioural Sciences, Training Research and Planning and in the implementation of specific disease control programmes such as Malaria, AIDS, non-communicable diseases and neglected tropical diseases. The Philosophy of the school is 'Public Health Without Walls', aiming to blend classroom learning with practical field-work. Our mission is to train Public Health Practitioners who will be leaders and catalysts for health development in Ghana and across Africa.

Over the past 30 years, the School of Public Health at the University of Ghana has trained several global players in the health sector. Our graduates, including PhDs, MScs, and BPHs, have made significant contributions to the field of public health worldwide.



At this Launch, which will be a hybrid of virtual and in-person event, we anticipate participants from across academia, government, industry and civil society as well as non-governmental organizations representing in Ghana and other regions across the world. The launch will include the unveiling of the 30th anniversary logo and cloth among others.



PROFILES

CHAIRPERSON

Prof. Gordon Awandare, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs



from the University of Ghana, a PhD in Infectious Diseases and Microbiology from the University of Pittsburgh, and a postdoctoral fellowship at the Walter Reed Army Institute for Research.

Prof. Awandare's career at the University of Ghana began in 2002 as a Lecturer in the Department of Biochemistry. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 2011, Associate Professor in 2015, and full Professor in 2018. He served as Head of the Department of Biochemistry from 2013 to 2017 and led the establishment of WACCBIP in 2014. Under his leadership, WACCBIP has secured over \$40 million in grants, supporting infrastructure, equipment, and fellowships for about 300 African scientists. His research focuses on infectious diseases, particularly malaria, and he has supervised numerous postdoctoral fellows, PhD, and Master's students.

Professor Gordon A. Awandare is the Pro Vice-Chancellor responsible for Academic and Student Affairs at the University of Ghana. He is the founding Director of the West African Centre for Cell Biology of Infectious Pathogens (WACCBIP) and a Professor in the Department of Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology. He also holds a visiting professorship at Oxford Brookes University in the UK. Prof. Awandare's educational background includes a BSc and MPhil in Biochemistry

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Prof. Awandare's team has been pivotal in Ghana's response, providing crucial research data on seroprevalence and the genomic diversity of SARS-CoV-2. He has over 130 peer-reviewed publications in leading infectious diseases and immunology journals. His

contributions to science and education have been recognized with several awards, including the Royal Society Pfizer Award in 2015 and multiple distinguished service awards from the University of Ghana.

Prof. Awandare is actively involved in university governance and management. He is the Foundation Chairman of the Governing Council of CK Tedam University of Technology and Applied Sciences and has served on various prestigious boards and committees, both within the University of Ghana and internationally. His roles include positions with the Wellcome Trust Centre for Infectious Diseases Research in Africa, the Crick African Network, and the Lancet COVID-19 Commission, among others.

PROVOST OF COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

Prof. Julius Fobil



PROFESSOR JULIUS N. FOBIL
Provost, College of Health Sciences

Professor Julius Fobil is a Professor of Environmental Health with an outstanding academic career at the University of Ghana School Public Health; having contributed significantly to the field of environmental epidemiology in Ghana and beyond. He has over 100 peer reviewed publications in the field and has trained more than 80 students at the undergraduate level, doctoral and postdoctoral levels. He is a fellow of Collegium Ramazzini, an international academy for internationally renowned fellows in environmental and occupational health and a fellow of Ghana Academy of Arts and Science.

He is the Provost of the College of Health Sciences; having previously served as the Dean in the School of Public Health. He is also an Associate Scientist at the Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine in Hamburg. His research focuses on environmental exposure assessment, urban environmental health in low income economies and more recently, he has been involved in a research capacity in environmental and occupational health in the West and Central Africa Regions.

He was appointed as the sixth Provost of the College on 1st August, 2021.

DEAN OF SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Prof. Kwasi Torpey,

Professional Summary:

Professor Kwasi Torpey is a Professor of Public Health and Dean of the University of Ghana School of Public Health. He is a Public Health Physician, Program Manager and Researcher with extensive experience in implementation of public health programs in Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Tanzania, Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and several other countries. He is the Scientific Chair of International Conference on HIV Treatment, Pathogenesis, and Prevention Research in Resource-limited Settings (INTEREST) and an Associate Fellow of the Amsterdam Institute of Global Health and Development, Academic Medical Centre in University of Amsterdam, Netherlands.



PROFESSOR KWASI TORPEY
Dean, School of Public Health

Prior to joining the University of Ghana, he had a distinguished career with Family Health International, a US based international NGO serving in a variety of roles including Deputy Chief of Party, Technical for Nigeria, Director of Technical Services for Zambia, and Regional Senior Technical Advisor for the Africa Region. He also worked as the Senior Clinical Officer in the Family Health International/ START program that introduced HIV treatment in Ghana two decades ago. He is an Honorary Associate Professor of London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in London. Professor Torpey has authored over 120 scientific publications and is a member of several technical working groups at the international level. He is the principal investigator of several research studies on HIV, other infectious and non-communicable diseases.

He received his education at the University of Ghana Medical School and Netherland School of Public Health. He has a PhD from the Institute of Tropical Medicine and the University of Antwerp in Belgium. He is a fellow of the Ghana College of Physicians and West Africa College of Physicians.

YEAR-LONG ACTIVITIES

July 2024

Anniversary launch/ Crowdsource
for SPH cloth designs

July 2024

Health Screening & Health Walk

Aug 2024

SPH Alumni Homecoming/Roll Call

May-Nov 2024

Fundraising

Aug 2024

Fun Day Out

Sept 2024

Webinar/Lecture Series & Research
Call focusing on the Environment

Oct/Nov 2024

Main Anniversary Event

Oct/Nov 2024

Awards

Oct/Nov 2024

Dinner Dance

Nov 2024

Thanksgiving Service

MEMBERS OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY STEERING COMMITTEE



Prof. Moses Sekyi Aikins
Chairman



Prof. Kwasi Torpey
Member



Prof. Mawuli Dzodzomenyo
Member



Prof. Richmond Aryeetey
Member



Prof. Francis Anto,
Member



Dr. Deda Ogum,
Member



Prof. Emmanuel Asampong,
Member



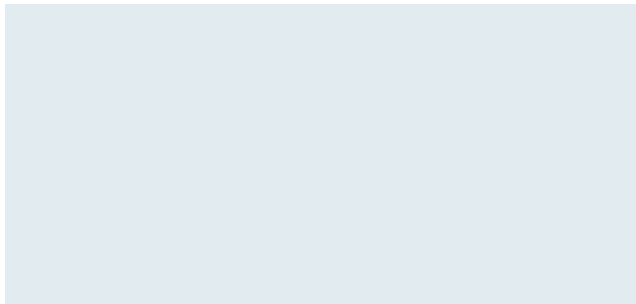
Mr. Joseph Aidoo,
Member



Ms. Gloria Aku Darko,
Member



Ms. Gloria Addae, Member





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