

## HONORARY RECEIVERS OF HAG 2020

### 1. Professor Kofi Agyekum

Has a PhD in linguistics and is currently Dean of the University of Ghana's School of Performing Arts. As a lecturer, researcher and consultant, Professor Agyekum has made great contributions to the world of academia in Ghana. He coordinated the English-Akan Science Dictionary and the Akan Dictionary Projects. He is an internationally recognized Akan and Ethnography of Communication scholar and has been quoted and consulted by several scholars and institutions at both local and international levels. Prof. Kofi Agyekum was the first to introduce Newspaper Review in Akan at Radio Univers in April 1997. The programme was titled **AfisEm** and it is still aired on **Radio Universe**, Legon. He was the host of AfisEm and Obiara Nka Bi, programmes on **Radio Universe** and has trained a lot of students' trainee journalist. He is a regular panelist on Peace FM's **Kookurokoo** Show. He has received the

Kwame Nkrumah Genius Award for the Use of Mother Tongue in the Media, the National Award, the Order of the Volta for Public Education and the Media and University of Ghana's Best Teacher Award for the Humanities, among others.

### 2. Oheneyere Gifty Anti

is the Chief Executive Officer of GDA Media Ltd, a production company that believes in providing quality service with a Feminine touch. The company's flagship programme, The Standpoint TV programme is currently, the leading agenda driven women's discussion programme on TV in Ghana. The programme which she hosts and also as executive producer, is aired in UK on ABN TV, which is on the Sky Network Channels. She is a Motivational and Conference speaker and has spoken on many platforms, Institutions and schools across Ghana and beyond. (Recognized by The Speakers Bureau as 100 most powerful speakers). Oheneyere Gifty Anti is a bestselling author and her 1st book, A Bit Of Me, is currently one of the most sort after inspirational books in Ghana and beyond. Over 500 copies were sold in just Three days; and the book became number one on Amazon, under the Survival Biographies

category, in less than a week. She currently holds an Honorary Doctor of Letters Degree, a master's degree in International Journalism from City University, London, and has also attended a number of training courses at the United Nations, the Commonwealth Broadcasting Association and had an internship at SABC-Africa in South Africa. Oheneyere holds a master's degree in International Journalism from City University, London. She also holds a Diploma in Journalism from the Ghana Institute of Journalism. She attended Mfantseman Girls Secondary School at Saltpond, where she successfully completed her sixth form education. She had her early education at Tema community 8 "Number 1" Basic School where she sat for her Common Entrance Examination in Form Two instead of Form Four. Oheneyere Gifty Anti is also an ambassador for the campaign against Newborn deaths. She is a former Board member of the Ghana Federation of the Disabled. Oheneyere Dr. Gifty Anti, worked with the Ghana Broadcasting Corporation, TV division (GTV News) for 17 years (including a one-year National Service). She started at GTV not as a presenter but as a reporter in the TV newsroom and a Floor Manager on the Breakfast Show (the first morning show on TV in Ghana). By dint of hard work, she became a presenter on The Breakfast Show on the first day the programme started, 13th February 1997. She resigned from GBC in December 2013.

### **3. IBRAHIM OPPONG KWARTENG**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Crime Check Foundation. A journalist with the Ghana Broadcasting Corporation and a member of the Association of European journalists, AEJ, The Ambassador Extraordinaire of Ghana Prisons.

### **4. Cecilia Senoo**

Mrs. Cecilia Lodonu-Senoo is an experienced Ghanaian Public Health Nurse, a midwife and a social worker with an unwavering passion for upholding the rights and well-being of the vulnerable, especially women and children. She is the founder and the Executive Director of Hope For Future Generations (HFFG), a national community-based NGO that has over the last 19 years been at the forefront of various community interventions. Since 2001, HFFG has positively impacted the lives of over 100,000 women, children and young people including those living with disabilities and HIV across the 16 regions of Ghana through various intervention areas like: Primary Health Care,

governance and institutional effectiveness, Water and Sanitation, economic empowerment and sustainable livelihoods.

Mrs. Senoo is skilled in national and international advocacy, gender programming and has over 25 years expertise in NGO Management, Social and Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) strategies and interventions, psychosocial counselling, HIV and AIDS programming, competency-based trainings, participatory learning for action with strong advocacy skills, project development and implementation. She has worked on numerous successful state and multinational funded social interventions designed to bring relief to the lives of the vulnerable across the country.

She is currently pursuing a PhD in Public Health at the University of Ghana, Legon

## **5. Jonathan Osei Owusu**

Jonathan Osei Owusu is the Founder and Executive Director of the POS Foundation (a human rights and youth development centered NGO). He is also the Vice Chairman of the Ghana Human Rights NGOs Forum and a member of the Steering Committee - Coalition on the Right To Information- RTI Ghana, an author and publisher with two books as well as other brochures and articles to his credit.

Jonathan is trained in development leadership and human rights advocacy from the Coady International Institute of St. Francis Xavier University, Canada and has championed the redress of several human rights abuse cases through the Law Courts and the media. He facilitates/coordinates the State initiated 'Justice For All Program for remand prisoners aimed at decongesting the prisons.

Jonathan focuses on advocacy, litigation, public education, and youth development. He is the 2nd Vice President for the Federation of Youth Associations of Ghana. As a human rights advocate, Jonathan has actively aided in the preparation of Civil Society Organizations (CSO), Shadow-Reports to UN Committees and Councils while making oral submissions to the UN Human Rights Committee in Geneva. Jonathan is tagged by many as very passionate, young yet masterful with respect to his 11 years working experience on the Civil Society front.

## **6. STACEY AMOATENG**

Anastasia Manuela Amoateng known in showbiz circles as Stacy Amoateng's interest for media started at a young age at school and church. She started event organizing in 1998 with a group of friends. In 1999 she organized her first funded beauty pageant in Sunyani, Miss Millennium Ahourfe to usher in the new millennium.

She started professional presenting in 2002 on Tv3 talk show, Talk Ghana. From 2003, she presented award winning entertainment show Music Music for ten years.

Stacy has wonderful communication skills and can tickle humor from guests. She manned Music Music to Best Entertainment program for six years. She is currently host and producer of award-winning television talk Show Restoration With Stacy which is a syndicated content. She is the founder of Showbiz Honors, an honorary award scheme for celebrities who give back to the society. She is a speaker who has spoken at numerous events for women and the youth. She is founder of the LUV PROJECT a domestic violence and abuse campaign to help women and children who are being abused.

She is champion of a number of charitable causes which include Cervical Cancer Advocacy, Reading Ambassador, Youth to Lead to Lead, Back to School Campaign, Autism Awareness among others.

## **7. Kofi Amoah**

is a Social Development Consultant and a Humanitarian Journalist. His Social Work activities started since 1989. He was involved in the first research and documentary on street children in 1989. The 51-year-old is a Product of the Department of Social Welfare training school and the Social Work Unit of the University of Ghana Legon. In addition, he has training in NGO management from GIMPA.

He currently manages the research-based NGO 'On the Road' which is involved in advocacy and interventions. He uses his background in film production and acting to educate rural poor communities on issues of National concern. Activities include but are not limited to road safety, sanitation, support for the

disabled, rural development activities, school and water projects and general social development.

Together with his daughter Empress Esi Amoah and her Mother Mary Amevor they are reaching out far, wide and deep and making a difference in the lives of people.

## **8. Francis Bichnord Komla Asong**

**Francis** had lower limb paralysis at the age of 23 in a very mysterious manner. Seven years later, he resolved to dedicate his life to empower his colleague persons with disabilities to take charge of their own lives and to achieve their true potentials. In 2002, he joined VOICE Ghana, a National Disability Rights and Advocacy Organization in Ho, Volta Region, and rose through the ranks to become its Executive Director in 2010.

Over the past years, Francis has contributed to the organization's developing into one of Ghana's leading Non-governmental organizations (NGOs), dedicated to persons with disabilities. Serving all regions of Ghana, particularly, the Volta and Oti Regions, VOICE Ghana has been creating and training grassroots cross-disability self-help groups, and building a collective voice for persons with disabilities for their participation and representation in decision-making processes.

As part of their long-term plans, Francis and his team are currently transforming VOICE Ghana into a Disability Research and Advocacy Think-Tank. Francis has received a number of awards over the years including the Africa Continental Award - Welfare and Civil Society Category in 2015 from the CEO Global Titans in South Africa, the 2018 Community Hero of Philanthropy Award from the National Philanthropy Forum, Accra, and the Alumni Career Achievement Award in 2019 from his former school: the Accra Business School in recognition of his role in promoting the rights of persons with disabilities.

## **9. Richard Offei**

He is the Founder and President of Richoff Disability Foundation and Ghana Dreams Disability Development Foundation. He was a former Liberty Professionals Football club player who started his football career with Michael

Essien. After meeting with a tragic motor accident which led to the amputation of a leg, he was neglected by family and the society and had no place to stay. This led to his residing and surviving on the streets. However, he had the opportunity to meet a former president of Ghana, H.E John Agyekum Kuffour, in the year 2001 who assisted him to secure employment with Ghana Cocoa Board where he worked for about 12 years. He also managed to join the Ghana Amputee National team in the year 2003 and through hard work and determination, became captain of the team and led the team to various tournaments including the United Kingdom (UK), France, Turkey and Argentina for the Amputee World Championship. After retiring from the National Amputee Team, he decided to use his outfit to support and develop people living with disabilities in Ghana. Mr. Richard Offei has the passion and love for persons living with disabilities. He is blessed with a divine gift to be able to create job opportunities for persons with disabilities and the youth.

#### 10. **Dr Ike Tandoh**

am a business- minded integrated marketing communications expert, an accredited PR professional, a business developer, an author, and a training consultant. I have expert knowledge in strategic communications, marketing, training, brand marketing, and strategic management. I am a very result-oriented individual and has been in marketing communications for 15 years with several published peer-reviewed articles (local & international) to my name and 27 published novels also under my bar line. I have facilitated many high profiled training programs for many renowned Institutions such as SSNIT, International Community Schools, GAUA, etc. in Ghana. I am a conference speaker and have also worked extensively in media content management, public relations, crisis communication, corporate reputation management, and development communication. I have also been an adjunct lecturer in management and communications for several Ghanaian Universities. I believe that image is next to life. I have also worked for some reputable financial Institutions in Ghana serving as head of corporate Affairs and marketing. I am an Accredited Member of the Institute of Public relations

Ghana and a full member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing-UK. I hold a doctor of philosophy degree in management with a concentration in marketing communications among many other qualifications.

## **11. Dr. Ameena Ali**

is a Naturopathic Doctor specializing in Obstetrics and Gynecology. She has been into Organic Medicine, Home-birthing and the Maternal Education of Women for the last 29 years.

Few of her most recent accomplishments are outlined as follows:

In 2018, she was appointed as a Special Envoy to UN Women Gambia, with an accepted NGO/CSO Dossier for Rural Women's Maternal Healthcare Access and offers solutions for our elders to be able to age-in-place, through her efforts as a member of The Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People.

She is the 2019 US Representative for the International Model UN Association and the newest member to the International Human Rights Commission in Geneva where she serves unrecognized Sovereign Tribes, undocumented International Cultures, Stateless, Landless and countless oppressed and displaced Indigenous People around the world.

But her best accomplishment is being a devout Muslim and a Mother of four (4) Daughters and Nana of twelve (12) Grandbabies (with one born just one day after her birthday, this August 2019)

I present to you, Dr. Ameena Ali...