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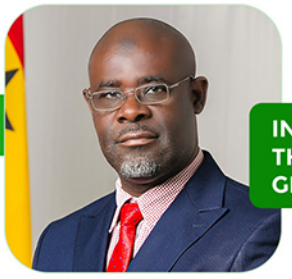

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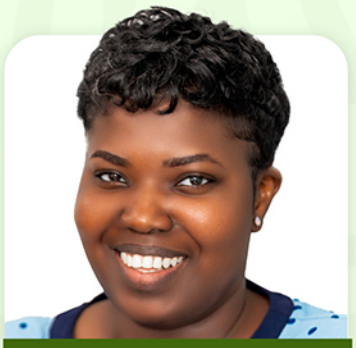

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FROM THE EDITOR

Transitioning between administrations, new leadership appointments, and reforms aligned with the government's resetting agenda, it has been quite an eventful year, with changes to embrace and exciting experiences to look back on.

What better way to remind you of these unforgettable moments than have them curated in the Fourth edition of the Fortune for your reading pleasure?

Here are a few things to look forward to in this issue.

Do you still have the burning question of why a devout Muslim would accept the top position in a lottery institution? The Director-General bares it all in this exclusive, compelling interview. It's a must read.

Ghana could become the first West African nation to host the World Lottery Summit in 2028. Find out the impressions of the World Lottery Association (WLA) President, Mr. Andreas Kötter on his first working visit to Ghana to assess the possibility of hosting the summit.

Let's get an update on what's happening with the African Lotteries Association (ALA), including their last Board meeting hosted by the NLA in Accra.

Still craving more of the 2025 Customer Service Celebration? Let's rekindle those lovely memories and keep you smiling as you turn the pages.

Get some tips on dining in a French restaurant with Monsieur Johnson and some education on your sitting posture in our Know Your Basic French and Healthy Living columns respectively.

It promises to be an amazing read, and we can't wait for you to get started.
Happy Reading!

Maame Kesewaah Dolphyne

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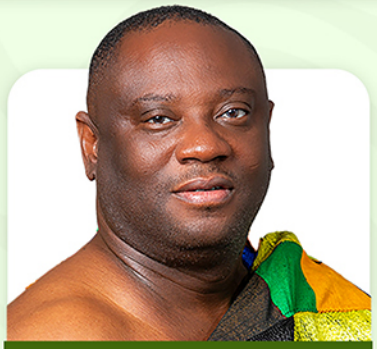

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LEADERSHIP

The Oxford Dictionary defines leadership "as the act of leading a group of people or an organization". However, the Centre for Creative Leadership holds the view that "leadership is a social process, where individuals work together to produce results that they could never achieve alone". They believe this theory prevents the full burden of leadership from falling on just a few individuals or limiting others' leadership potential, as it motivates everyone to explore and cultivate their own leadership skills.

This perspective also holds true for the National Lottery Authority (NLA), where leadership is regarded as one of the Authority's Core Values and serves as the primary force propelling the organization in Ghana's lottery industry. At the helm of the Authority's leadership is a seven-member Governing Board, chaired by the Technical Advisor to the Minister of Finance, Mr. Frederick Amissah.

With the government's commitment to reforms across institutions nationwide, the NLA Governing Board has also devised a three-year strategic plan for the Authority to achieve operational excellence. The aim is to offer clear guidance that builds confidence, enhances transparency, and fosters innovation to transform the organization.

One of the most significant advances the NLA is making is the development of stronger regulatory frameworks focused on responsible gaming, fairness, and the elimination of illegal lottery practices. These measures not only protect the Authority's revenue streams but also maintain public and stakeholder trust. Through this, the NLA demonstrates that leadership involves stewardship, safeguarding the institution's legacy while encouraging future growth.

Equally important is NLA's investment in innovation. By adopting and investing in digital technology, the Authority is extending its reach, improving efficiency, and opening new opportunities for participation. This vision fosters forward-looking leadership that aligns with global trends while staying true to the Authority's values.

The NLA's dedication to social responsibility and funding development projects in Education, Health, Youth & Sports Development, and Arts & Culture seeks to empower communities, institutions, and individuals. This positions the Authority as more than just a revenue-generating body; it functions as a partner in nation-building.

True leadership is often measured by resilience, adaptability, and vision. NLA continues to exemplify all three, establishing a standard in the lottery industry not only in Ghana but across Africa.

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MESSAGE
FROM THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

I extend my warmest wishes to all cherished Staff, our dedicated Management Team, valiant Lotto Marketing Companies (LMCs), Talented Writers, Private Lotto Operators (PLOs), Collaborators, and to all our cherished patrons and stakeholders.

The past year presented us with both opportunities and challenges, and I sincerely commend each of you for your unwavering commitment and hard work.

Your daily dedication, professionalism, and pursuit of excellence are the bedrock of our esteemed institution, the National Lottery Authority (NLA). I also recognize your navigation of complex demands to fulfil our core mandate and make a genuine impact on our nation's development. Every new year presents us with an opportunity to reflect, be thankful, and renew our hope for the future. I entreat us all to maintain optimism and a shared vision to elevate the NLA to new heights of service and transparency.

Our partnership with Fidelity Bank to introduce new point-of-sale terminals is almost concluded and includes reforms we are rolling out to boost revenue and address existing gaps in our operations, particularly to combat illegal lottery operations.

This year, we are prioritizing improving staff conditions. We will work to upgrade facilities at both the headquarters and regional offices to enhance staff comfort. Additionally, we will promote continuous learning and skills development for all staff and complete the Scheme of Service, which is about 90% finalized.

As one of the institutions participating in the Public Services Commission's pilot of Linking Pay with Productivity, I urge all Staff to put all hands on deck to achieve desirable results.

Let us carry the resilience and teamwork we demonstrated in 2025 into 2026, working together to achieve even greater success for the benefit of all Ghanaians.

May God richly bless our efforts and our beloved institution.

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Responsible Gambling, also known as Safer Gambling, is a set of social responsibility initiatives held by the gambling industry – including government regulators, operators, and vendors – to ensure the integrity of their operations and to promote awareness of the harms associated with gambling, such as gambling addiction.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), "Responsible Gaming assumes that each person can play independently, consciously, and in an informed manner, maintaining control over their behaviors and preventing the development of problematic situations.

This means the ideal player is someone who knows when to stop, is conscious of the risks, respects their limits, and acts with full clarity".

The World Lottery Association, WLA, states that "Responsible Gaming is the lottery sector's most critical element of Corporate Social Responsibility. As such, it is essential that WLA member lotteries grow their sales and return to good causes while facilitating responsible play. In 2006, the WLA adopted the Responsible Gaming Principles and a Responsible Gaming Framework to safeguard lottery players worldwide. This effort and commitment ensure not only that our public is protected but also that revenues are maintained for the public good".

The World Lottery Association (WLA) sets the standard for responsible gaming practices for its members, ensuring that each National and State lottery agency upholds integrity, transparency, and player protection. In Ghana, the National Lottery Authority (NLA) conforms to these international standards, demonstrating a commitment not only to gaming but also to the welfare of the people it serves.

Responsible gaming involves creating a safe, fair, and balanced environment for participating in games of chance. It aims to ensure that individuals enjoy the excitement of lottery games while being protected from the potential risks of excessive or problematic gaming.

Some of these important aspects are:

- Protecting vulnerable groups, especially minors.
- Promoting awareness of responsible play.
- Ensuring transparency and fairness in operations.

WLA's framework is designed to ensure lottery institutions around the world are committed to both ethical standards and community welfare.

The National Lottery Authority (NLA), as a committed member of the World Lottery Association (WLA), has embraced Responsible Gaming as a core part of its mission.

This commitment includes:

- Strict Compliance: Ensuring that all games are conducted with fairness, integrity, and transparency.
- Public Awareness Campaigns: Educating the public on responsible gaming practices and the risks associated with excessive play.
- Community Support: Allocating resources to social responsibility projects that contribute to national development in Ghana.

Responsible gaming protects players, sustains trust, and strengthens the reputation of gaming institutions. For the NLA, it goes beyond regulation; it is about fostering a culture where gaming remains a form of entertainment, not a source of harm.

By working under the guidance of the WLA, the Authority continues to uphold international standards while tailoring interventions to the Ghanaian context.



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The World Lottery Association (WLA) is an international member-based association of state-controlled lotteries, licensed sports betting operators, and suppliers to the global gaming industry.

The WLA supports its members in achieving their goals of creating positive societal impact through the funds they raise for good causes, while upholding integrity and responsible gaming standards.

WLA member lotteries and sports betting operators contributed over USD 94 billion to fund good causes in FY 2024. Since 1999, WLA member lotteries and sports betting operators have raised an estimated USD 2 trillion for the public good.

"We are shaping the regulated lottery and sports betting ecosystem to be a force for good. We provide value to all our members by supporting their pursuit of creating positive societal impact, while upholding integrity and responsible gaming standards".

"Every year, our industry generates huge funds which support good causes in the areas of arts and culture, education, the environment, healthcare, and sports. Our raison d'être is to make a positive impact on societies worldwide. Without this assistance, many worthy projects would simply not exist".

The WLA supports its global member organizations in offering socially responsible initiatives to raise funds for positive societal impact and benefit numerous communities worldwide.

WLA's vision is to be recognized as the global authority in lottery and betting games. This will be achieved by providing value to the WLA's diverse members through key products, services, and knowledge sharing.

The WLA spans six continents, serving more than 160 state-authorized lotteries, including the National Lottery Authority (NLA) of Ghana, state-licensed sports betting operators, and suppliers to the regulated gaming industry across 89 countries and territories.

Source: world-lotteries.org

PRESIDENT OF WORLD LOTTERY ASSOCIATION
VISITS GHANA AHEAD OF 2028 WORLD LOTTERY SUMMIT.



The President of the World Lottery Association (WLA), Mr. Andreas Kötter, led a delegation on a working visit to Ghana as part of a recce to assess the country's readiness to host the World Lottery Summit in 2028. Mr. Kötter was acompanied by WLA Executive Director, Mr. Lucas Esposito, and WLA Events Coordinator, Mr. François Pellaud-Pautrot. The visit included engagements and site inspections in Accra.

During an interaction with the Director-General of the National Lottery Authority (NLA), Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam, the Deputy Director-General, Mr. Eric Yeboah Wadie, and members of the Executive Management, Mr. Kötter expressed his delight at meeting the NLA leadership and commended the Authority for its operational achievements. He particularly praised the NLA's contribution to national development through impactful corporate social responsibility initiatives.

Mr. Kotter further congratulated the NLA for earning the confidence of the WLA Executive Committee as a credible candidate to host the World Lottery Summit in 2028. He also indicated the possibility of Ghana hosting a World Lottery Association Executive Committee Meeting in June 2026.

The Director-General of the NLA, Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam, provided an overview of the Authority's history, mandate, and operations. He expressed profound appreciation to the WLA President and his delegation for the visit and for the honour of considering Ghana as a host for two major international WLA events.

As part of the programme, the WLA delegation paid a visit to Ghana's Parliament House, where they observed parliamentary proceedings, the team also visited historic sites such as the Independence square and the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum.

DG And Executive Management Interact With WLA President And Team









DG Attires WLA President With Fugu And Presents Gifts To Team









WLA Team Visits The Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum














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MANAGEMENT OF NLA PAY A WORKING VISIT TO SUPREME VENTURES LIMITED IN JAMAICA.

Management of the National Lottery Authority (NLA) led by chairman of the Governing Board, Mr. Frederick Amissah in February 2026 paid a working visit to Supreme Ventures Limited (SVL) in Jamaica, one of the country's largest and most prominent companies. The purpose of the visit was to strengthen international collaboration and deepen the strategic partnership between the two institutions.

Supreme Ventures Limited is well known for exporting high-level technical expertise and operational excellence into Africa, with a strong track record in innovation, technology, and corporate governance across multiple sectors.

Discussions centered on business-to-business partnerships, market expansion opportunities, digital innovation, and investment-driven growth aimed at fostering sustainable development and mutual benefits for both organisations.

As part of the visit, the delegation paid a courtesy call on Jamaica's State Minister in the Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce, Hon. Delano Seiveright. The Board Chairman, Mr. Frederick Amissah, expressed gratitude for the opportunity to engage with the team and emphasized the importance of strengthening bilateral ties.

With productive discussions and high-level engagements concluded, the visit is expected to lay a solid foundation for future cooperation that will support innovation, investment, and mutual development for both nations.












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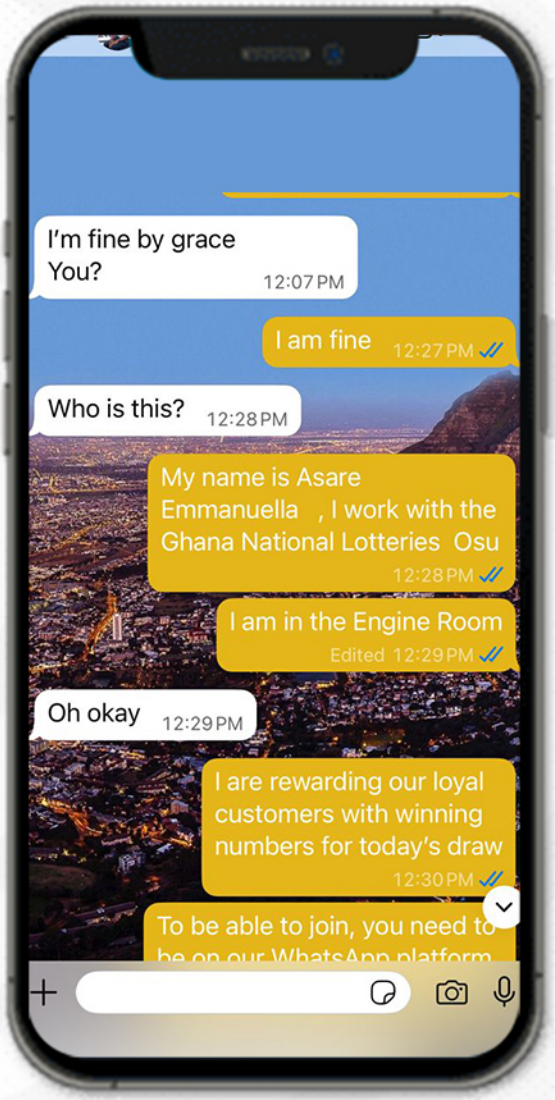

Have you ever woken up to a message from a stranger claiming to have leaked winning numbers from the National Lottery Authority (NLA)? Or perhaps you've received a call from someone insisting they work in a mysterious "Engine Room" at the NLA, where winning numbers are supposedly generated. Some even go as far as claiming they received your number from the spiritual realm, through an ancestor of yours.

These stories might seem strange, but form part of a rising trend of lotto-related scams targeting innocent people across the country.

Let's pause and ask a simple question: If these so-called "insiders" truly had access to winning numbers, why wouldn't they use them to enrich themselves or their loved ones? Why would they share such invaluable information with a stranger?

The answer is obvious: they are fraudsters, and their sole aim is to deceive and exploit you for financial benefit. These scammers use various tactics to appear convincing.

Here's the simple truth.
NLA's games are games of chance. No one, not even the Director-General, can predict or manipulate the outcome of a Draw.

The National Lottery Authority operates under strict regulations and uses secure, transparent systems to ensure fairness in all its games. Winning numbers are drawn using certified machines under the supervision of independent observers. There is also an established Draw committee comprising representatives from the Judiciary, i.e., a judge, a representative of the Ministry of Finance and the Director-General or his representative. All Draws are also open to the public.

There is no secret room, no spiritual shortcut, and no backdoor access to winning numbers.

Also, it is important to note:
- Only players who have staked or played can win.
- Only the holder of a valid winning ticket can claim a prize; the ticket is a bearer bond.
- The NLA does not contact winners to request money before wins are paid.
- The NLA does not ask anyone to pay to register or join social media groups in exchange for leaked winning numbers.
- The NLA has not authorized any individuals or groups to solicit funds on its behalf in exchange for leaked winning numbers.

Falling victim to these scams can result in significant financial loss and emotional distress, and NLA will not be liable for any such losses.

Here's how you can protect yourself:
1. Never send money to anyone claiming to have leaked winning numbers.
2. Educate others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, who might be more at risk of falling for such scams.

If you are contacted by someone making suspicious claims, report them immediately to the nearest police station or contact the NLA Customer Service Helpline:
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The dream of winning big is what makes lottery games exciting, but don't let that dream turn into a nightmare. Stay informed, stay alert, and help spread the word. Together, we can stop lotto fraud in its tracks and keep the game fair and fun for everyone.

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INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS:
ALA & ITS CURRENT HAPPENINGS

ASSOCIATION DES
LOTERIES d'AFRIQUE

The African Lotteries Association (ALA) is a continental organization comprising sixteen member lottery establishments, including Ghana's National Lottery Authority (NLA). It was established in December 1981 in Dakar, Senegal. The Association upholds territorial integrity, public order, and morality.

The Association is apolitical and independent of any union or religious group, and it prohibits in its activities any form of political, religious, or trade union discussion, as well as discrimination based on sex, race, nationality, or philosophical beliefs of its members.

The Association's Headquarters is located in Casablanca (Morocco), and its primary missions or duties include:

- Unite all member countries that operate games of chance to promote attractive and responsible games and to fight against illegal gaming.
- Encourage mutual assistance at the technical and educational levels among members.
- Participate in African economic integration through the establishment of the Pan-African Games.
- Participate in socio-economic achievements in priority areas such as education, security, civil protection, health, culture and sport, the fight against unemployment and poverty through job creation and income-generating activities.
- Organize seminars, congresses, conferences, general meetings and consultancies for capacity building and reinforcement.
- Forge bonds of solidarity with sister associations of lotteries and other organizations with similar aims all over the world.
- Develop norms, standards and codes of good conduct to serve as repositories to which members must comply (ISO, responsible gaming, WLA standard, security standard, etc.)

Currently, ALA boasts of 16 members in good standing after its recent overhaul that saw the exit of some three (3) Member countries for non-compliance with its constitution. They are: Liberia, Madagascar and the Republic of Congo.

The active Members include: Lonaci (La Côte d'Ivoire), NLA (Ghana), LNB (Benin), Lonab (Burkina Faso), Lonani (Niger), Lonase (Senegal), Lonato (Togo), Lottotech (Mauritius), NLA (Liberia), MDJS (Morocco), PMU Mali (Mali), SGLN (Morocco), Lonagui (Guinea), Sonal (DRC), Sorec (Morocco), LNGB (Guinea-Bissau),

ALA's Executive Committee or Board is constituted as follows:
President: Mr. Dramane Coulibaly, Ivory Coast
Secretary General: Mr. Omar Skalli, Morocco
First Vice: Mr. Fassery Doumbia, Mali
Second Vice: Madam Claude-Solange Tchibaka Yowa, DRC
Third Vice: Mr. Zarani Ibrahim Ben Harouna, Burkina Faso
Fourth Vice: Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam, Ghana
Fifth Vice: Dr. Toussaint Manga, Senegal

Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam, the Director-General of the NLA - Ghana, was appointed to serve the remaining term of his predecessor, Hon. Samuel Awuku, the Member of Parliament for Akuapim-North.

The Association is currently prospecting and expecting applications from Countries such as Gabon, Cameroon, Tunisia, Angola, Zambia, Namibia and Kenya.

An application from Ithuba (South Africa) is pending approval, while the application from the National Regulatory Commission (Nigeria) was not received by the Association, citing non-qualification (i.e., Regulator). All major decisions of the Association are formulated by the Board/Executive Committee and submitted to the General Assembly for voting and approval.



Mr. Dramane Coulibaly
ALA PRESIDENT

NLA GHANA HOSTS ALA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING IN ACCRA



The National Lottery Authority (NLA), Ghana, in December 2025 hosted the Executive Board Meeting of the African Lotteries Association (ALA). Leaders of the continent's lottery industry converged at the Kempinski Hotel for the Association's final 2025 meeting, to reflect on the progress of the association and chart the way forward.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Dramane Coulibaly, the President of ALA and Director General of the Loterie National de Cote d'Ivoire, LONACI, who expressed his appreciation to the Director General of the NLA, Ghana for hosting the meeting. He also commended Ghana for its consistent leadership role and active contribution to the growth of the Association.

Mr. Coulibaly shared an optimistic outlook for the years ahead, noting that prospects for 2026 remain strong in both the short and medium term. He encouraged members to build on existing gains while positioning the Association to respond effectively to emerging opportunities within the lottery sector.

The Director General of NLA, Ghana, Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam, who also serves as Vice President of ALA, reaffirmed Ghana's commitment to the vision of the Association and to promoting best practices across Africa's lottery industry.

He highlighted the NLA's 5/90 Lottery Game as one of Ghana's most successful innovations, explaining that it has become a reference point for several African countries seeking to strengthen their own lottery operations.

He expressed confidence in the future, describing 2026 as an exciting and transformative year for both the National Lottery Authority and the African Lotteries Association.

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ALA BOARD MEETING













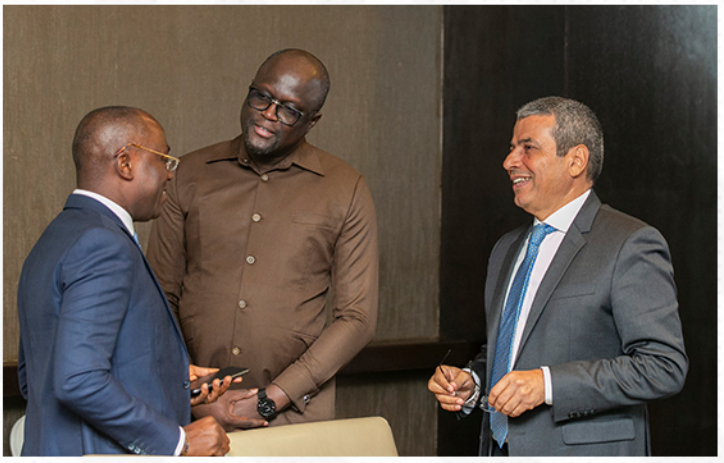

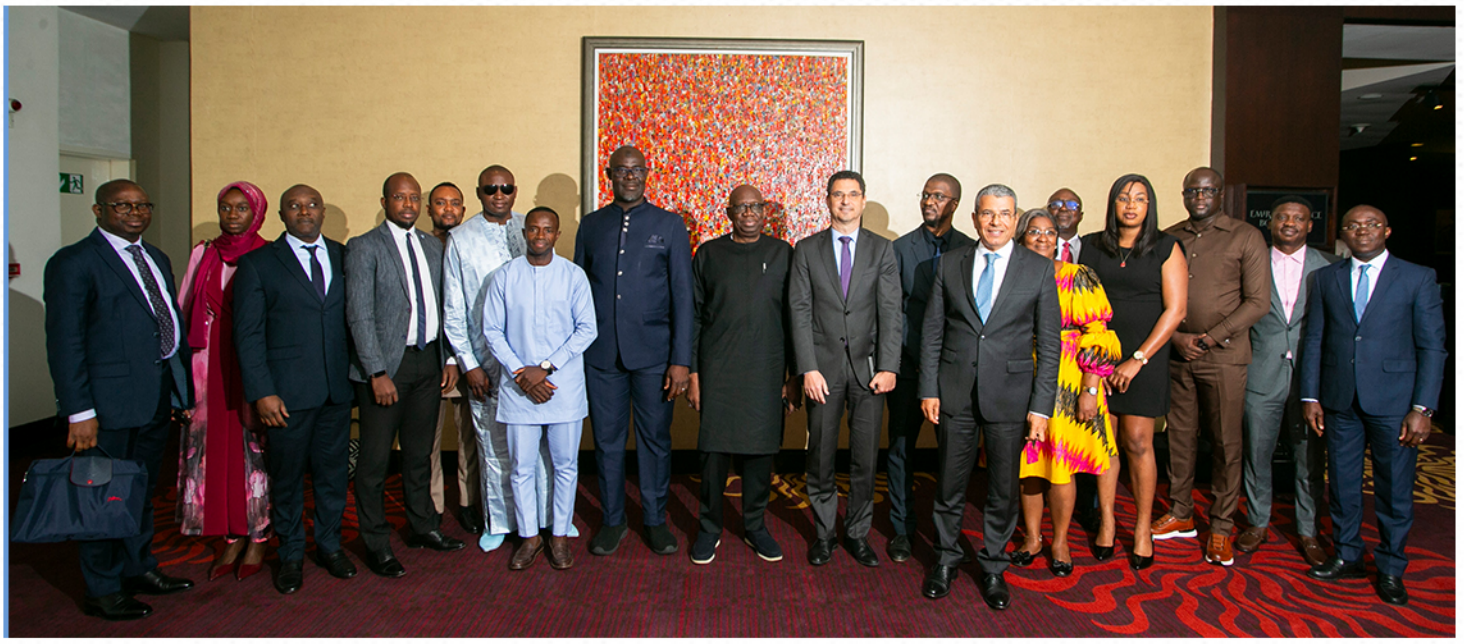

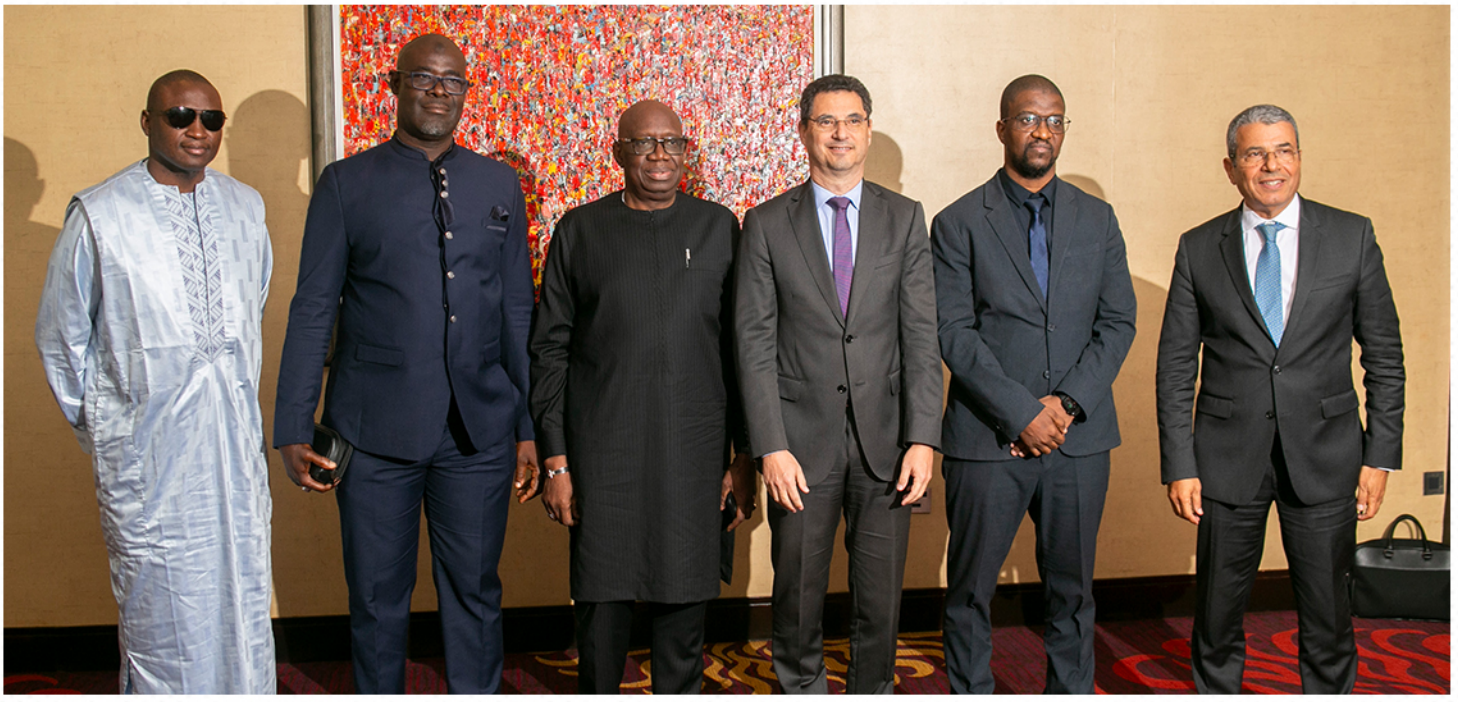



DG PARTICIPATES IN ALA SEMINAR

ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND CYBERSECURITY IN IVORY COAST





The Director General of the National Lottery Authority (NLA), Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam in June 2025, participated in a Seminar on Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity, held by ALA in Ivory Coast.

The Seminar featured presentations on understanding Artificial Intelligence and its relevance to security, fraud detection, data analytics, and operational intelligence, as well as cybersecurity challenges for lotteries in the age of AI.

There were also demonstrations by experts using sophisticated AI tools to prevent mobile fraud in the lottery industry, as well as panel discussions featuring Mr. Philippe Vlaemminck, European Lotteries' Legal Advisor, and Dr. Coulibali Ibrahim, an Expert in Digital Law.





Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam emphasized the urgent need for the NLA to intensify its efforts in integrating artificial intelligence into its systems, in response to the alarming global surge in mobile fraud and cybercrime.

The ALA Seminar on Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity provided a collaborative platform for ALA members, executives, regulators, and industry stakeholders to come together, identify the threats they face, and address them by sharing experiences from their various jurisdictions.

At its ALA Executive Meeting on June 25th, the Assembly ratified the co-optation of Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam in his capacity as the new Director-General of NLA, Ghana, to the position of 4th Vice-President on the ALA Board of Directors. His term of office expires in the 2027 financial year.

Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam thanked the General Assembly for the opportunity to serve as the 4th Vice President of ALA. He assured the house of his commitment to work diligently with them to achieve the goals and objectives of ALA.










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INTRODUCTION OF THE NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NLA



The year 2025 began with a new administration. On his election as the Member of Parliament for the Akuapim-North Constituency in January 2025, Hon. Samuel Awuku resigned as the Director-General of the National Lottery Authority (NLA). Following his resignation, the government appointed Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam as the new Director-General of the NLA.

On 17th January at a Staff durbar, the immediate past Director-General, Hon. Samuel Awuku introduced the new Director-General to Management and Staff at the Authority's Brennan Hall. He expressed his confidence in Mr. Abdul-Salam's ability to lead the Authority effectively and urged Staff to offer him the same level of support they gave him.

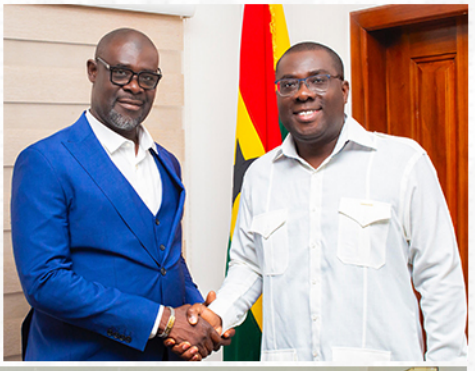
In Mr. Abdul-Salam's address, he affirmed his commitment to upholding the mission of the NLA and fostering a culture of excellence and collaboration. He expressed gratitude to the Management and Staff for their warm welcome and pledged to fulfil the responsibilities entrusted to him by President John Dramani Mahama.

Mr. Abdul-Salam emphasized his openness to engaging with both staff and the Union to address concerns and learn from their experience.

Hon. Samuel Awuku then officially presented his handing-over notes to Mr. Abdul-Salam.

Mr. Abdul-Salam brings a wealth of experience in corporate governance, human resource management, and leadership to his role.













NLA WELCOMES NEWLY APPOINTED DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL



Mr. Eric Yeboah Wadie was appointed in March 2025 as the Deputy Director-General of the National Lottery Authority (NLA). He was introduced to Management and Staff by the Director-General, Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam, during a Staff Durbar.

Mr. Yeboah Wadie is a seasoned entrepreneur with vast experience in construction and procurement. He previously served as the Vice President of Operations at Freedom Builders' Construction and is the founder of Answad Investments Company Ltd. He is also a partner at E.Y.A Enterprise Limited, Ghana's representative for Twyford and the Geberit Group.

In his introduction, the Director-General expressed confidence in Mr. Yeboah Wadie's leadership and assured staff that together, they would focus on increasing revenue for the government and improve staff welfare.

Mr. Yeboah Wadie expressed his excitement about joining the team.

Employees were encouraged to support the new appointees as they take on their respective roles in driving the operations of the Authority.











INAUGURATION OF NLA GOVERNING BOARD IN MARCH 2025.



In accordance with Section 36 of the National Lotto Act, 2006 (Act 722), the Deputy Minister of Finance, Hon. Thomas Nyarko Ampem, inaugurated a seven-member NLA Governing Board on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Hon Cassiel Ato Forson in March 2025.

The seven-member Governing Board comprises the Technical Advisor to the Minister of Finance, Mr. Frederick Amissah, who serves as Chairman, the Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Dr. Dominic Ayine, the Director General of NLA, Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam, the Director, Revenue Policy Division at the Ministry of Finance, Mr. Edward Abrokwah, the Ag. Cheif Director of the Ministry of Interior, Madam Doreen Panyin Annan, Nana Obrempong Ameyaw Amponsem II and the Member of Parliament for Dome Kwabenya, Hon. Faustina Elikplim Akurugu. Mr. Chapman K. Zigah is the Secretary to the Governing Board.

The Deputy Minister of Finance, Hon. Thomas Nyarko, addressing the Governing Board after administering the Oaths of Office and Secrecy, emphasized the crucial role of the Board in revenue generation. He urged them to act in accordance with the National Lotto Act, 2006, (Act 722) to generate revenue to address the developmental needs of the Ghanaian people.

He also urged them to increase competition in NLA's operations across its value chain in accordance with the government's agenda to create jobs and raise revenue.

On behalf of the Governing Board, the Chairman, Mr. Frederick Amissah, expressed gratitude to the President, H.E. John Dramani Mahama and the Finance Minister, Hon. Cassiel Ato Forson, for their appointments. He said the Governing Board, with a firm commitment to integrity, humility, and diligence, will raise revenue, establish partnerships with key stakeholders, and build a world-class lottery industry.

Mr. Amissah also said the Governing Board will work closely with Management to ensure Staff welfare and industrial harmony.









DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE LIBERIAN

NATIONAL LOTTERY AUTHORITY AND TEAM PAY WORKING VISIT TO NLA GHANA.

The Director-General of the Liberia National Lottery Authority, Hon. Peter L. Solo, has commended the National Lottery Authority (NLA) of Ghana for its outstanding leadership in the gaming industry, its dedication to operational excellence, transparency, and support for good causes.

Hon. Peter L. Solo, together with the Deputy Director-General of Liberia, Hon. Richlue O. Burphy, and some Directors of the Liberian NLA, paid a working visit to the NLA Ghana on Wednesday, August 27, 2025.

Hon. Peter L. Solo, who had recently been appointed as the Director-General, expressed his high regard for the Authority's remarkable achievements and said he thought it essential to pay a courtesy call on the Management of NLA to introduce himself and strengthen the working relationship that NLA Liberia maintains with NLA Ghana.

He also informed the team that the Liberian NLA was preparing to launch the 5/90 Game in Liberia; therefore, the working visit was also to seek guidance and support for its rollout from the trailblazers of the 5/90 game, renowned as a regional benchmark.

The Director-General of NLA, Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam, welcomed the team, together with the Deputy Director-General, Mr. Eric Yeboah Wadie, and the Executive Management of NLA. He congratulated the Hon. Peter Solo on his appointment and wished him success in his new role.

He also assured the Hon. Solo and his team of the NLA's commitment to provide them with the technical assistance and support they need for the successful launch and implementation of their 5/90 Game.

He added that the NLA will establish a technical committee to liaise with their Liberian counterparts and guide them through areas such as regulation, operationalization, monitoring mechanisms, and related matters.









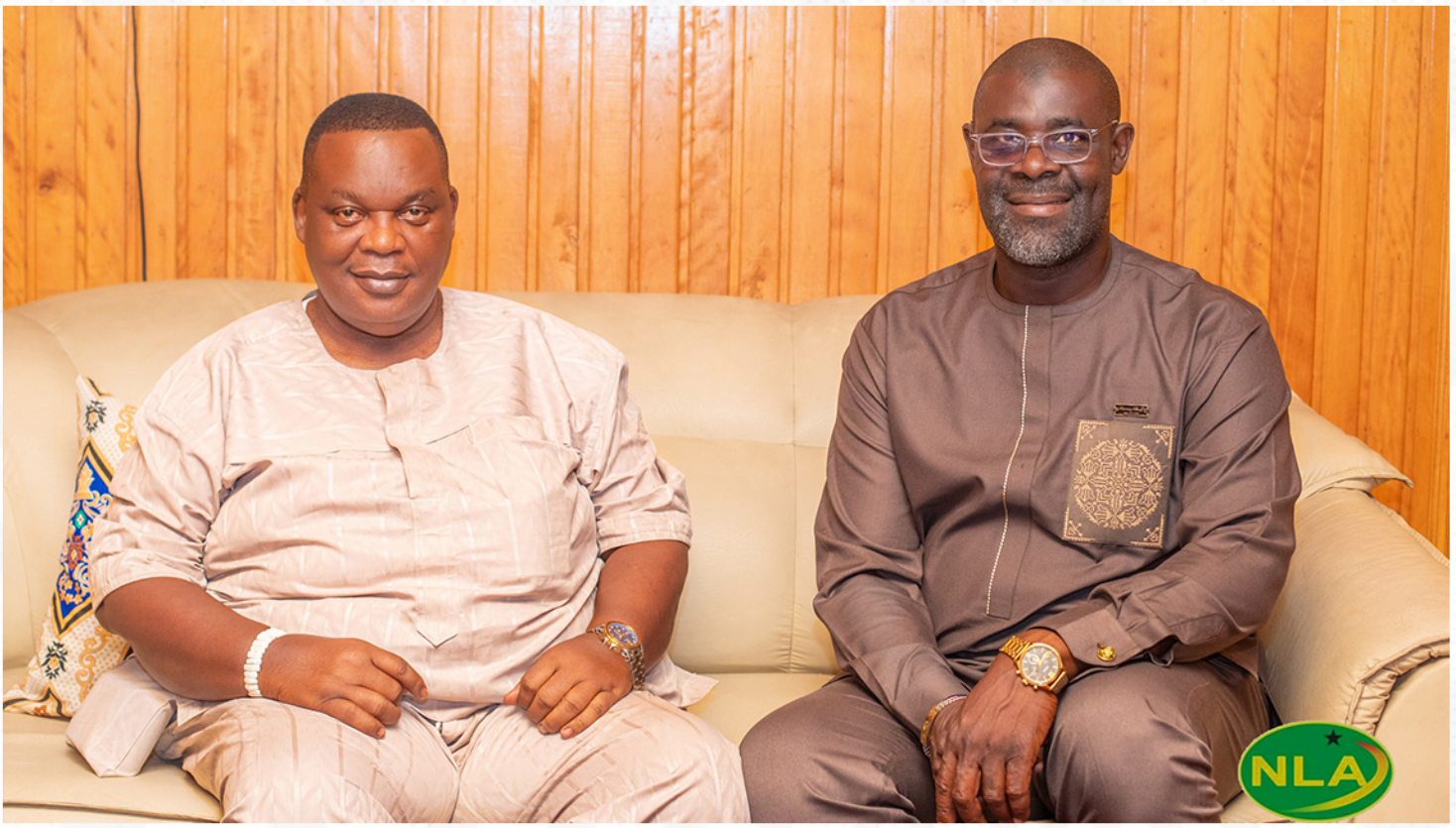








MR. MOHAMMED ABDUL - SALAM
PAYS COURTESY CALL ON GBESE MANTSE.



The Director General, Mr Mohammed Abdul-Salam, paid a courtesy call on the Gbese Mantse, His Royal Majesty, Nii Ayi Bontey II.

The visit was for the DG to introduce himself to the Gbese Mantse in whose jurisdiction the NLA resides and seek his blessings for a successful tenure.

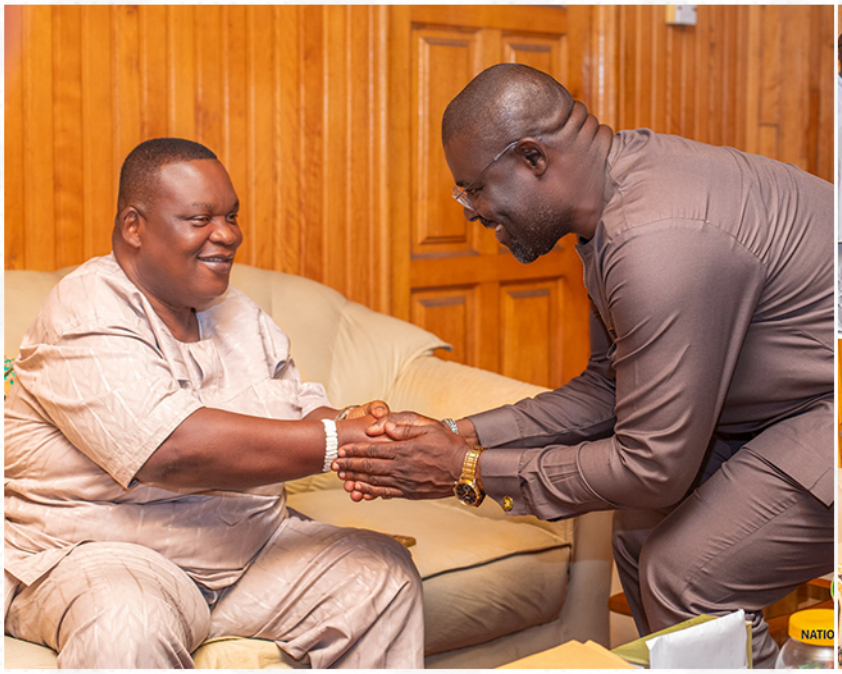
He cited the harmonious relationship that existed between the former Director General, Hon. Samuel Awuku, and the Gbese Traditional Council and expressed his commitment to further strengthen this relationship.

HRM Nii Ayi Bontey II congratulated Mr. Abdul-Salam on his appointment and assured him of his support.

He also informed the DG that he is open to collaborating with the NLA to further develop the Gbese community.

Mr Abdul-Salam, in turn, reaffirmed the NLA's willingness to work with the Gbese community, particularly in supporting cultural events such as the Homowo Festivities.

In keeping with tradition, the NLA presented drinks and a cash donation to the Gbese Mantse .







ALHAJI MUHAMMED MUMUNI

CONGRATULATES MR. ABDUL SALAM ON HIS APPOINTMENT



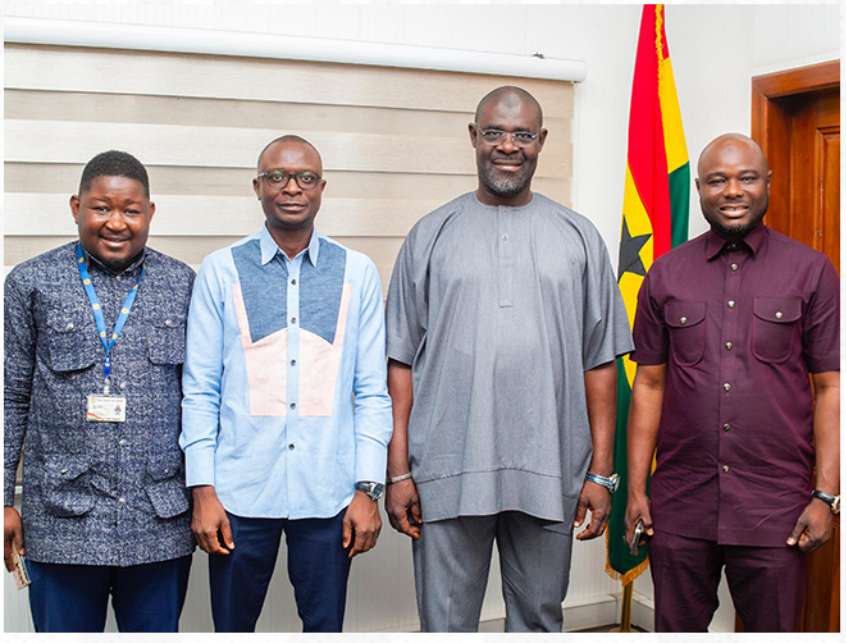
In January 2025, the revered Member of the Council of State representing the Northern Region and Statesman, Alhaji Muhammed Mumuni, called on the Director-General, Mr Mohammed Abdul-Salam, to congratulate him on his appointment.

Alhaji Muhammed Mumuni expressed his excitement at Mr Abdul-Salam's new role and urged him to carry out his task creditably.

Similarly, some Members of Parliament from the Northern Region, in a show of unity and support, also called on the Director-General to congratulate him on his appointment.









EXECUTIVES OF KGL GROUP

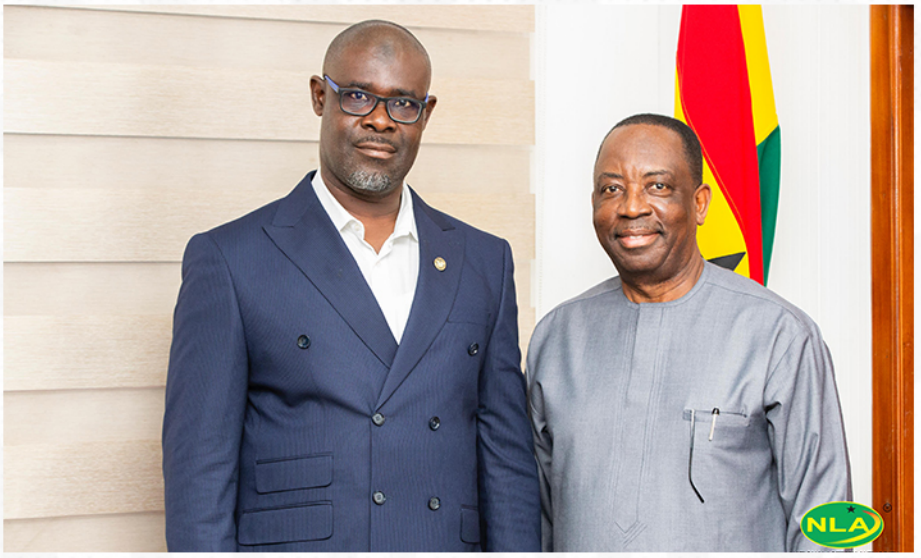
CONGRATULATE MR. ABDUL-SALAM ON HIS APPOINTMENT.

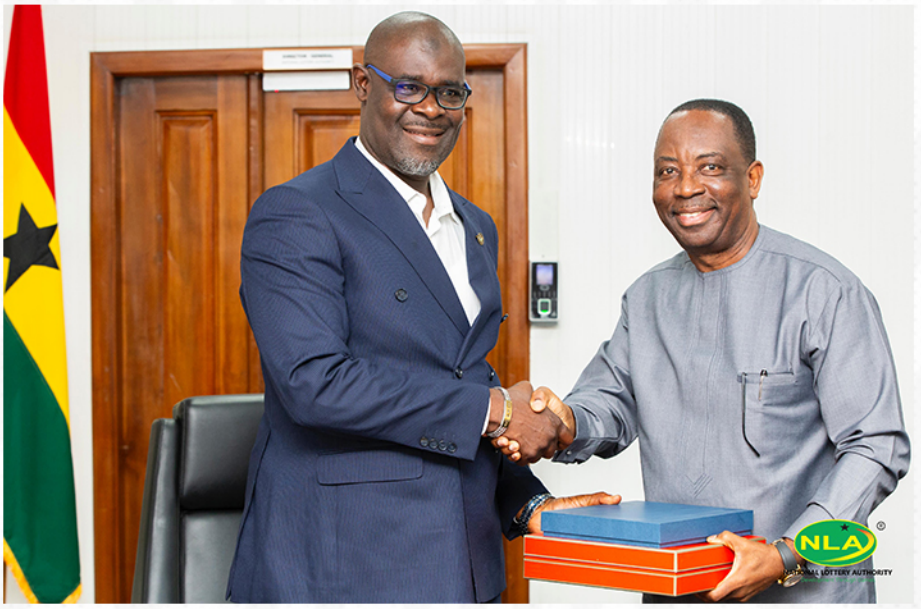
The Executive Chairman of KGL Group, Mr. Alex Dadey, led a delegation of directors to pay a courtesy call on the Director-General of the National Lottery Authority (NLA), Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam. This visit underscored the commitment of both parties to foster a strong working relationship.

During the visit, the KGL team congratulated Mr. Abdul-Salam on his appointment and conveyed their best wishes for his success.

Mr. Dadey emphasized the importance of the collaboration between the NLA and KGL, urging both parties to work together on innovative ideas to rake in more revenue.

Mr. Abdul-Salam expressed his gratitude to the KGL team for the visit and reaffirmed the NLA's commitment to strengthening the partnership between NLA and KGL for the mutual benefit of both organizations.













CEO OF KORLE BU TEACHING HOSPITAL

CALLS ON MANAGEMENT OF NLA

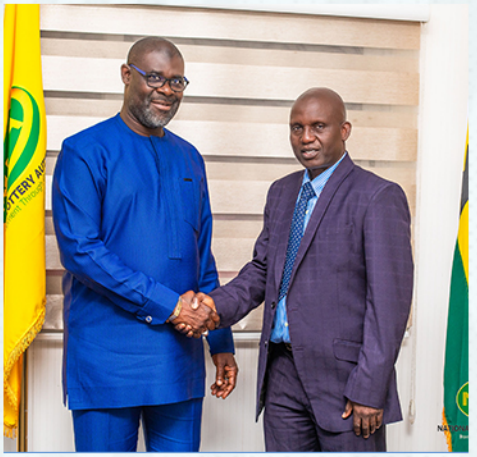


The Chief Executive Officer of the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital (KBTH), Dr. Yakubu Seidu Adam paid a courtesy call on the Director-General of the National Lottery Authority (NLA), Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam, as part of his familiarization tour of institutions within the KBTH enclave in Accra.

During the visit, Dr. Adam called for a partnership between the NLA and the hospital, noting that most of the services provided by Korle Bu are humanitarian in nature. He appealed to the Authority to support the hospital in resolving some of its pressing challenges, particularly the issue of aging generators.

The Director-General welcomed the call and assured the hospital of NLA's support, emphasizing that no one knows when a staff of the Authority might require urgent medical attention. He added that supporting the hospital also forms part of NLA's commitment to national development and public welfare.









MANAGEMENT OF

CHANNEL ONE TV & CITI FM INTERACT WITH LEADERSHIP OF NLA.

Management of Channel One TV and Citi FM paid a courtesy call on the Director-General of NLA, Mr.Mohammed Abdul-Salam.



The team, led by the CEO, Mr. Samuel Attah-Mensah, congratulated Mr. Abdul-Salam on his appointment and wished him well in his new role.

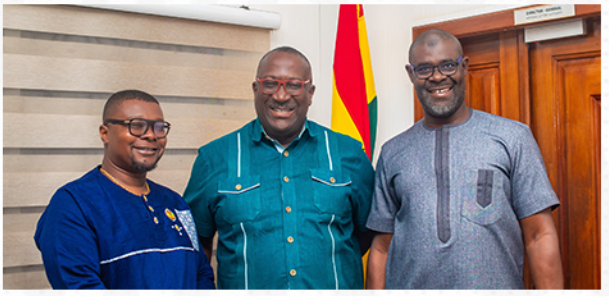
Touching on the partnership between NLA and Channel One TV/Citi FM, Mr. Attah-Mensah said both parties had enjoyed a good working relationship and had collaborated on several projects, and the team would continue to support the NLA.

The General Manager of Citi FM/Channel One TV, Mr. Bernard Avle, said their outfit is also willing to partner with the NLA to promote its impact stories.



Mr. Abdul-Salam, who received the team with his Deputy Director General, Mr. Eric Yeboah Wadie, and some Management members, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Management of Channel One TV/Citi FM for their support over the years, acknowledging their significant contributions to NLA's success. He said he looked forward to deepening the partnership.













NLA HOLDS EASTER COMMUNITY DRAW IN KWAHU





The National Lottery Authority (NLA) marked a significant milestone by hosting its 2025 Community Draw in Kwahu as part of the Easter celebration. This event, held at the Durbar grounds, aimed to promote transparency and community engagement, showcasing the NLA's commitment to fairness and accountability.

In his remarks, the Director-General, Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam emphasized the transparency of Community Draws, highlighting the relocation of NLA's Draw machines from the Authority's Brennan Hall to the community. This move allows the public to witness the Draw process firsthand, dispelling misconceptions about the NLA's Draws being manipulated. By bringing the Draw process closer to the people, the NLA fosters trust and confidence in its operations.

Mr. Abdul-Salam also cautioned the public to be wary of lotto fraudsters, particularly on social media. He advised against falling prey to fraudsters who claim to possess leaked winning numbers in exchange for money, a deceitful practice that has victimized many.

He entreated patrons to share the obligation of responsible gaming by not overindulging to prevent addiction and ensuring that minors are not involved in playing the game.

As part of the visit and as a gesture of solidarity in accordance with the Arts and Culture Pillar of the NLA's Good Causes Foundation, a team, led by the Deputy Director-General, Mr. Eric Yeboah Wadie, presented items to the then Kwahumanhene, Daasebre Akuamoah Boateng III and Nkwatiahene, Nana Boamah Ayiripe III, in support of the Easter festivities. The items included packs of water, cartons of drinks, and cash donations.

The NLA organizes Community Draws periodically to bring the lottery Draw process closer to the public and foster community engagement.













MR. MOHAMMED ABDUL-SALAM

DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF NLA PICKS UP TOP LEADERSHIP AWARD.



The Director-General of the National Lottery Authority (NLA), Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam, was honoured with a prestigious Gold Award at the 8th Ghana Business Leaders Excellence Awards.

The Ghana Business Leaders Excellence Awards, instituted and organized by Top Brass Ghana, recognizes excellence and honours individuals, corporate institutions, and entrepreneurs whose hard work and exceptional leadership have contributed to the nation's economic growth and development.

The Awards Ceremony, held to commemorate Ghana's 65th Anniversary of Republican Status, was themed "National Development Through Dynamic Business Leadership." Over 25 leaders, institutions, and entrepreneurs from across various industries were honoured for their distinguished achievements.

Key among them was the Director-General of NLA, Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam, who received the Gold Award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Ghana's economic development in the category of National Revenue Mobilization (Lottery). Mr. Abdul-Salam was also recognized for his elevation to the position of Vice-President of the African Lotteries Association (ALA).

Mr. Abdul-Salam expressed his gratitude to the organizers for the recognition, attributing the success to the collective effort and unwavering dedication of the Management and Staff of the NLA.















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INTERVIEW

WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, MR. MOHAMMED ABDUL SALAM

Tell us about your family?
My mother is a Dagomba from the Northern Region. If you see my mother, you might mistake her for my sister. She is a reputable trader and business woman who has engaged in many enterprises over the years. My father is from the Upper West Region. He worked in Tamale, married my mother, raised his family, died, and was buried in Tamale. I am the eldest of six siblings.

My father died in a terrible accident when I was 6 years old. I was raised by my maternal grandfather, a sub chief from Tamale.

I have two wives and nine children, four boys and five girls. My eldest is 26, and my youngest is three. My eldest, a daughter, is a Data Analyst in a financial institution in Accra. The second is studying Petroleum Engineering at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST). The third is in his final year at the Presbytarian Boys Senior High School (PRESEC), and the rest are in primary school.

I have two homes in Tamale, and my wives live about five minutes apart by car. My family is my greatest treasure.

What's your alma mater?
When it comes to alma mater, we have always been encouraged to value our secondary education. I attended Tamale Technical Institute. I belong to the "old school". I was part of the very last batch to receive the Middle School Leaving Certificate in 1988.

My stepfather was a technical man, so he strongly believed in technical education. He had friends in mechanical engineering and wanted me to pursue that path as well. However, I was determined to attend a traditional secondary school. In fact, I bought the uniform for Tamale Senior High School (TAMASCO). I sat in class as a "greenhorn" until the authorities came to verify my admission. Since I had not been officially admitted, I was asked to leave. I remember that moment with a great deal of pain.

As a result, I enrolled at the Tamale Technical Institute, where I studied mechanical engineering and graduated after three years at the craft level. I then completed a general engineering course at the same institution. I eventually realised I didn't want to spend my life behind lathes and milling machines, even though I can still operate them today. I decided to switch to electrical engineering and advanced to Technician Level Two. I even had a stint with the Volta River Authority (VRA) in the Northern Region. However, my heart wasn't in engineering. After completing Technical School, I wanted to study Electrical and Electronics Engieniering at KNUST. However, I needed grades in English and Math, which were not examinable papers at the Technical School but were essential for university admission. So, I registered as a private student. bought some books and without attending any clasees, studied independently and sat for the Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE). I scored an aggregate of 11, which was good. Unfortunately, a letter from KNUST inviting me to undertake an entrance exam and interview was not delivered to my address.
Much later when I enquired from the post office, I found the letter and had to immediately travel to Kumasi to find out if I could still participate in the exam. However, I was told the process had been completed a week earlier and I could apply the following year.

I was determined to be in school that year, so I visited the Vice Principal of Tamale Polytechnic, Mr. Cletus Agyekwena, who was aware of my political activities. I showed him my results and asked him to help me gain admission. He enquired about the course I wanted to study, and I asked him to help me choose. He then recommended Accounting since I had studied Elective Math and Physics. I then completed my studies with an HND in Accounting at the Tamale Polytechnic.

Later, I enrolled at the Paris Graduate School of Management (PGSM) for a top-up programme. I graduated from the School of Management and earned my Master's Degree at the same institution. Recently, I joined the Chartered Management and Consultancy Group of Ghana, and I aim to continue advancing in my education.

What was your first job?
My first work experience was with Premier Lottery. The journey began at the Tamale Technical Institute (TAMTECH), where I met Mr. Victor Tettey. He taught me Technical Drawing and was also running a banker-to-banker business with a partner; they were known as "Two Stars." Boateng and Victor. Eventually, the partnership disbanded, and they operated separately, with Victor establishing his own venture called "Victory Stars."

I lived and worked for him. He cared for me like a father. In fact, I still consider Mr. Victor Tettey my godfather. However, along the way, one of his cousins, Mark, whom he had raised, started operating Premier Lottery, so Victor asked me to work with Mark.

The job involved riding motorbikes, driving pickup trucks, travelling to Yendi in the middle of the night and to Damongo, and covering long distances to collect books from people who had sold lottery tickets for us. I learned a lot while working with Mark. He passed away recently. May his soul rest in peace.

After completing my Masters Degree, I also supported my mother's business with my managerial skills until I secured my first appointment with the National Health Insurance Authority. (NHIA)



"My first work experience was with Premier Lottery"

What was it like working at the National Health Insurance Authority?

I joined the NHIA in 2009, then the National Health Insurance Scheme. I was appointed the District Manager of Health Insurance and managed the Tamale Metropolitan area during the NHIA law's amendment from Act 650 to Act 952. Unfortunately, due to my political involvement, I experienced numerous transfers.

In 2012, while working at the NHIA, I contested for Parliamentary Primaries on the ticket National Democratic Congress (NDC). Subsequently, I was transferred to Yendi. I protested, but the transfer was carried out. I spent four years in Yendi as a District Manager. From Yendi, I was moved to Bibiani, where I stayed for two weeks, and upon protest, I was returned to Yendi.

Subsequently, I was transferred back to the Tamale Metropolis and then moved to the regional office as a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer. After about eight months working at the regional level in that role, I was transferred to the Volta Region.

Fortunately, the Regional Director there was the Volta Regional Secretary for the New Patriotic Party (NPP). At that time, I had contested for the Northern Regional Secretary position and lost, so he knew me.

In our conversations, I told him about the difficulty of commuting from the Volta Region to the Northern Region to visit my family, as I couldn't afford to bring them to live with me.

He empathized with me and gave me some flexible working hours to able to visit my family. After about five months, I gathered the courage to petition the then-CEO, Mr. Annor who invited me to discuss the matter. I told him I did not see the significance of the transfer and felt I was being pushed to choose between my job and my family, and I was willing to choose my family on any given day.

He offered me the choice between the Upper East and the Upper West offices, and I chose the Upper East office. Consequently, I was reassigned to the Bolga Office as a Senior Monitoring Officer. I remained there for four years.

When Dr. Okoe Boye was appointed CEO of NHIA in 2022, he reassigned me to the Northern Region as a Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Officer. I was subsequently promoted to Senior Manager, Monitoring and Evaluation. It was quite a journey.

How did you get into politics?

It began at a location adjacent to my office, codenamed "Baghdad" during the US-Iraq conflict. It served as a centre for sharing information and debating global events. The leaders of Baghdad opposed Jerry Rawlings's governance, yet we admired him. I often took the lead in challenging their arguments, and because I presented facts so assertively, the NPP supporters there nicknamed me "Tony Aidoo."

Eventually, I was invited by some NDC Constituency Executives to assist with party activities. I was given the opportunity to speak at an NDC rally near my office, and the crowd loved my contribution. From then, I was appointed Youth Organizer, then Propaganda Secretary, and later Constituency Secretary.

I have been involved in politics for 30 years. I contested the parliamentary primaries in 2012, and I narrowly lost by only 27 votes. I tried again in 2016 in the race that the current MP for Tamale North, Hon. Alhassan Suhuyini, won. I was eventually appointed to oversee the 2020 and 2024 NDC campaigns for the Northern Region. My work has taken me across the Upper West, North-East, Savannah, and Upper East regions.

What has politics taught you?

Having worked for and with the NDC, I have faced many instances of disappointment, backstabbing, and sabotage throughout my 30-year career. There has never been a time when I have given up, except for one attempt.

In 2012, when I contested and lost the parliamentary primaries, our constituency was subsequently divided into two factions. Some of us believed that, genuinely and democratically, some decisions should have been made. Firstly, the person who came second should have automatically become a candidate for the new constituency carved out of the original one, or the initial primaries should have been annulled, because everyone within the larger constituency voted to choose the winner. However, that was not the party leadership's view at the time.

Then again, when I filed to contest the newly carved-out area in Sanerigu, where my mother comes from, it was quite obvious to the average person that no one could win this primary with me in the race. But you know, in politics, I have grown to understand that systems support certain candidates, so no matter how popular you are, if the system chooses the candidate, it becomes difficult to navigate. However, sometimes, depending on who you are, the system may approach you to dissuade you from running for office.



Back then, I was quite hawkish, with strong convictions and ambitions built over the years. It was difficult for anyone to persuade me to change my stance, especially after I had faced an even greater challenge, with the entire world against me for contesting my MP, who was equally senior and had helped mentor me politically, the late Hon. Abukari Sumani, may Allah be pleased with his soul.

At that time, the system had Alhaji A.B.A. Fuseini, who had a nationwide appeal, contesting for that seat, and since they could not persuade me to withdraw from the race, they disqualified me.

I became very annoyed and printed flyers to run as an independent candidate and plastered my posters everywhere. I was ready to launch my campaign when the party sent some senior members to meet with people who wanted to run as independent candidates. This team was respectfully led by Alhaji Mahama Iddrissu, assisted by Alhaji Hudu Yahaya, Messrs. Hon. Bede Zeden, and Madam Faustina Nelson.

Alhaji said to me when I appeared before them, "Salam, you have suffered for the party, but don't allow somebody's actions to drive you out of the party because you are a part of it. If you leave, you will be uncomfortable in whatever you are doing, even if you succeed. Tomorrow you may return, but you will return as a stranger". I have never forgotten those words.

I couldn't look into the faces of those experienced people and say no, so I had to give up and continue working for the NDC. They were ready to compensate me with some money, but I declined and gave them my word that I would stay with the party.

Consider the kind of vilification President Mahama faced, both as a candidate in 2020 and 2024. Still, he maintained his composure, exemplifying the leadership that a party in opposition needed.

We all adopted that attitude and, despite distractions, continued working to unite people and foster harmony within our regions to achieve the goal of winning the elections, which we eventually did.



"Don't allow somebody's actions to drive you out of your political party. If you leave, you will be uncomfortable in whatever you are doing, even if you succeed."



Politics has taught me to love people. I feel a huge sense of relief when I can provide a solution to someone's problem. It has also taught me a lot about human nature. People will often tell you lies to run someone else down. I have learned to listen but verify, take things with a pinch of salt, and build consensus for the greater good.

Do you intend to take your political career higher?

I usually shy away from this question. Politics has become a part of me. I’ll continue to be a politician even if my body is weak and my soul remains willing, as long as the Lord grants me strength.

Will you contest for the Office of MP again?

People say you should "never say never." However, I am 53. By the next election, I will be 56. If I were elected for the first time, I would be 60 by the end of my term. I don't believe it's fair for an older person to hinder the opportunities of the youth in a constituency. That is why I didn't contest in the Tamale Central Constituency Parliamentary By-election in 2025, even though there was a call for me to do so.

I have a commitment to the NLA and want to focus on it. I prefer the decision to contest to come from me, not from others making choices on my behalf. I believe my children need me to be strong enough for us to pursue other things, even when I am older.

Were you hesitant on accepting your appointment as Director-General of the NLA due to your religion?

That question has come to me many times. After working with people and leading them through a tough campaign, they begin to admire and look up to you. When the elections were won, people expected me to secure an appointment so that the benefits of being in power could be passed down to them through me. I was also hopeful, expecting, and praying that my face and name would be recognized when the President looked in the direction of the Northern region. If that happened within a week of the President's



swearing-in, it could only be seen as a blessing, so I didn't hesitate to accept the position, even though it involved the lottery. My greatest concern, however, was not disappointing those who helped me get this appointment, who believed in my competence, principles, team spirit and expertise in providing the leadership I offer, leading the charge for the Northern Region and other areas within the political sphere. There is not a day that I do not pray for the president and for everyone who helped make this opportunity to serve possible.

Even the Bible says, "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone." No cleric can claim to be without sin. If you examine the Islamic stance on banking, some say it is more problematic than the lottery, yet every Imam has a bank account. Islam is a broad religion; some Imams will tell you there's a lot we still need to learn in our faith. The greatest gift from God to His creation is forgiveness, so even during the last 10 days of fasting, Muslims are taught to recite the special prayer, “You are our Lord, you are the forgiving God, you love forgiving Your creations, our Lord, forgive us our sins.” The most important principle in every religion is judgment, which is based on our intentions rather than our actions. My intention is to serve the State, and for me, that's what matters most, because if you were to follow religion strictly, no one would be involved in politics.

How has it been at the NLA so far, about a year on?

It has been quite challenging, navigating turbulent situations and other setbacks. Because of the large number of people on this compound, everyone acts as if they are the Director-General People often complain that the DG hasn't done this or that, or that we are overtaxing the system. As they say, "Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown," so I accept these criticisms as part of the lessons I must learn.

However, being at the NLA involves more than just administration; it affects human lives. I could share stories that would move you to tears. You should see a video of a baby girl with a twisted leg sent to me in distress. Funds from our "Good Causes Foundation" were not immediately available for her at that time. As a father, I was deeply affected by her condition and decided to cover the cost of her operation myself. The relief I feel, sitting here knowing I helped that child receive treatment, is impossible to measure. I feel a profound sense of peace knowing I was able to assist.

Moving forward, I am committed to strategic management. I want to see an NLA where staff are happy at work and revenue has more than tripled. I aim for us to have full visibility and control over our operations, rather than relying on figures provided by others. We are also working diligently to ensure compliance and eliminate illegal lottery operations.

Ultimately, I want our patrons to feel excited, knowing that whether they win or lose, their money supports society's needs in education, health, culture, and sports. That is the future I hope to leave for the NLA.

What has your relationship been with our international partners?

I succeeded my predecessor, Hon. Samuel Awuku, MP for Akuapem-North, as the ALA's Vice President. This is a huge international responsibility. However, the opportunity to visit the Association of African Lotteries (ALA) president, Mr. Dramane Coulibaly, in La Côte d'Ivoire, interact with him and participate in ALA programmes on several occasions, has deepened my appreciation and understanding of this exposure.

We recently hosted the ALA board meeting here in Ghana on 18th December 2025, and it was a huge success. Our reputation abroad is significant, and we must occupy our position as a leader within the sub-region.

We are also being considered as the host for the World Lottery Summit in 2028. It was quite reassuring when the World Lottery Association (WLA) President, Mr. Andreas Kötter, came to Ghana in person to conduct a recce for this purpose and share his deepest impressions of our facilities and country.

We are working to strongly meet the expectations of the international bodies we are affiliated with, ALA, European Lotteries (EL) and WLA. We are currently undergoing EL assessment and WLA Level 3 Responsible Gaming Certification. Once we complete these, we will partner with institutions that help us achieve our vision and benefit from their expert knowledge.





What kind of leader would you say you are?
I am a team player; I believe in teamwork, supporting others, and appreciating people's talents. For example, at the NLA, despite meeting many talented individuals, my role is to harness and support them so they can help me achieve our ultimate goal. When I'm applauded, I recognize it as a collective achievement, and share the glory with the team.

I believe that, although I am not a laissez-faire leader, I am not a dictator either. I tend to favour leadership-oriented management rather than management-oriented leadership. That's why you will often find me questioning the status quo. When you adopt the leadership-type management, you question: "Why is this in place? Why must we keep doing this? Why can't we do it differently?" That is who I am.

How do you relax?
I love reading and pondering over difficult situations. I reflect on the day's challenges and pray.

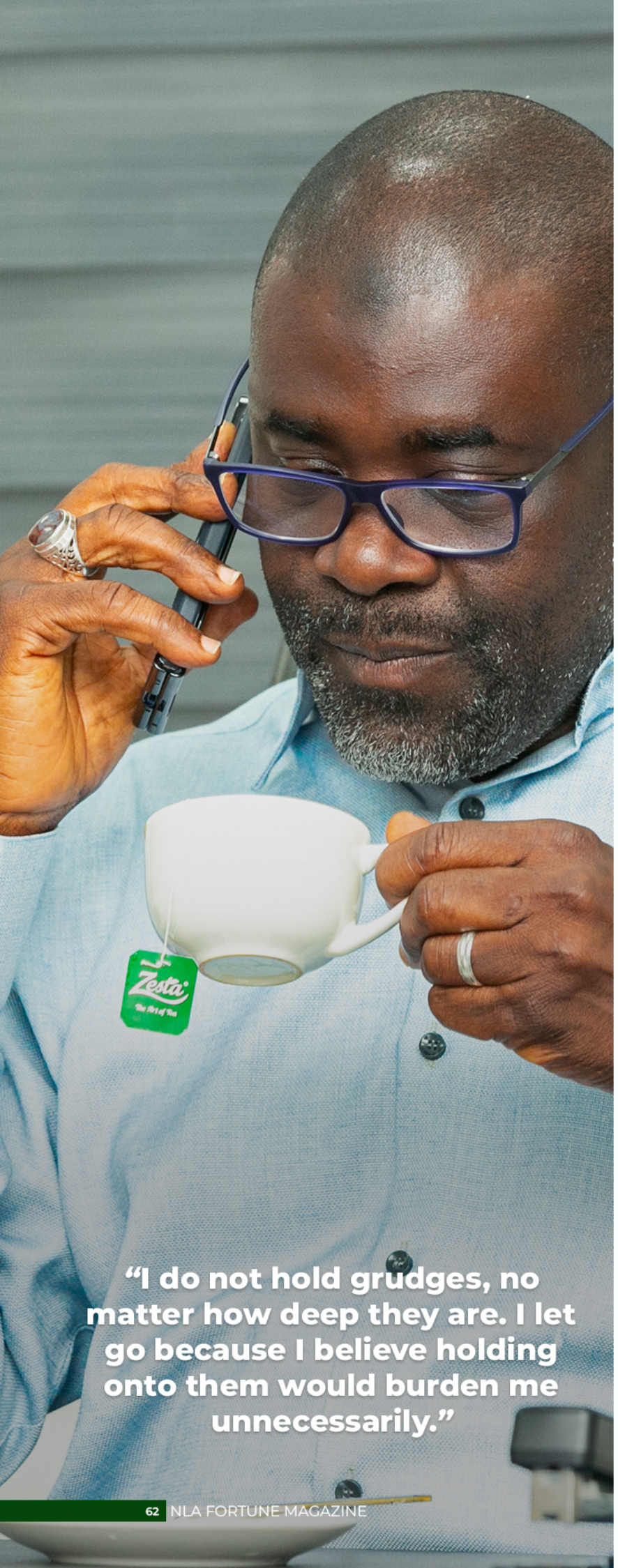
What type of books do you like to read?
I enjoy books on management, as my fields of study are management, strategy, and consultancy. I like reading about management challenges. On the fiction side, I love Sidney Sheldon.

One of my favourites is The Other Side of Midnight. I own several of his books, but the demands of this job have stopped me from reading for pleasure; I am currently more focused on my work.

What is the nicest thing you have done for anyone?
The nicest thing I have ever done is the way I parent my children. I love my children more than anything else. They mean everything to me. I don't believe in hitting or shouting at them. I prefer to give them the opportunity to understand why I am unhappy with certain actions. When I have issues with my wives, it is because they have chosen the shouting method, or the knocking and beating of the children, and I don't like it.

When my children win awards at school, they know daddy will do whatever is within his capacity when when they make a request, even if it means cooking for them. A number of them have come top in their classes.

Recently, one of my daughters emerged as the top student at her school, winning five of seven awards. She asked for an electric bike. I told her I wasn't comfortable with a bike unless she stayed within our compound, so I asked her to make another request. In addition to that, I took her shopping. I am a proud father.



“I do not hold grudges, no matter how deep they are. I let go because I believe holding onto them would burden me unnecessarily.”

How do you discipline your children? Do you believe in "spare the rod and spoil the child"?
No, I don't. I believe in gentle parenting. Sometimes we go with these theories and instill fear in children with the intention of correcting them, but in the end, we end up intimidating them. When I am unhappy, I frown or give them a "side eye" look, and they get the message. I prefer to engage them in conversation. I talk to them and ask them to make a promise to improve.

Once, one of my sons, who was in class four at the time, wrote a "petition" and left it on my pillow, complaining that it wasn't fair that he had to walk to his stepmother’s house for extra classes while others were picked up. I was impressed by his confidence. I sat the family down, had him read the letter aloud, and we resolved the issue amicably. That is the relationship I have with my children.

What is the first thing you do when you wake up?
As soon as I wake up, I pray while sitting on my bed. I thank God for another day. Afterwards, I perform my morning worship as a Muslim; we pray five times a day. I sometimes review some documents I brought home, then I take a shower and go to work, often sipping my tea in the car.

What is the last thing you do before you go to bed?
I pray and reflect. I contemplate the difficult challenges and consider the people I may have offended, asking for forgiveness. I do not hold grudges, no matter how deep they are. I let go because I believe holding onto them would burden me unnecessarily. I always reflect in prayer, hoping to wake up the next morning. As Muslims, we believe that once you go to sleep, you are as if dead, so when you wake up, thank the Lord for granting you another day to live. I have a complete Islamic prayer on my phone, which I play through a Bluetooth speaker on my reading table before I go to bed.

What is your favourite beverage?
Tea. Tea is my middle name, especially black tea. It awakens my mind. I have tea in the morning, mid-morning, afternoon, and evening. I hardly ever go to bed without it. My wife knows it helps me sleep better, so she always makes it ready when I get home from work, even on late nights. My favourite brands are Twinings and English Breakfast.

What is your favourite food?
Tuo Zaafi (TZ) with baobab leaf soup (koka), especially when served with stew.

Your most loved colours?
I love green and white. I find green very inviting; it reminds me of nature and brings people together.

What type of music do you enjoy?
I enjoy reggae music, particularly Bob Marley's. I also appreciate Peter Tosh's music, but Bob Marley remains my favourite artist of all time because his songs are full of wisdom and lessons. My top song of his is "Redemption Song." Recently, I had the opportunity to visit the Bob Marley Museum in Kingston, Jamaica, and it was incredibly satisfying.

What is your pet peeve?
I dislike being suspected of things I haven't done, and I detest gossip and lying. My political colleagues often complain that I like to investigate issues when people report things to me. I don't want to hold people accountable for what they haven't done, nor do I wish to bear the burden of holding someone responsible for something I have no proof of. I believe in engaging to resolve issues.

What was the first car you bought?
The first car I was assigned was a Mitsubishi Trooper. However, the first car I purchased with my own money was a white Toyota Highlander in 2013. It was my dream car. I still own it, and my wife uses it.

What is your all time favorite car?
Toyota Highlander

Are you a football fan?
Yes, I love football. Locally, I support Real Tamale United (RTU). Internationally, I love Barcelona. When Barca is beaten, my heart palpitates. Lionel Messi is my most loved player.

Favorite fragrance Brand
Tom Ford, I love oud.

Who has influenced you the most?
My mother, Madam Sanatu Huruna.

How do people describe you?
Politically, people say I'm a tough cookie. Socially they say I'm very friendly.

How would you described yourself?
Open-minded, nothing surprises me.

Favourite Quote
Do unto others as you expect others to do unto you.

What is your Philosophy?
My power of love is stronger than my love for power.



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MEET OUR DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL

Mr. Eric Yeboah Wadie was appointed Deputy Director-General of the National Lottery Authority (NLA) in March 2025.

With extensive experience in construction, business, and strategic leadership, Mr. Wadie had established an impressive career leading various developmental projects and managing large-scale operations through his firms, VPL Concrete Ltd and Answad Investments Company Ltd. Before joining the NLA.

His strong business acumen has shaped his reputation as a results-oriented leader. He is also a partner at E.Y.A Enterprise Limited, Ghana's representative for Twyford and the Geberit Group.

At the NLA, he is applying his results-driven approach to help reshape the Authority by introducing initiatives to advance digital transformation and transparency in responsible gaming.

A graduate of the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) with a BSc in Operations and Project Management and a holder of an MSc in Development Finance from the University of Ghana Business School, Mr. Wadie combines technical precision and visionary leadership.

He is married with four kids.

THE NLA CARITAS LOTTERY PLATFORM

National Lottery Authority, as permitted by the National Lotto Act, 2006 (ACT 722) is the sole and exclusive regulator & operator of lotto & lottery. It is therefore in conjunction with this Act and the aim of supporting the less privileged in society that the NLA introduced the Caritas Lottery Platform.

Any Loyalty Schemes, Consumer Promotions, Campaigns and / or Reward Arrangements in which winner selection is based on chance (Numbered Qualification, Draw, Raffles, Lots, Luck, Risk, Probability, Unpredictability) are to be sanctioned by the NLA. The Caritas Lottery Platform allows the Authority to give back to society through the NLA Good Causes Foundation in four main sectors, thus **Education**, **Youth Development**, **Health** and **Arts and Culture.**

REQUIREMENTS

- Letter Of Intent To The Director General Of National Lottery Authority **(Hardcopy Or Electronically via www.nlacaritas.com)**
- Promo Mechanics For Review & Approval
- *** DAYS — State Period Of The Promo/Draw/Raffle
- A Plan/Schedule For The Draws/ Selection Of Winners
- Promo Creatives/TVC/Radio Jingles For Review & Approval

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The Caritas Lottery Platform



The NLA Caritas Lottery Platform was introduced in 2012 as a solution to the void in the lottery space for institutions that wish to run lottery schemes to promote their commercial activities. The Caritas Lottery Platform regulates consumer promotions, games of chance, raffles, and draws, as well as points-based selection criteria, by companies, individuals, and well-meaning Ghanaians.

This is provided for in Section 4 of the National Lotto Act, 2006 (Act 722), which mandates the NLA to operate any other game of chance or to enter into collaboration, partnership, or joint venture with any person, society, association, or corporate entity.

Also, in August 2022, following advice from the Office of the Attorney General and Minister for Justice, NLA regained control as the sole statutory body responsible for regulating all consumer promotional schemes involving elements of chance (raffles, draws, point-based selection criteria, etc.). The AG's opinion paper ultimately empowered the platform to be the exclusive authority overseeing all promotional activities organized by Corporate Ghana.



Some Caritas Executives supervising the Telecel Too Moorch Money Draw

RELAUNCH AND REBRANDING OF THE CARITAS LOTTERY PLATFORM

After a four-year hiatus, the Caritas Lottery Platform lost its authority and clients. Therefore, in October 2021, the Caritas Lottery Platform was relaunched in a vibrant event attended by some Ministers of State, Corporate Ghana, and the Authority's stakeholders to establish a new brand image and recover market dominance.

The Caritas Business Unit was created, and Marketing Officers were recruited as relationship managers for the Authority's clients. Stakeholder meetings were also held with Corporate Ghana to brief them on the Authority's new perspective regarding the Caritas Lottery Platform.

The Authority reviewed the regulatory fee regime to remain attractive to Corporate Ghana, and a new Caritas negotiation policy was put in place to guide the team.

CLIENT SATISFACTION

According to the Acting Director of Marketing, Caritas and Events, Mr. Kwabena Opoku-Boakye, the NLA Caritas Lottery Platform not only regulates the consumer promotion sector but also advises clients on future promotions based on feedback to help them enhance their products, services, and ultimately their brands. Clients gain vital market insights into how consumers perceive their brands and products.

The Caritas Lottery Platform's brand integrity has been fundamental in attracting corporate organizations. Using the platform enhances a company's brand credibility and provides consumers with the assurance of transparency during promotions.

The NLA strengthens its relationship with these clients through continuous monitoring and innovative ideas to keep them in the business.

Since its relaunch, the NLA has collaborated with over 100 companies, including FMCGs, financial institutions, and private firms. These include Telecel Ghana, Nestlé Ghana, MTN, Access Bank PLC, Société Générale, Star Assurance, Gino, Ecobank, Fidelity Bank, Bolt Ghana, Bel Beverages, Kasapreko, Fanmilk, FBN Bank, Visa International, Rana Motors and Melcom, among others.



Acting Director of Marketing, Caritas and Events, Mr. Kwabena Opoku-Boakye presenting a prize to one of the winners at the launch of The Luckiest Draw



Individuals engaging in The Luckiest Draw on their Phone



A Caritas Executive conducting the Ecobank Double Salary Draw

• It sanitizes the game of chance and lottery space through regulation.

• It promotes public confidence in lottery promotions.

• It has curbed the incidence of fraud and other incidents that can mar the credibility of lottery promotions.

• It is an avenue that organizations or individuals can take advantage of to improve their business goals and objectives.

• It is a brand that brings together brands and in so doing, organizations enjoy positive brand associations.

• Organizations can reward and create excitement among their clients through the use of the Caritas Lottery platform.

REVENUE

Revenues from Caritas also support the NLA Good Causes Foundation. The revenue from the Caritas Lottery Platform has increased rapidly since its relaunch and rebranding.

- In 2021, revenue generated = GHS 102,585.23
- In 2022, revenue generated = GHS 1,482,432.10
- In 2023, revenue generated = GHS 3,221,504.65
- In 2024, revenue generated = GHS 6,251,500.50
- Year to date, revenue accrued is GHS 6,603,237.13



Some Caritas Executives Inspecting Some Products at the Maggi Double Chop Promo



A Caritas Executive with the winner of Trolley Dash at ShopRite



Inspection by the Caritas Manager, Ms Judith Welhelmina Kormle during the Luckiest Draw



Acting Director of Marketing, Caritas and Events, Mr. Kwabena Opoku Boakye, together with his team at the launch of The Luckiest Draws

CONCLUSION

Proceeds from the Caritas Lottery Platform go into the Authority's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project. This is hinged on Section 2(3) of the National Lotto Act, which mandates the NLA to operate a lottery to provide care and protection for the physically or mentally afflicted, the needy, the aged, orphans, and destitute children.

The NLA through it CSR has built recreational centers, sanitary facilities, mechanized boreholes, refurbished schools and hospitals, granted scholarships to brilliant but needy students, and provided educational and medical equipment, amongst many others, for communities, individuals and institutions, touching more than 500,000 lives.

NLA invests in these projects to fulfil its statutory obligation, give back to the communities in which it operates, and let our patrons know that when you do not win, your money supports national development.

The Caritas Lottery Platform has streamlined the consumer lottery sector and assisted many brands in achieving their goals of revenue growth, direct deposits, and brand positioning, while fostering consumer confidence in promotional activities.

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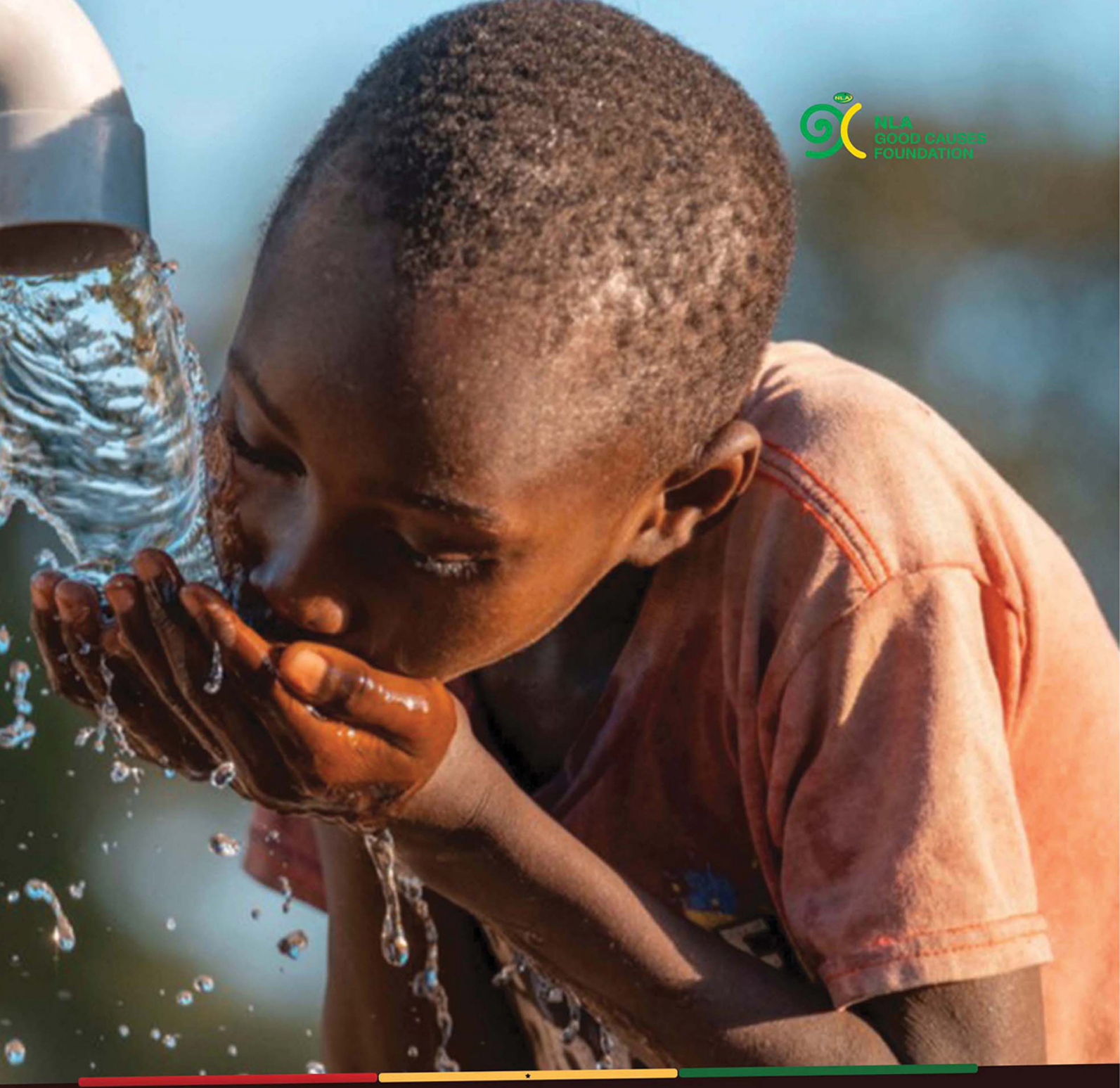

THE GOOD CAUSES FOUNDATION OF THE NATIONAL LOTTERY AUTHORITY IS FUNDED THROUGH THE CARITAS LOTTERY PLATFORM

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IMPACTING LIVES, COMMUNITIES AND INSTITUTIONS THROUGH GAMES: A BEACON OF THE NLA GOOD CAUSES FOUNDATION

"Giving is not just about donating; it's about making a difference," Kathy Kalvin

'Impact Through Games' - a slogan the NLA Good Causes Foundation lives by, leaving its footprint across the nation one project at a time.

Formerly known as Special Projects, The NLA Good Causes Foundation was rebranded upon its launch on October 20, 2021, with the objective of providing better care for the needy and supporting the underprivileged. This stems from Section 2 (3) of the Authority's National Lotto Act, 2006 (Act 722), which states that "there shall be conducted as part of the operation of National Lotto a lottery with the object of providing care and protection for the physically or mentally afflicted, the needy, the aged, orphans, and destitute children".

With an initial funding of Sixty Thousand Dollars ($ 60,000.00) from the Loterie Nationale de Côte d'Ivoire, LONACI, the NLA's sister lottery body in Ivory Coast and proceeds from the NLA's Caritas Lottery Platform, the Authority has positively impacted over two million lives and brought about transformative changes in numerous communities and institutions nationwide.

The Caritas Lottery Platform which plays an instrumental role in the Good Causes Foundation was introduced in 2012, to provide opportunities for commercial and Financial Institutions to run their business promotions through lottery schemes in collaboration with NLA. This is a platform on which lottery schemes are run using a random number generator to draw winners electronically. The Platform regulates consumer promotions, games of chance, raffles, or draws by companies, individuals, and well-meaning Ghanaians. This fulfils the provisions set out in Section 2 (3) of the National Lotto Act, 2006 (Act 722), which authorizes the conduct of lotteries to support the less privileged in society.

The revenue generated by NLA from this platform has helped revive the Authority's efforts to support the underprivileged through the Good Causes Foundation. Additionally, as part of the license agreement of the Authority's third-party collaborators, private lotto operators, they pay contributions to the Foundation.

Headed by Mr. Kadiri Abdul Rauf Issifu, the National Coordinator, the Good Causes Foundation functions as the charity arm of the organization and leads the Authority's Corporate Social Responsibility.

The Authority's Corporate Social Responsibility. The Foundation's goal is to develop, implement, and sustain a structure based on four main pillars approved by the NLA Governing Board.

The pillars are Health, Education, Youth and Sports Development, and Arts and Culture.

The Health Pillar concentrates on delivering infrastructure support, training mental health workers, supplying hospitals, and expanding nationwide medical outreach services for specific ailments.

The Education Pillar focuses on providing educational support to brilliant but financially disadvantaged students. NLA also supports educational institutions with the necessary logistics and sponsors programs and projects that meet the Foundation's objectives.

The Youth and Sports Development Pillar encompasses capacity building for youth and supports sporting activities, with a focus on developing lesser-known sports. It also assists SMEs owned by young people with technical and skills support to help them innovate. Special attention is also given to individuals with disabilities and special needs who may be interested in entrepreneurship.

The Arts and Culture Pillar supports projects that safeguard and protect Ghanaian cultural events and educational programs. The NLA Governing Board also determines discretionary projects that the Authority undertakes annually.

PROJECTS

For 2023 and 2024, the Authority focused on the construction of toilet facilities and mechanized boreholes across Ghana's 16 regions to promote good sanitary practices in communities, complementing the government's efforts in providing social amenities.

Ejura, Drobonso in the Ashanti Region, Essikado in the Western Region, Kwawkrom in the Central Region, Bomaa and Odumase in the Bono Region, Wesley Grammar and Wesley Girls High Schools in the Greater Accra Region, New Juabeng South in the Eastern Region, include areas that have benefited from the 20-seater toilet facilities with mechanized boreholes. These facilities have been duly commissioned and handed over to the communities.

Other areas include Aflao in the Volta Region, Garu in the Upper East Region, Akyem Tafo in the Eastern Region, and Zabzugu in the Northern Region, among many others.

Building on the legacy of his predecessor, Hon. Samuel Awuku, M.P. for Akuapem-North Constituency, the Director General of NLA, Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam-Salam, has resolved to ensure that the objective of the establishment of the Foundation is realized.

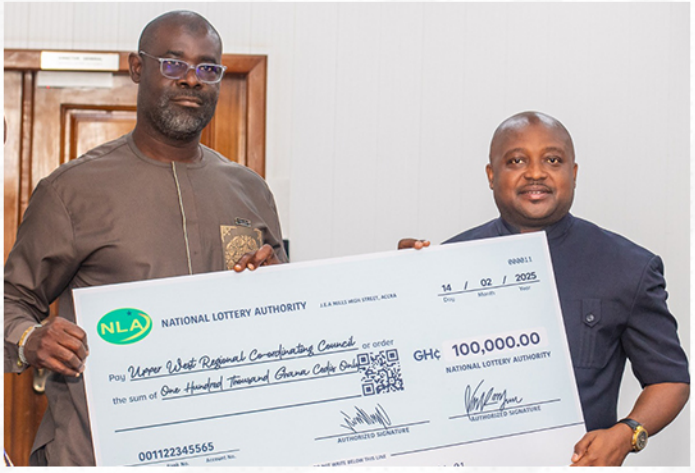
Thus, a lot of work has been done over the past seven months including commissioning of boreholes in the Sunyani West Municipality, in the Chiraa, Nsoatre and Odumase communities. The Foundation is poised to undertake more projects in the months ahead with a focus on the provision of potable water, quality health care and education.

The Foundation has given supported in the underlisted areas in 2025:

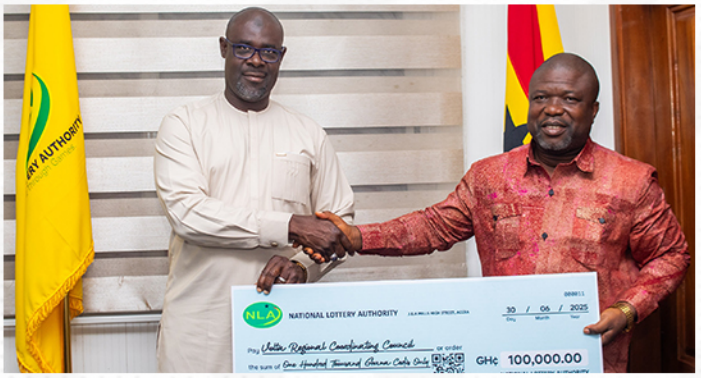
HEALTH

• The NLA Good Causes Foundation donated GHC100,000.00 to support the fight against the outbreak of meningitis in the Upper West Region. The cheque was presented to the Upper West Regional Minister, Hon. Charles Lwanga Puozuing, by the Director General of NLA, Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam.

• The Foundation presented GHS 100,000.00 to the Volta Regional Coordinating Council in support of victims of tidal waves in communities in the Volta Region.



Director-General, Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam Presents a Cheque of GH¢100,000.00 to the Upper West Regional Minister in Support of the Fight Against the Outbreak of Meningitis



Director-General, Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam Presents a Cheque of GH¢100,000.00 to the Volta Regional Coordinating Council to Support Victims of Tidal Waves

EDUCATION

• The National Coordinator, Mr. Kadiri Abdul Rauf Issifu and his team commissioned an ultra-modern 3-unit classroom block at Akanteng in the Lower West Akim Municipality, Eastern Region.

• The facility has three classrooms, a headmistress' office, a staff standard room, a kitchen and storeroom, eight washrooms, a mechanized borehole with 24/7 water supply and a modern poly tank installed.



Commissioning of a Three Unit Classroom Block at Akanteng in the Lower West Akim Municipality, Eastern Region.



Constructed Three Unit Classroom Block by the Good Causes Foundation at Akanteng



Potable Water for Students of Akanteng Methodist School.

ARTS AND CULTURE

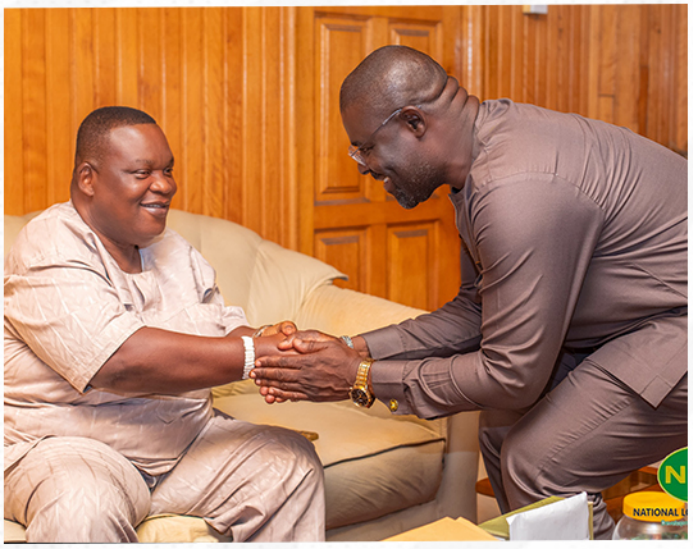
• In support of the refurbishment of the Gbewaa Palace in Yendi, the Good Causes Foundation donated a sum of Fifty Thousand Ghana Cedis for its construction.

• In support of the annual Kwahu Festival, the Deputy Director-General, Mr. Eric Yeboah Wadie together with the Good Causes Foundation made presentations of soft drinks, alcoholic drinks, bottled water, wine, schnapps and cash to the palaces of the Kwahumanhene, Daasebre Akuamoah Boateng III and Nkwatiamanhene, Nana Boamah Ayirippe III.

• The team has donated a sum of GHS 60,000 to the Gbese Traditional Council in support of the Homowo Festival.



Management of NLA at Gbewaa Palace - Presents GH¢50,000.00 in Support of the Rebuilding of the Gbewaa Palace



Director General, Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam Pays a Courtesy Call on Gbese Mantse, HRM Nii Ayi-Bonte III



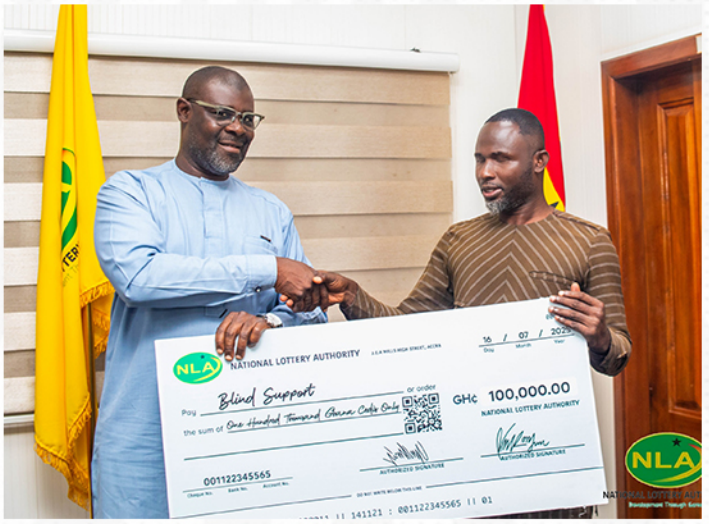
Deputy Director General, Mr. Eric Yeboah Wadie Pays a Courtesy Call on Kwahumanhene, Daasebre Akuamoah Boateng III

YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

• The Foundation supported the Real Tamale United Team for their playoff towards Ghana Premier League in May 2025 with a cheque of GHS 60,000.

• The Director-General, Mr. Mohammed presented a cheque of GHS 100,000 to Blind Support, a non-governmental organization that supports persons with disabilities. This is to enable them to carry out a skills training program aimed at equipping Persons with Disabilities and Affiliates with basic entrepreneurial and employable skills.

•The Director General Mr. Abdul Salem presented a cheque of GHS 50,000.00 to the National Youth Authority (NYA) in support of their upcoming National Youth Festival.



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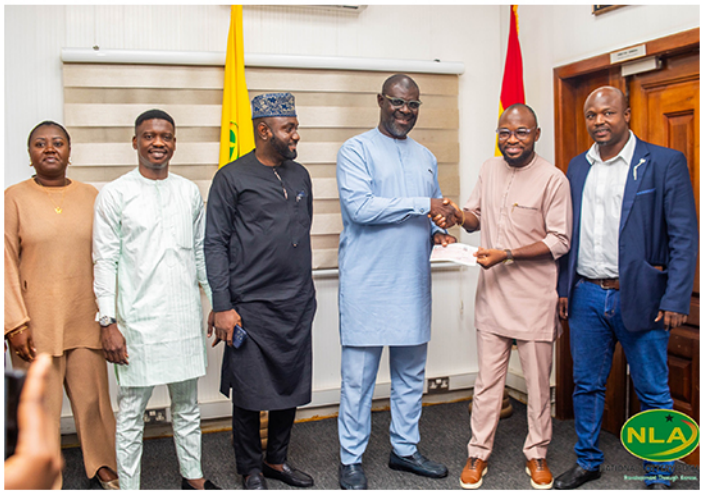


Director General, Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Salam Presents a Cheque to NYA Boss



NLA Supports Real Tamale United Team

PRESENTATION OF CHEQUES TO APPLICANTS

The Foundation also supports individuals and institutions with sums of money in the areas of education, medical and on humanitarian grounds. Over the past seven months, 92 cheques have been issued to applicants who have requested help in various areas. Of the Ninety-Two (92) cheques issued to the applicants, seventeen (17) applicants were NLA Staff. Over the years over 150 Staff members have been awarded scholarships and given support for medical aid.



IMPACTING LIVES THROUGH GAMES

According to the World Lottery Association (WLA), "In FY 2022, WLA member lotteries contributed almost USD 83 billion to fund good causes, and since 1999, they have raised an estimated USD 1.6 trillion." These funds support education, care for the aged, grassroots sports, and the respective communities of member countries.

The National Lottery Authority, a member of the World Lottery Association and African Lotteries Association (ALA), has replicated the same by touching the lives of many communities, individuals, and institutions through the building of recreational centres, sanitary facilities, mechanized boreholes, refurbishing schools and hospitals, granting scholarships to brilliant but needy students, and providing educational and medical equipment, amongst many other things.

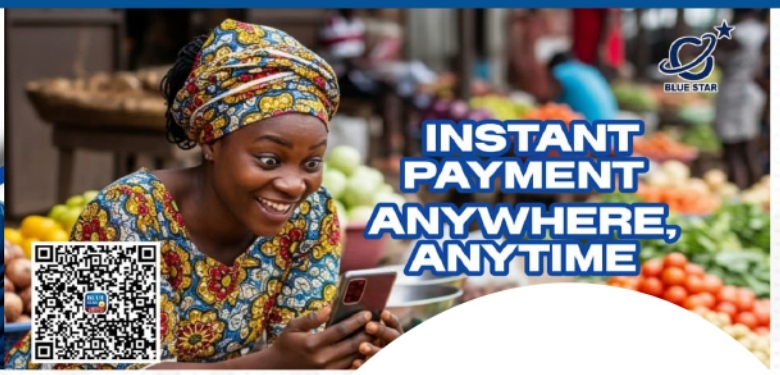
The NLA's investment in these projects is more than a statutory obligation; it's a way for the organization to give back to the communities it serves and demonstrate to its patrons that even when they don't win, their contributions support a worthy cause.

BLUESTAR LOTTO

TREASURES

5/90 DIAMOND AND GOLD





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2025

Customer Service Celebration

Theme:

MISSION POSSIBLE

LAUNCH OF 2025 CUSTOMER SERVICE MONTH

The 2025 Customer Service Celebration, themed Mission Possible was launched in the first week of October by the Director General to herald the month-long activities.



























HEALTH WALK

To encourage Staff to take their health and fitness seriously, activities of the Customer Service Month celebration began with a health walk led by the Director General and Executive Management.



























SPORTS FESTIVAL

Football, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, chess, ludu, oware and other indoor and board games characterized the fun-filled inter-departmental Sports Festival.



















COOKING COMPETITION

The various departments were competitively put in five groups to cook Ghana Jollof, Nigerian, Cameroon, Ivorian and Senegal Jollof. Teams Cameroon, Ivorian and Ghana Jollof emerged winners in the first, second and third positions respectively.














VINTAGE / KARAOKE DAY

The Vintage and Karaoke Day featured exciting unforgetable old school hits and classics performed by the various departments.



























CAREER / SKIT DAY

One of the highlights of the celebration was the Career/Skit Day, with performances from all departments portraying the global theme for the 2025 Customer Service Celebration, Mission Possible.




















AFRICAN DAY, DINNER AND AWARDS NIGHT

Activities of the month long celebration was climaxed with a dinner and awards night interspersed with performances from selected departments. The ICT Department was crowned the overall winner of the various competitions.















Employee Spotlight

CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR, MRS EMMANUELLA EPHRAIM HONOURED AT THE GHANA EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AWARDS.

The Business Executive in March 2025 honoured the Chief Internal Auditor of NLA, Mrs. Emmanuella Ephraim, with the prestigious Excellence Leadership in Risk Management and Internal Auditing Award at the Ghana Executive Management Awards (GEMA).

Mrs. Ephraim received a certificate of honour and a plaque acknowledging her exceptional leadership in Risk Management and Internal Auditing.

The Ghana Executive Management Awards recognizes outstanding leadership, innovation, teamwork, and organisational impact, fostering a culture of excellence and healthy competition among Ghana's businesses.













MR. ERIC KABU INSTALLED CHIEF OF APLAKU IN THE GREATER ACCRA REGION

The Research Assistant Manager of the Strategy and Business Improvement Department, Mr. Eric Kabu Adams has recently been honoured by his community with a traditional leadership role.

On 13th November 2025, he was enstooled as Nii Narteh Aplaku I, chief of Aplaku in the Ga South Municipal District of the Greater Accra Region.

The NLA congratulates Nii Narteh Aplaku I on this remarkable achievement.









MR. PROSPER AKPALU INSTALLED CHIEF OF MAMEDO IN THE VOLTA REGION

Mr. Prosper Akpalu, Regional Accountant at NLA's Koforidua Office, has attained a distinguished traditional position in his hometown.

Mr. Akpalu was enstooled on 31st December, 2025 as Torgbui Gbadza III, the Divisional Chief (Dufia) of Mamedo in the Akatsi South Municipality of the Volta Region. His elevation to this role signifies the honour and high regard his community holds for him.

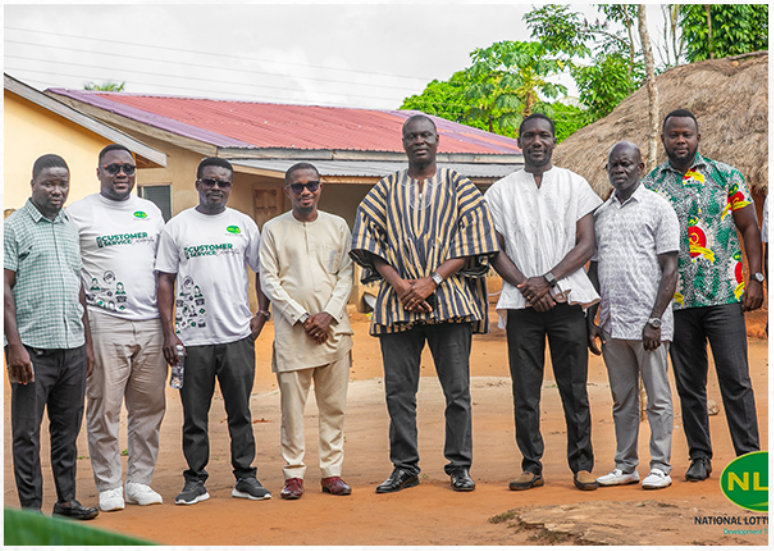
The NLA congratulates Torgbui Gbadza III on this remarkable achievement.













2025 RETIREES

After years of dedication, hard work, and invaluable contributions, the NLA bade goodbye to some retirees. Their journey with the Authority has been a legacy of commitment, professionalism, and selfless service.

Throughout the years, they played important roles in shaping our workplace, mentoring colleagues, and helping our organization grow stronger. Their experience, wisdom, and unwavering dedication left lasting impressions on both our work and our people. As they begin a new chapter beyond the workplace, the NLA celebrates not only their achievements but also the inspiration they leave behind. Their contributions will continue to influence our organization for years to come.

We extend our deepest gratitude and warmest congratulations to our 2025 retirees. You will always remain a valued part of our story. The NLA is grateful for your service.



FRANCIS KOJO YAO
Logistics & Inventory Officer, Head Office



STEPHEN ANKU
Transport Officer, Head Office



ABOAGYE NKANSAH
Cashier, Kumasi



FRANK OWUSU BEMPAH
Security Officer, Koforidua



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ATENA GAMES LAUNCHES "DIDI DAAA"

REINFORCES FOCUS ON RELIABLE MOBILE LOTTERY PLATFORM

Atena Games has introduced its vibrant new campaign tagline, **"Didi Daaa,"** signaling a renewed commitment to delivering an accessible, reliable and high-reward mobile lottery experience for players across Ghana. The phrase captures the excitement and spirit of celebration associated with winning, reflecting the brand's mission to make lottery entertainment both simple and rewarding.

With a growing player base nationwide, Atena Games has positioned itself as a trusted digital lottery platform. Its goal remains consistent providing a secure and easy-to-use system where players can participate confidently and win big.

To ensure broad accessibility, Atena offers two main channels for participation. Players can dial ***766#** to play instantly without internet access or visit the official website, www.atenanla.com, for a more interactive digital experience. Both platforms allow users to play all available Atena game options.

Atena's unique structure gives players **75 numbers** to select from, offering multiple combinations and greater winning potential. The platform features four game types: **Atena 1,** which requires selecting a single number; **Atena 2,** which allows players to pick two numbers; **Perm 2,** where selecting multiple numbers offers more chances of winning; and **Banker,** which lets players choose one key number paired with additional supporting numbers.

The introduction of the **"Didi Daaa"** campaign marks a milestone for Atena Games as it strengthens its identity and emphasizes the joy of winning. The campaign highlights the brand's dedication to transparent systems, dependable technology and bigger winning opportunities for all players.

Atena Games continues to encourage the public to explore the platform through ***766#** or **www.atenanla.com**, reinforcing its core promise:

Play Easy. Win Big





KNOW YOUR BASIC FRENCH

WHEN YOU VISIT A FRENCH RESTAURANT...

Mill : Bonjour madame, bienvenue chez nous au restaurant !
[Good morning madam, welcome to our restaurant!]

Abi : Bonjour, merci beaucoup. Vous allez bien ?
[Good morning, thank you very much. How are you?]

Mill : Oui, je vais très bien, merci. Et vous ?
[Yes, I am very well, thank you. And you?]

Abi : Ça va bien, merci.
[I'm fine, thank you.]

Mill: Voici le menu s'il vous plaît
[Here's the menu, please]

Abi: Merci
[Thank You]

Mill : Très bon choix. Voulez-vous quelque chose à boire ?
[Very good choice. Would you like to drink something?]

Abi : Oui, un verre d'eau, s'il vous plaît.
[Yes, a glass of water, please.]

Mill : Avez-vous déjà choisi votre plat ?
[Have you already chosen your dish?]

Abi : Oui, je voudrais du riz avec du poulet, s'il vous plaît.
[Yes, I would like some rice with chicken, please.]

Mill : Parfait. Je vous apporte tout de suite votre commande.
[Perfect. I'll bring your order right away.]

(Quelques minutes plus tard, Mill revient avec le plat)
(A few minutes later, Mill comes back with the dish)

Mill : Voilà, du riz et du poulet avec un verre d'eau. Bon appétit !
[Here you are, your rice and chicken with a glass of water. Enjoy your meal!]

Abi : Merci beaucoup, ça a l'air délicieux.
[Thank you very much, it looks delicious.]

(Après le repas)
(After the meal)

Abi : Mademoiselle, l'addition s'il vous plaît.
[Miss, the bill please.]

Mill : Bien sûr, je vous l'apporte tout de suite.
[Of course, I'm bringing it right away.]

(Mill revient avec la note)
(Mill comes back with the bill)

Mill : Voici l'addition, madame.
[Here is the bill, madam.]

Abi : Merci. Tenez!
[Thank you. Here you go.]

Mill : Merci à vous. Souhaitez-vous un reçu ?
[Thank you. Would you need a receipt?]

Abi : Non, ce n'est pas nécessaire.
[No, that's not necessary.]

Mill : Très bien. Merci encore et à bientôt!
[Very well. Thanks again and see you soon!]

Abi : Merci, au revoir !
[Thank you, goodbye!]

(Abi sort du restaurant)
(Abi leaves the restaurant)



HEALTHY LIVING

ADVERSE EFFECTS OF SITTING FOR LONG

Physical activity is an essential part of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. However, about 31% of the global population does not meet the minimum physical activity guidelines. Most people spend an average of 7 hours a day sitting, which can raise the risk of developing various health issues, including back pain, type 2 diabetes, heart disease, and some types of cancer.

Staying physically active and taking regular breaks from sitting decreases these risks. This article discusses the side effects of prolonged sitting and offers tips to avoid the consequences of a sedentary lifestyle.

Although there isn't a specific amount of sitting considered unhealthy, the general consensus is that the more you sit, the worse it is for you. This is especially true if your sitting is continuous, meaning you do not take any breaks.

Sitting down for too long can have several negative side effects on your body. Without movement, your muscles become tight, your joints become stiff, and your metabolism and circulation slow down. These changes can result in a variety of conditions that worsen the more you sit.

WEAK LEGS AND GLUTES

Increased sitting leads to inactivity in your leg muscles. Over time, this results in muscle weakening and quick fatigue during physical exertion. Prolonged sitting also raises the risk of sarcopenia, or muscle loss. Without adequate strength in your legs and glutes, everyday tasks like standing up from a chair, walking, and climbing stairs can become challenging.



TIGHT HIPS AND BACK PAIN

Lack of movement can cause your muscles to become tight. This is particularly true for the hip flexors when you sit in a chair with your legs bent at 90 degrees. Tight hips may restrict your mobility and put additional strain on your lower back.

Sitting too long also increases pressure between the discs in the lumbar spine. This can cause pain and increase the risk of bulging and herniated discs, which can lead to further pain and complications like sciatica.



STIFF SHOULDERS AND NECK

Tightness and stiffness in the neck and shoulders are common symptoms of prolonged sitting. Staying in the same position for too long, especially with poor posture, can strain the upper body. This results in pain and discomfort and can increase your risk of certain conditions affecting the neck and shoulders, such as a "pinched nerve" or "shoulder impingement."

A slouched posture can also restrict the movement of the diaphragm, making it more difficult to breathe properly. Over time, this can contribute to restrictive airway disease.



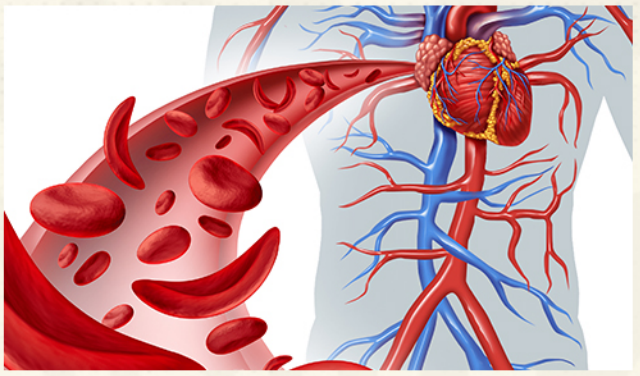
SLOWER METABOLISM

Lack of movement and physical activity causes your metabolism to slow down. This makes your body less efficient at breaking down food for energy and more likely to store fat. Too much sitting is one of the main risk factors for obesity.



CHANGES TO BLOOD FLOW

Since your muscles are inactive while sitting, blood flow to your legs decreases. This can hinder the proper function of your veins and lymphatic system, leading to fluid accumulation, which causes swelling in the legs and poor circulation.



MENTAL IMPACT

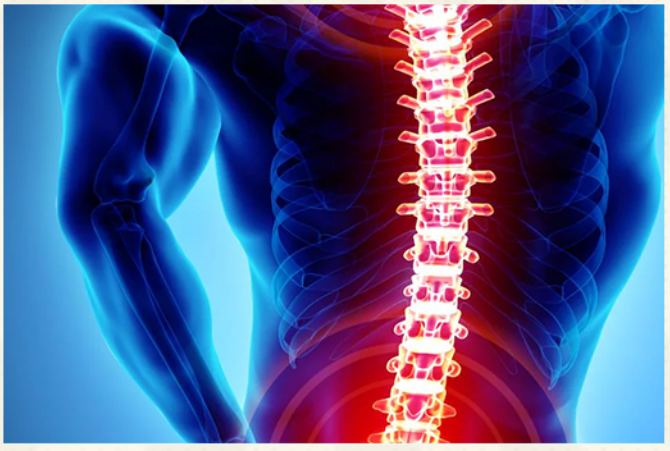
Physical inactivity slows down your whole body. This can cause cognitive changes, which may affect your memory and ability to think clearly. A sedentary lifestyle also raises the risk of depression and other mood disorders.



MUSCULOSKELETAL DISORDERS

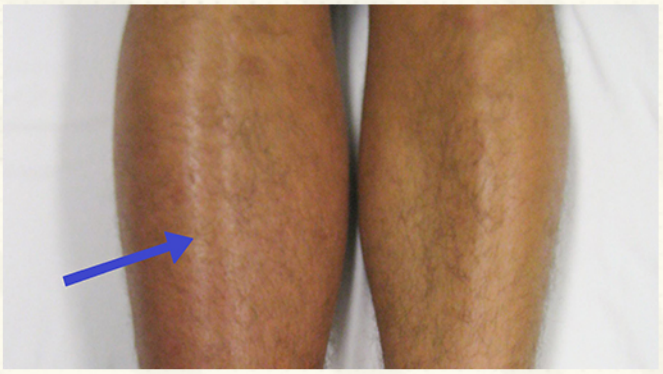
Sitting for too long can raise the risk of various musculoskeletal problems. Lack of movement can cause joints to become stiff and muscles to weaken, which may increase the risk of developing osteoarthritis. Osteoporosis is also more likely to occur in sedentary individuals, as bones weaken and become brittle without exercise and standing activity.

Prolonged sitting can also lead to muscle imbalances, raising your risk of injuries during everyday activities.6



DEEP VEIN THROMBOSIS (DVT)

Because sitting for too long impairs circulation, less oxygen is supplied to the blood vessels of the legs. This decrease in oxygen narrows the blood vessels, while lack of movement increases fibrinogen, a protein that causes blood to clot. These risk factors increase the likelihood of a blood clot developing in the legs, also known as deep vein thrombosis (DVT).3



HEART DISEASE

Decreased blood flow can also have long-term effects on circulation and may lead to arteriosclerosis or stiffening of the arteries caused by plaque accumulation. This can raise the risk of developing conditions such as heart disease and heart attacks as blood flow to the heart becomes restricted.



HYPERTENSION

Stiffening of the arteries from poor circulation that occurs with prolonged sitting can also lead to hypertension. Blood is less able to flow through stiffened arteries, which raises blood pressure. This leads to hypertension, or high blood pressure.



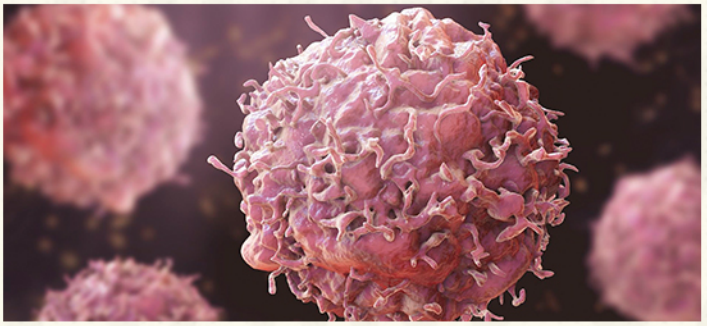
DIABETES RISK

Increased time spent sitting is linked to adverse metabolic changes, primarily increased blood sugar. Because muscles are inactive, they do not transport blood sugar out of the blood to use as energy. Excess blood sugar remains in the bloodstream, keeping blood sugar levels elevated. Over time, this leads to diabetes and many other complications of this disease.



CANCER RISK

Lack of physical activity increases inflammation throughout the body, increasing the risk of cancer.1 Increased blood sugar also changes levels of sex hormones that can increase the risk of hormone-related cancers like breast and endometrial cancers.1



SOME TIPS TO REDUCE SITTING TIME

Below are some tips or activities to help improve the effects of sitting for long periods. These tips cost almost nothing, and when followed diligently could be tremendously beneficial.

Here are they:

- Opt to stand in a bus or train for some time when embarking on a long trip. Do not sit throughout the journey.
- Take mini breaks to walk or stroll
- Set a time reminder to take a break for example, every one hour when sitting at your desk.
- Stand or walk around while on phone.
- Walk or go to a colleague worker's desk instead of emailing or calling. These small movements help.
- You may also use your leisure time or break period to do some simple exercises such as squats and other leg movements.
- Reduce being glued to mobile phone without getting up.
- Always take the stairs instead of using the lift.



HOW TO BOOST IMMUNE SYSTEM

The immune system defends the body from illnesses. Nonetheless, there are steps you can take to enhance your immune system and better equip your body to fight off infections, such as prioritizing a healthy diet, getting sufficient sleep, and managing stress.

There are several foods, plants, and pharmaceutical products that help to boost the immune system in the human body.

However, relying on natural remedies to enhance one's overall health or well-being should not be overlooked.

Below are some selected ingredients to help boost your immune system. Fortunately, these ingredients are easy to find; you can get them in almost all market centres across the country at affordable prices.

HERE ARE A FEW I FOCUSED ON:

Garlic: According to health experts, it has antimicrobial and antifungal properties that could support the immune system and shield the body against certain infections.



Cocoa: The powdered form benefits the immune system because of its high levels of flavonoids and polyphenols, which act as antioxidants and support cell function. It is also rich in and contains iron, zinc, and selenium, essential minerals for maintaining a strong immune response. For maximum health benefits, consume or take 1-2 tablespoons of raw cocoa powder daily, ideally in the morning.

Fortunately for Ghana, well-packaged raw cocoa powder is readily available in shops, market centres, and supermarkets nationwide.



Green Tea: Green Tea has many health benefits, including protecting the heart, aiding in weight management, regulating blood sugar, and preventing certain cancers, etc.



Fatty fish: It is a good source of fatty acids, which help to keep your immune system.

It is also good for the heart and brain. This essential fat can also aid immune cell function. Good sources of fatty fish include tuna, salmon, mackerel, etc.



Poultry: Because of its rich content of Vitamin B6 content, poultry supports the human immune system. Therefore, chicken soup is not only delicious but also highly beneficial.



Papaya: Papaya, also known as pawpaw (especially in Ghana), helps digestion, heart health, and boosts the immune system. It contains Vitamin A and C.



Supplements---Some manufactured products contain ingredients that enhance or support the body's immune system. However, you need a pharmacy assistant to help select reputable products from well-known pharmaceutical companies with a good track record, as there are quacks or substandard products on the market.

These elements or minerals include vitamins, zinc, and others, which you can obtain from citrus fruits, leafy greens, and more.

Citrus Fruits: Citrus fruits include grapefruits, oranges, lemons, tangerines, etc. Nuts and vegetables are equally beneficial and help to boost the body's natural defenses against diseases.

Additionally, it is important to avoid excessive alcohol or sugar intake, and to get enough sleep and regular exercise, all aimed at building a strong immune system.



PROTOCOL DESK

AIRPORT DO's AND DON'Ts: TRAVEL SMART, FLY SMOOTH

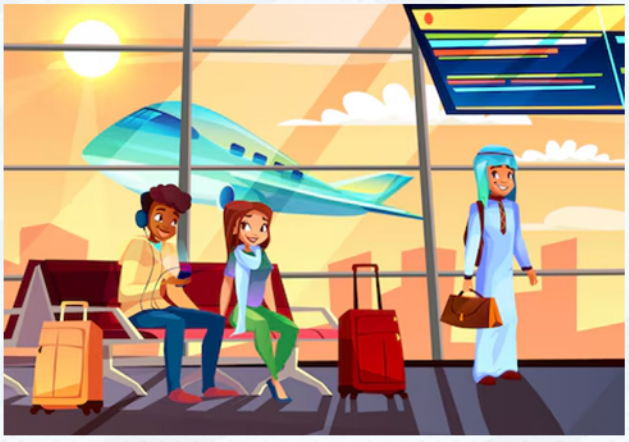
Airports can feel like mini-cities, fast-paced, buzzing with people, and full of rules you might not notice until you break one. Whether you're a frequent flyer or a first-timer, a little preparation and the right etiquette can make the difference between a stressful trip and a smooth journey.

Here are some essential do's and don'ts to keep in mind the next time you fly.

DO'S

1. ARRIVE EARLY

Arrive at the airport 40 minutes earlier for domestic flights and 1 hour before take off for the international flights. it's better to wait at your gate than miss your flight.



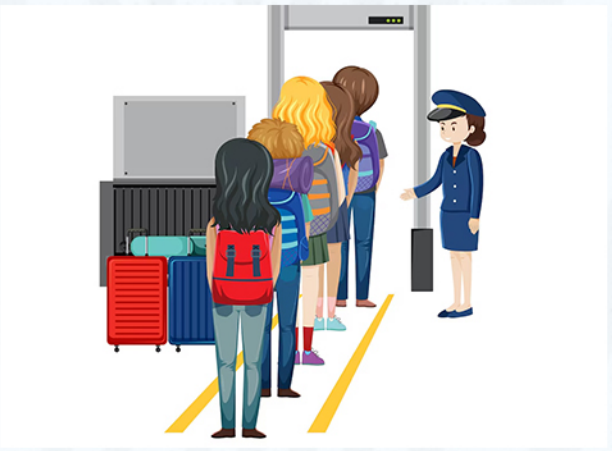
2. CHECK YOUR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Make sure your passport, visa, and ticket are valid and ready. Keep them easily accessible for checks.



3. FOLLOW SECURITY PROTOCOLS

Remove laptops, belts, and liquids when required. The faster you comply, the smoother the process for everyone.



4. LABEL YOUR LUGGAGE

Add a name tag to avoid confusion at baggage claim. You'd be surprised how many "black suitcases" look alike.



5. STAY ALERT

Keep an eye on your belongings and listen for announcements, gates and schedules can change in a flash.



DON'TS

1. DON'T JOKE ABOUT SECURITY

Remarks about bombs, weapons, or smuggling, even as a joke are taken very seriously and can cause delays or worse.



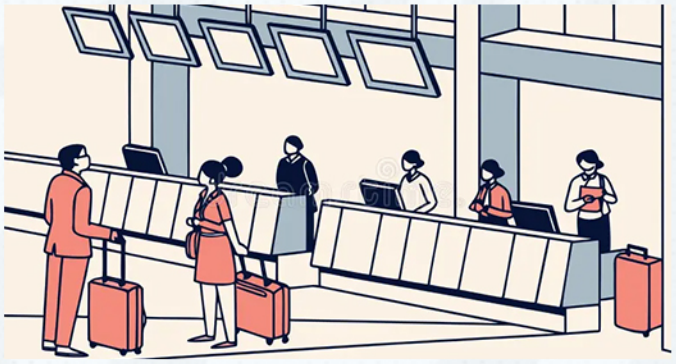
2. DON'T OVERPACK OR SNEAK IN PROHIBITED ITEMS

Airlines enforce baggage limits strictly. Save yourself stress (and money) by packing within the rules.



3. DON'T BLOCK WALKWAYS OR COUNTERS

Airports are busy hubs. If you need to stop, step aside to avoid holding up others.



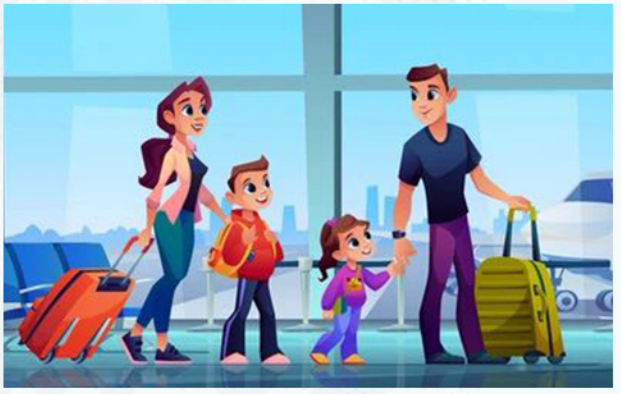
4. DON'T RELY ON UNAUTHORIZED "HELPERS"

Only deal with official staff for check-in, luggage, or immigration matters. Unauthorized shortcuts can lead to scams or trouble.



5. DON'T LEAVE KIDS UNATTENDED

Keep your children close at all times in the airport. It's a busy, crowded space where kids can easily get lost or disrupt others. Hold their hands or use a stroller to move around safely.



6. DON'T TAKE SOMEOME ELSE'S ASSIGNED SEAT

You sit on the assigned seat on the boarding pass





OFFICE FASHION:
EMBODYING THE NLA COLOURS

Fashion in the office has evolved from stiff suits and boring monochrome looks. Style now leans more towards striking the right balance between professionalism and personality.

At the National Lottery Authority (NLA), despite the dress code policy to ensure professionalism, the Authority has introduced the wearing of its brand colours on selected days of the week to reflect the vibrant spirit of our organisation.

As a state-owned institution, the Authority's colours are synonymous with the national colours. Incorporating these colours into our daily work attire is a creative way to instil pride in Staff.

Colours communicate different meanings. They influence mood, presence, and perception. By embracing the NLA colours in our work fashion, we do not only celebrate our brand identity but also project confidence, creativity, and cohesion.

The Green symbolizes growth, prosperity, and good fortune. In fashion, it reflects balance, stability, and a fresh outlook, perfect for corporate wear with a modern, lively touch. For NLA, and in connection with our job focus, it reflects wealth creation and community development.

The Yellow represents hope, optimism and success while the Red represents passion and sacrifice.

With these meanings in mind, corporate fashion conveys energy, warmth, and confidence.

And in connection with the core mandate of the company, it reflects the promise of winning and brighter opportunities.

Ways to incorporate the NLA colours into the everyday work environment.

Accessories: A yellow tie, a green scarf, or a handbag with accents of our signature hues can instantly elevate a neutral outfit.

Details that Stand Out: Cufflinks, lapel pins, belts, or shoes with a pop of colour create a refined yet noticeable nod to NLA pride.

Layering: A blazer lining, pocket square, or patterned shirt with hints of NLA colours keeps things stylish without being overwhelming. Corporate fashion is more than appearance-it's communication.

Dressing in NLA colours reflects not only individual creativity but also a corporate pride in belonging to an institution with a strong identity. Every choice of outfit becomes a subtle statement of teamwork, integrity, and professionalism. By thoughtfully weaving the NLA colors into our daily style, we don't just dress for work, we embody the energy, optimism, and unity that define us. Fashion, after all, is another language of identity and at NLA, we should embrace and wear our colours with pride.

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REGIONAL DIARIES

WESTERN REGION - TAKORADI OFFICE

REGIONAL MANAGER WITH TEAM





The Western Regional Office was founded in the mid 1980's under the then Department of National Lotteries (DNL).

The region's first manager was Mr. Koddie. He was supported by former Finance Director Mr. Ernest Mote. Since then, the region has had several managers who have contributed to its development.

The Western Regional Office has a staff strength of 25 people. It is headed by Mr. Ebenezar Donkor, the Regional Manager, who is supported by Mr. Isaac Turkson, the Regional Accountant, and a team of Sales Executives. The office is located at Asikafo Ambatem.

The Western Region has a rich cultural heritage, historic landmarks, and beautiful beaches. Before the recent split into the Western and Western North Regions, it was home to diverse ethnic groups, including the Wassa, Nzemas, Ahantas, and Sefwis, each with its own distinctive traditions.

The Ankos festival, also known as the Masquerade or Takoradi street carnival, and the Kuthe Kundum festival are some notable events celebrated each year in the Western Region.

The region is also renowned for castles and forts such as Fort Metal Cross, St. George's Castle, and Fort Santo Antonio. Tourist sites included the Ankasa Resource Reserve, Nini-Suhien National Park, Akatekyi Crocodile Pond, Nzulezu Stilt Village, and Cape Three Points.

The western region is also a hub for beautiful beach resorts, such as Busua Beach Resort, Maaha Beach Resort, and many others.

Like they say, the best comes from the west.

NATURAL SITES







2025 REGIONAL VISITS

As part of a familiarization tour, the Director General paid a working visit to some regional offices to interact with Staff. The discussions primarily focused on Staff welfare, work challenges and concerns.

WA REGIONAL OFFICE







TAMALE REGIONAL OFFICE








BOLGA REGIONAL OFFICE





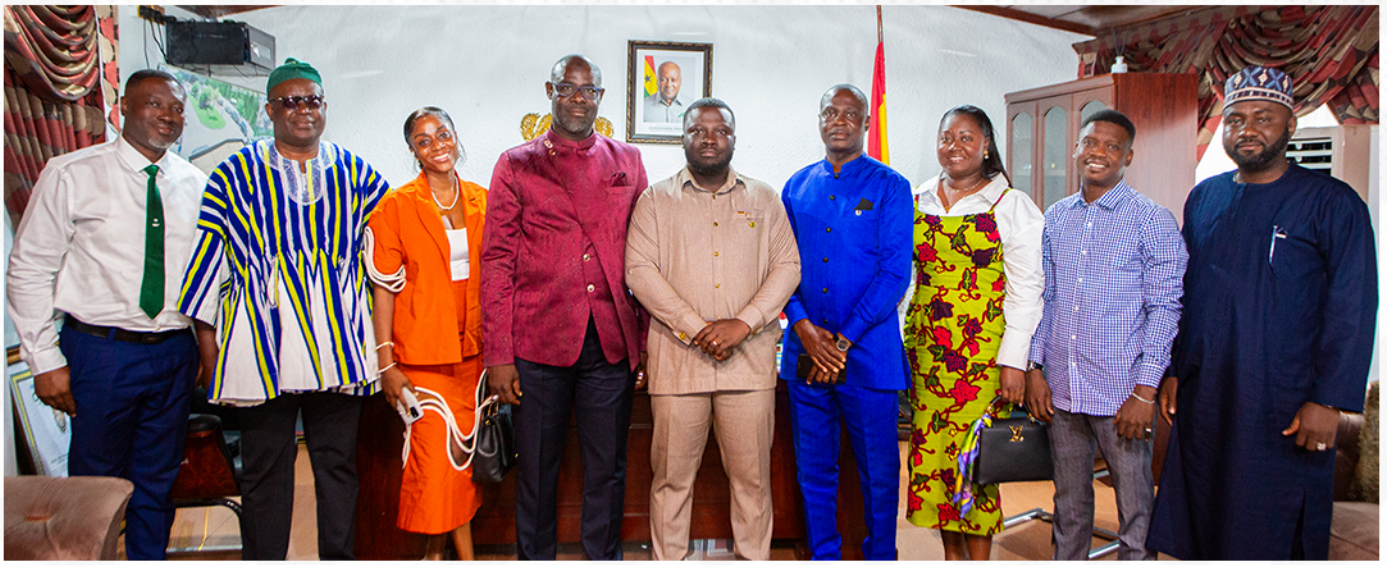

KUMASI REGIONAL OFFICE








NLA DG AND TEAM VISIT ASHANTI REGIONAL MINISTER







SUNYANI REGIONAL OFFICE













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NATIONAL EXECUTIVES OF

LOTTO MARKETING COMPANIES CALL ON DIRECTOR-GENERAL.

The National Executives of the Association of Lotto Marketing Companies (LMCs) have called on the Director-General, Mr. Abdul-Salam, to congratulate him on his appointment and introduce themselves to him.

The National Chairman of the Association, Mr. Francis Opoku, commended Mr. Abdul-Salam for the prompt payment of commissions and cited some challenges that the Association would like him to address.

The Director-General, Mr. Abdul-Salam, thanked the Chairman and National Executives and said he looked forward to working with them.

He informed them that he had taken note of their concerns and would address them in due course.

As part of efforts to motivate LMCs, Management agreed to reward the national executives and the 2024 top ten performers in every region with electrical appliances.











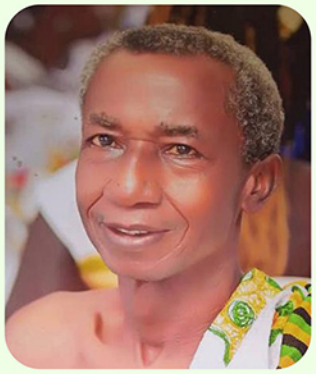








BEST PERFORMING LMCs



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Godfred Agyedowa Boadi (Awuakyewaa Hotel)
Market: Akim Oda
Zone: 7 & 8
Sales Location: Kade



Retailer Name:
Charles Adjei
Market: Kumasi
Zone: 18
Sales Location: Danyame & Effiduase



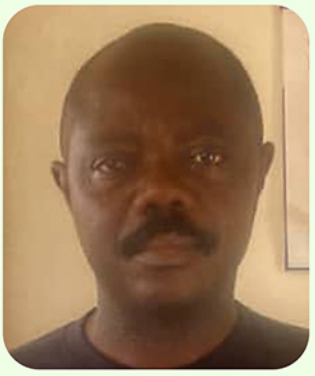
Retailer Name:
Henry Morgan Dadzie
Market: Takoradi
Zone: 6
Sales Location: Kweikuma Junction



Retailer Name:
Joe Justus Ayivor
Market: Ho-Volta
Zone: 3
Sales Location: Ho



Retailer Name:
Robert Addae
Market: Sefwi
Zone: 3
Sales Location: Datano



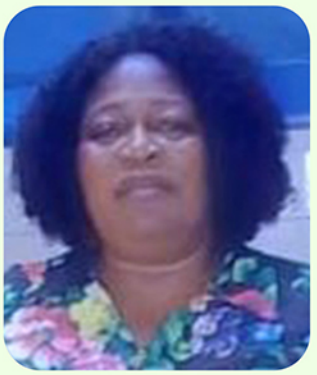
Retailer Name:
Gabriel Ansah
Market: Tema
Zone: 2
Sales Location: Nungua Adogonno



Retailer Name:
Amuzu Kwasi William
Market: Hohoe
Zone: 5
Sales Location: Main Staition



Retailer Name:
Mark Adu
Market: Koforidua
Zone: 2
Sales Location: In front of New Juaben South Municipal Assembly



Retailer Name:
Rita Pinto
Market: Greater Accra
Zone: 26
Sales Location: Lashibi



Retailer Name:
Dels Boutique
Market: Sunyani
Zone: 6
Sales Location: Opposite Municipal Police Station

UNIQUE TRAITS OF GHANAIANS

From our vibrant culture to our infectious energy and warmth, there's no denying that Ghanaians are a people like no other.

Our ability to find humour in everyday situations, our ingenuity, and our love for community are just a few of the traits that make us who we are.

Let's take a look at some of the funny traits that make us uniquely Ghanaians.

1. YOU ARE INVITED

"You are invited' – a simple phrase that can either strengthen or harm relationships depending on how it is conveyed and received by both parties. It is often spoken by someone having a meal, literally inviting the other person to join them. Not everyone intends this invitation as many merely mumble it out of courtesy.

Those waiting for the opportunity, however, dig in, sometimes to the annoyance of their host, who may not have meant it, while others actually bond over the thoughtful gesture.

So, when next you hear, "you are invited", kindly assess the tone of the invitation to see if you genuinely are before you help yourself.



2. THE ICE CREAM CONTAINER/ BISCUIT TIN HACK

Almost every home in Ghana has a blue Danish butter cookie tin. But guess what — unless it is Christmas, I bet my last cedi that when you open it, you'll probably find a pile of needles, different-coloured thread, a thimble, and other sewing supplies — and definitely not biscuits.

When next you cite that Danish Butte Cookie container in someone's home, kindly lower your expectations; you just might be pleasantly surprised.





And who needs tupperware when an empty ice cream container works just as well? Ghanaians have perfected the skill of reusing these containers to store everything from leftover jollof rice to soups and stews, much to the dismay of young children hoping for a treat. I suppose it's not only about practicality but also about showing our resourcefulness.





3. THE POWER OF "EII!"

You know something's amiss when you hear a Ghanaian exclaim "Eiii!". It's like a universal alarm that signals "something's wrong here!" Whether it's shocking news or a friend's latest scandalous tale, "Eii!" is our go-to expression for surprise, shock, or utter confusion.



4. THE ART OF GREETING EVERYONE

In Ghana, greetings are not just reserved for close friends and family; we greet everyone. The market woman selling plantains, the stranger walking down the street, the bus conductor or the security guard at the gate—it's a lovely display of our warmth and communal spirit.

So the next time you see a Ghanaian repurposing an ice cream or biscuit container, saying hello to everyone or shouting "Eii!" at the top of their lungs, just know that it's all part of our unique traits.



LAUGH OUT LOUD



Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of school, "And what starting salary are you looking for?" The engineer replies, " GHS125,000 a year, depending on the benefits and package." The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks' vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?" The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."

A doctor and a lawyer are talking at a party. Their conversation is constantly interrupted by people describing their ailments and asking the doctor for free medical advice. After an hour of this, the exasperated doctor asks the lawyer, "What do you do to stop people from asking you for legal advice when you're out of the office?" "I give it to them," replies the lawyer, "and then I send them a bill." The doctor is shocked but agrees to give it a try. The next day, still feeling slightly guilty, the doctor prepares the bills. When he goes to place them in his mailbox, he finds a bill from the lawyer.

Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many would you have?" Johnny: "Seven." Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?" Johnny: "Seven." Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?" Johnny: "Six." Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?" Johnny: "Seven!" Teacher: "Johnny, where do you get seven from?!" Johnny: "Because I've already got a cat!"

A small apple is now 20 cedis. Something the serpent gave Eve for free.

Stop warming bath water with a cooking pot; a man at the bank today smelled like Palm nut soup.

I visited my friend who said he had started budgeting seriously. He brought out an Excel sheet, graphs, colours, everything. Very impressive. He said, "This month, I've planned everything. No unnecessary spending." As we were talking, his phone beeped. He checked it and said, "Ah, food delivery is doing promo." Next thing, he ordered food for both of us. I asked, "Is this part of the budget?" He said, "Yes. It's under 'emotional stability.'

QUIZ TIME

01

Which French speaking West African country plays Ghana's NLA 5/90 lottery and state the name of their Authority.

A. LOLACI- La Loterie Laci Cote d'Ivoire

B. LONACI- La Loterie Nationale de Cote d'Ivoire

02

Direct 1 is the first number to be drawn.

True or False?

03

When was Monday Special Game introduced?

A. 3rd November 2000

B. 1st August 2008

C. 5th January 2003

D. 1st August 2005

PUZZLE

THEME

Departments & units of NLA

HUMAN RESOURCE
SALES
LEGAL
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FINANCE
MARKETING
GOOD CAUSES
SBI
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OPERATION
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PROCUREMENT
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International Celebrations

World Introvert Day	2nd January
International Thank You Day	11th January
International Women's Day	8th March
World Glaucoma Day	13th March
World Bipolar Day	30th March
World Health Day	7th April
Mental Health Awareness Month	1st May
World Blood Donor Day	14th June
World Population Day	11th July
World Youth Skills Day	15th July
World Hepatitis Day	28th July
International Day of Friendship	30th July
International Youth Day	12th August
World Photo Day	19th August
International Lottery Day	27th August
World Letter Writing Day	1st September
International Day of Charity	5th September
World Samosa Day	5th September
World Suicide Prevention Day	10th September
World Beard Day	6th September
Vegetarian Month	October
World Menopause Day	18th October
Breast Cancer Awareness Month	October
World Vegan Day	1st November
International Men's Day	19th November
World AIDS Day	1st December

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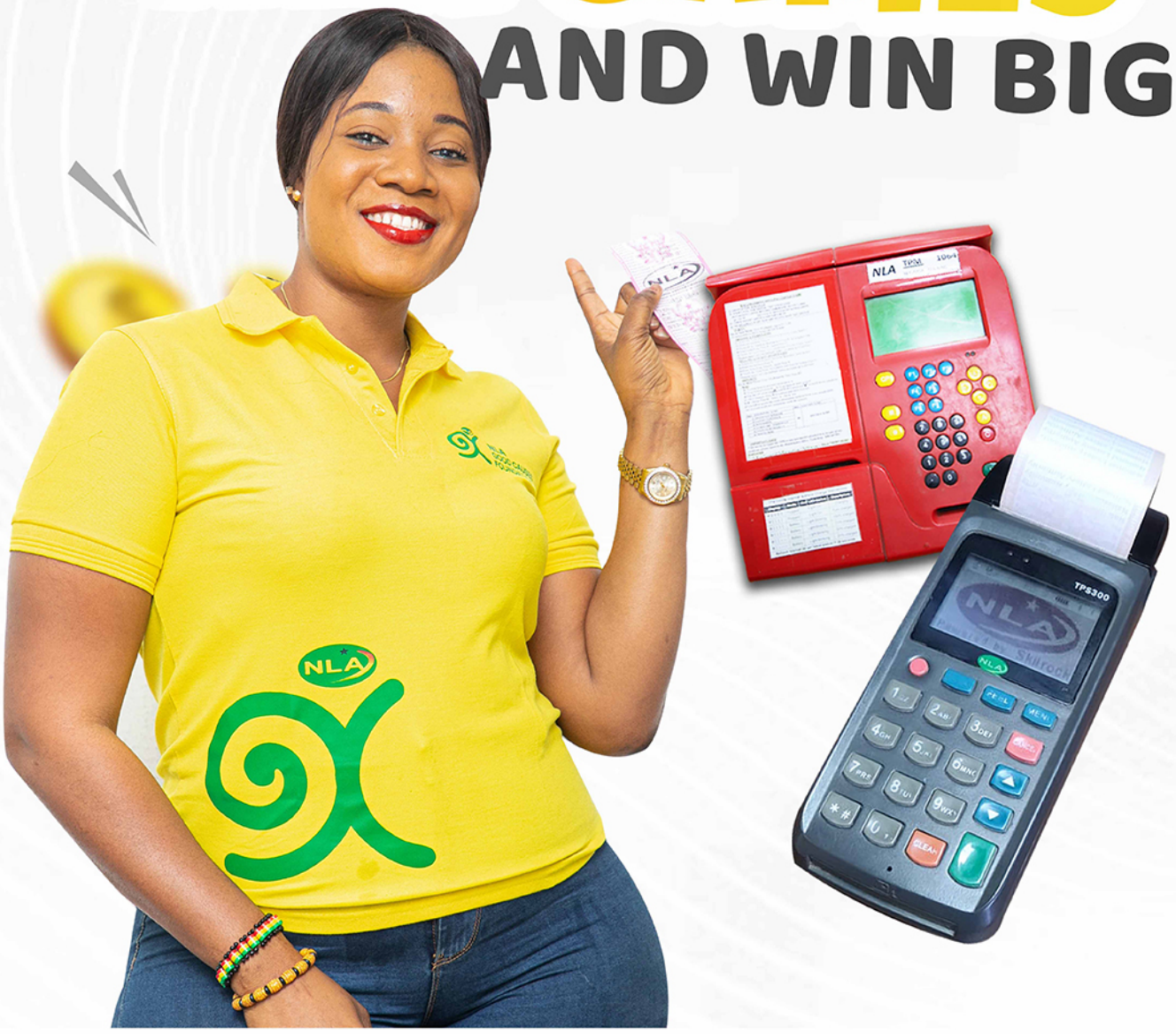

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