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#### **COBAANA MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS**







#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To unite Bono and Ahafo associations across North America under a common umbrella that fosters cultural preservation, community empowerment, and collaborative development through advocacy, service, and support for our people both at home and abroad.

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

To be a dynamic and united diaspora organization that champions the cultural heritage, social well-being, and sustainable progress of the Bono and Ahafo communities globally.

#### THE COBAANA PREAMBLE

The basic objectives of the Council of Bono and Ahafo Associations of North America (COBAANA) include promoting, assisting, fostering, ensuring, and activities, projects, and programs that will constructively contribute to the furthering, achieving, and enhancing the well-being, understanding, and the good name of all members, of the Bono, Bono East and Ahafo Regions and of our people wherever they may be.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Assisting and identifying programs for the development of our three (3) regions.
- Fostering and maintaining strong, meaningful, viable, and cooperative links with government and non-governmental agencies in our regions.
- Seeking out and/or creating avenues and areas for investment and other economic opportunities for associations.
- Encouraging and facilitating the recruitment of qualified persons for employment at both the regional and national levels in Ghana.
- Supporting and promoting fund raising activities.
- Promoting the Bono and Ahafo culture in particular and fostering a sense of Ghanaian and African values in general.

#### OMBUDSMAN AND THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS



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Cobaana Ombudsman



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REV. KWASI AMPONSAH-YEBOAH Council of Elders



**THOMAS TUAH**Council of Elders

#### **WELCOME ADDRESS**

CHAIRMAN OF THE HOST CHAPTER Andy Kumalo

Nananom, Mr. Chairman, Ministers of State, Honorable Members of Parliament, Ghanaian Churches and Associations, Business Leaders, and State Representatives,

On behalf of the Denver Chapter, I warmly welcome you to COBAANA 2025 here in the beautiful city of Denver, Colorado. First and foremost, I give thanks to the Almighty for granting us the grace to gather for this important convention. I also extend my sincere appreciation to:

- The COBAANA Executives for entrusting us with the honor of hosting this year's convention.
- The Convention Planning Committee (CPC) for their unwavering guidance, support, and leadership throughout this journey.
- The Denver-based committees whose dedication made the planning and execution possible.
- My dedicated executive team, who stood beside me through every challenge, rain or shine.

**Purpose of gathering:** Support the mission to build dialysis centers in the Bono, Bono East, and Ahafo regions of Ghana.

Problem: High prevalence of kidney disease due to galamsey, farming chemicals, and poor environmental conditions.

**Health disparity:** Unfortunately, most dialysis centers in Ghana are concentrated in Greater Accra and Ashanti, leaving our people in the Bono region underserved and vulnerable.

**Call to action:** Encourage donations to support the dialysis center project. So tonight, I humbly appeal to everyone - Let us dig deep, open our hearts and our checkbooks to support this lifesaving mission.

A heartfelt welcome and blessing to all attendees. Once again, welcome to COBAANA 2025.

Akwaaba! May God bless us all.



# WELCOME ADDRESS BY DR. DEGRAFT KWAFO, CHAIRMAN OF COBAANA AT THE 15<sup>™</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD AT DENVER, COLORADO

It is with profound gratitude and a deep sense of honor that I welcome you all to Denver for the 15th Annual Convention of the Bono and Ahafo Associations of North America (COBAANA). The theme for this year's convention is "THE HEALTH OF OUR PEOPLE IS OUR CONCERN". We couldn't have chosen any better theme than this because indeed, the health of the people we have left behind in our motherland should be a daily concern for those of us who are fortunate to be on the other side of the Atlantic. Your presence here today, whether in person or in spirit, is a powerful reminder of the shared commitment and passion that binds us together across borders and generations. As Chairman of this noble council, I am proud of the path we have charted and walked together over the years. Beyond that, I am optimistic about the journey ahead given the passion which galvanizes the vision we share and the mission we must accomplish together. Mr. Chairman, permit me, at this point to speak on some key initiatives we have lately laid out.

I am pleased to announce that, a Constitutional Review Committee has been set up and is actively working to revise and review our current constitution. Even as COBAANA is evolving and growing, there is the need for our governing document to be reviewed and made robust and responsive to our changing needs. We want to have a constitution that reflects transparency, inclusivity, accountability, and adaptability. I urge all members to engage actively in the review process. This is your association. Let your voice be heard. Share your ideas, express your concerns, and together, let us craft a constitution that not only serves us today but that will stand the test of time.

COBAANA has been a development partner in our regions, and I am excited to inform you that we have initiated the Water for Villages Project. As many of you know, access to clean and safe drinking water is still a daily struggle for many of our rural communities. In response to this problem, COBAANA in collaboration with COBAANA's King and Queen has pledged to raise funds and oversee the drilling of three boreholes in selected villages, one in each of the three regions. This is not just about water; it is about dignity, health, and opportunity. We call on our partners and supporters to help us accomplish this noble goal and drill more boreholes in the coming years. To our COBAANA King and Queen, we say a big thank you for your support.

Mr. Chairman, Nananom, ladies and gentlemen, please allow me, at this point, to talk about COBAANA's flagship project and the purpose of our meeting here today. According to the Ministry of Health in Ghana, about 90% of the kidney patients in Ghana who should receive dialysis treatment are not getting them due to lack of Dialysis centers. Or the cost involved. It is also a fact that there is inequality in the regional distribution of dialysis centers in Ghana. The Bono, Ahafo and Bono East regions together cannot boast of even one well-equipped dialysis center. It should be noted also that about 80% of the dialysis centers in Ghana are located along the coastal regions of Ghana. With these statistics and our theme, "The Health of our People is our Concern" In mind, COBAANA is undertaken construction of an ultra-modern dialysis center in Sunyani.

When completed our relatives and community members who may need dialysis care will be saved the trouble of traveling long distances,



DR. DEGRAFT KWAFO

with its attendant cost and challenges. It is our prayer that this center will reduce preventable deaths and improve the quality of life of our people. Work will soon commence on this all-important project.

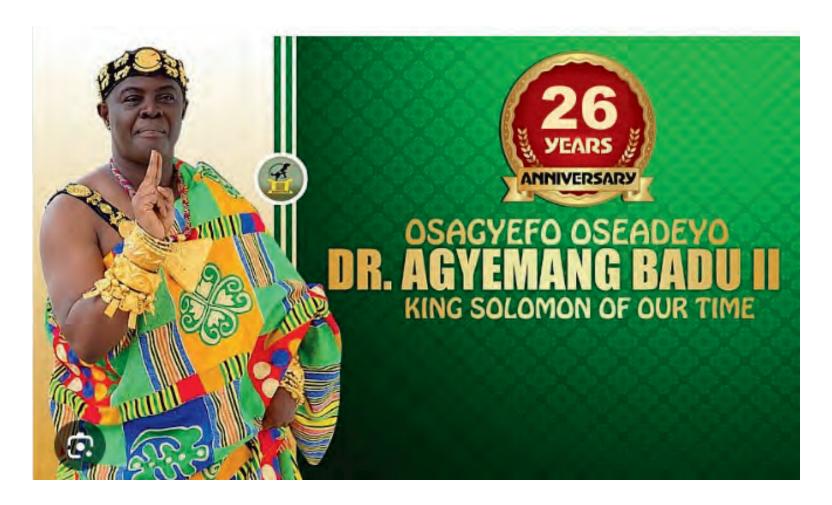
Mr. Chairman, permit me to thank Mr. Nick Danso Abeam, the CEO of Ghana Link who has been a star supporter of this project over the years. To our brother we say a big thank you. To Osagyefo Oseadeyo Dr. Nana Agyeman Badu II, The World Medical Relief Inc. and all who have supported us with their finance, advice and service, we appreciate all that you have given out for such a worthy cause. Today, I encourage all who have gathered here to give generously towards the Dialysis center so that your names will not only be inscribed on the brick and mortar of the center but more importantly, will be ingrained on the hearts of posterity.

Brothers and sisters, as we set our sights on these ambitious goals, let us not forget that our unity is our greatest asset. We are diverse in age, profession, background, and opinion but we are united by our shared roots and collective purpose. Let us resist divisive tendencies and instead embrace dialogue, collaboration, and mutual respect. A divided house cannot stand, but together, we can move mountains. "Yen man Nti!"

Mr. Chairman, I once again want to appeal to those of us gathered here tonight and even those who couldn't be here, to support COBAANA financially and help the realization of our dream project: — The COBAANA Dialysis Center, and other project initiatives. None of these projects, no matter how noble, can succeed without the generous contributions of people like you. We are appealing not only to our members but to all our friends, partners, and well-wishers to please support us financially. Every Cedi, Dollar, Euro, or Pound brings us one step closer to transforming our community. Let your giving be a seed planted in faith and watered with love. I assure you; the harvest will be abundant not only in Ghana but in the hearts of all who are blessed by your generosity.

I thank each and every one of you for your dedication, your presence, and your belief in our mission. Let us go forward with boldness, in unity, and with hope. May we leave this gathering energized and empowered to build bridges, bring change, and equipped financially because the lives of our people is and should be our concern. Have a fruitful convention.

May God bless you, may God bless our associations, and may God bless our motherland Ghana. Thank you.



Osagyefo Oseadeeyo Dr. Agyemang Badu II is a Ghanaian traditional ruler who is the Omanhene (or paramount chief) of the Dormaa traditional area (Dormaaman) in Ghana. He is also the President of the Bono Regional House of Chiefs; Chairman, Judicial Committee, National House of Chiefs; Member, Standing Committee, National House of Chiefs.

Known in private life as Justice Daniel Mensah, a High Court Judge, Osagyefo Oseadeeyo Dr. Agyemang-Badu II ascended the Dormaa throne after the demise of his grand uncle, the late Osagyefo Oseadeeyo Agyemang-Badu I, in 1998.

He was enthroned on June 6th, 1999.

According to the chiefs and people of the traditional area, the paramount chief has sought the overall interest, well-being, and holistic development of not only the Dormaa people but the nation in general.

His achievements span from promoting peace, education, youth development, and humanitarian services.

Nana is also the founder and Life Patron of Aduana Football Club, Ghana. His Royal Majesty Osagyefo Oseadeeyo Dr. Fredua Agyemang Badu II has been appointed as the Chairman of the Governing Council of the University of Energy and Natural Resources.

#### **COBAANA EXECUTIVES**



DR. DEGRAFT KWAFO COBAANA Chairman



RICHARD DRUYEH COBAANA Vice Chairman



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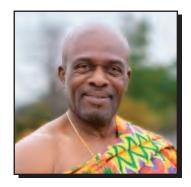
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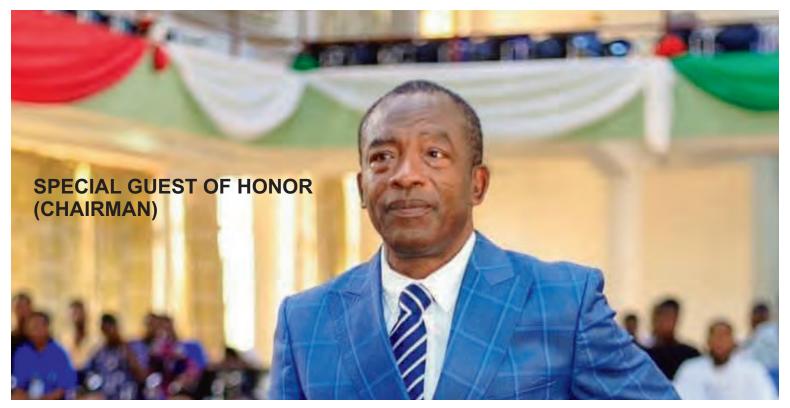
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**NANA BENNETT AKANTOA** 

Deputy CEO, Ghana Infrastructure Investment Fund (GIIF)

Profession: Chartered Accountant (ICA Ghana), Procurement Specialist, Chartered Member (CIPS, UK)

A distinguished financial and procurement leader with a proven track record in public sector financial management, organizational transformation, and governance. He is recognized for his integrity, innovation, and commitment to excellence in service delivery and team development. He is an accomplished chartered accountant, procurement specialist, and human resource expert with over 32 years' experience across government, public, and private sectors. Renowned for strategic financial management, procurement optimization, governance, and leadership, he has delivered operational excellence and sustainable growth in top organizations. His career began at the Controller and Accountant General's Department (CAGD) and culminated as Regional Director, overseeing financial management for multiple assemblies and institutions.

#### **Key Competencies:**

Strategic financial management & analysis
Procurement & supply chain optimization
Human resource development
Organizational governance & compliance
Revenue mobilization & risk mitigation
Budgeting, cost management, and internal controls
Leadership, stakeholder engagement, and communication

#### **Professional Experience:**

Regional Director, CAGD (2018–2021): Led financial oversight and compliance for regional offices, supervised staff, and implemented training programs. Managing Director, Ghana Cocoa Marketing Company (2014–2017): Introduced robust internal controls, streamlined operations, and improved client satisfaction.

Minister-Counselor, Finance (USA & UK Embassies, 2009–2014): Managed embassy finances, compliance, and revenue mobilization; led staff welfare and procurement initiatives.

Head of Finance, CAGD (2007–2009): Oversaw departmental budgeting, financial reporting, and inventory control.

Municipal/District Finance Officer (1991–2007): Managed budgets, treasury, and revenue for various assemblies, ensuring compliance and transparency. Teacher & National Service: Early career roles in teaching and public service.

#### **Education:**

MSc Strategic Procurement Management (University of Plymouth, UK)

MA Human Resource Management (University of Cape Coast, Ghana)

Bachelor of Commerce (University of Cape Coast, Ghana)

#### **HISTORY OF COBAANA**

The idea of bringing Bono & Ahafo Associations in North America under one umbrella association was brought by the Bono and Ahafo Association of Denver, Colorado, during their inauguration, graced by the presence of Osagyefo Oseadeeyo Nana Agyeman-Badu II on July 19, 2003.

A day after the inauguration, July 20, 2003, representatives from Bono & Ahafo Associations in North America present at the inauguration convened at the residence of Mr. Sadiq Annor of Denver. Present at the meeting were Denver, Chicago, New York, and Toronto.

The name Council of Bono & Ahafo Associations of North America (COBAANA) was unanimously approved. An interim executives were selected to lead the new association. They were: Mr. Samuel Tuah of Toronto as President, Mr. Edward Mensah of New York as Vice President, Mr. Kwasi Amponsa-Yeboah of Chicago as Secretary, Mr. Sadiq Annor of Denver as Treasurer, and Mr. Samuel Tandoh of Denver as Financial Secretary.

Due to a lack of communication between the executives, the association became dormant. During the inauguration of the Bono & Ahafo Association of Columbus, Ohio, in 2008, Mr. Kwasi Amponsa-Yeboah brought up the issue again at an informal meeting. Associations present at the meeting were Columbus, Chicago, Toronto, Denver, New York, and Washington, DC. The consensus was that Mr. Joseph Ntow-Duku of Toronto and Mr. Kwasi Amponsa-Yebouah of Chicago should spearhead the formation of the umbrella association.

Back in Chicago, Mr. Kwasi Amponsa-Yeboah wrote a draft constitution and also designed the logo of the association. Through the help of Mr. Ben Kodom-Ayensu of Chicago, a conference call line was secured. Through this medium, representatives from Chicago, Columbus, Denver, Toronto, and Washington, DC started monthly meetings to streamline the draft constitution.

At the inauguration of the Bono and Ahafo Association of Worcester, a formal meeting was held to discuss the progress of the association. At that meeting, Mr. Kwasi Amponsa-Yeboah presented the logo to members. The logo comprises two crossed swords representing power and authority, surrounded by an Adinkra symbol representing our culture. These were encased by two olive branches representing peace and unity. Inscribed in the middle of the logo was the motto, "Yen Man Nti" (Love of our Nation). At the same meeting, members selected Toronto to host the inauguration of the association.

Discussions and amendments to the draft constitution were completed in January 2010, and the inauguration date was set. Through the hard work of the Bono and Ahafo Association of Toronto spearheaded by Mr. Joseph Ntow-Duku, six associations, namely, Chicago, Columbus, Denver, Toronto, Washington, DC, and Worcester, convened in

Toronto, Canada on May 29, 2010.

The first COBAANA representatives' meeting was held to promulgate and adopt the constitution and election. The elected officers were: Mr. Kwasi Amponsa-Yeboah of Chicago, Chairman; Mr. Alex Ankomah of Toronto, Vice Chairman; Mr. Paul Gyau of Washington, DC, General Secretary; Mr. Padmore Gyau of Worcester, Assistant Secretary; Mr. Francis Apraku of Toronto, Treasurer; Mr. Daniel Asante of Columbus, Financial Secretary; Mr. Samuel Tandoh of Denver, Publicity Officer, and Miss Mina Annan of Chicago, Assistant Publicity Officer.

The inauguration was graced by the presence of Honorable Kwadwo Nyamekye Marfo, Regional Minister of the then Brong-Ahafo Region, Osahene Nana Kwaku Aterkyi, Omanhene of Kukuom and President of the then Brong-Ahafo Regional House of Chiefs, and Nana Abena Boatemaa, Queen Mother of Domase No. 1 and President of the then Brong-Ahafo Queen Mothers Association. The inauguration was a success, and soon thereafter, New York and Calgary came on board.

On July 2, 2011, all eight chapters convened in Chicago for our first convention, which was also successful and profitable. During a visit to Ghana by the then Chairman, Mr. Kwasi Amponsa-Yeboah, he paid a visit to the Regional Hospital in Sunyani. A list of needs was presented to him, and upon his arrival back in Chicago, he presented the list to COBAANA. At the top of the list were Bed sheets, and at a conference call meeting, members approved, and one hundred bed sheets were sent to the hospital.

Columbus, Ohio, was the next venue for the COBAANA convention, and on September 1, 2012, all eight chapters convened in Columbus. At the annual meeting to elect new executive members, the then Chairman, Rev. Kwasi Amponsa-Yeboah, withdrew his candidacy, the reason being that he was retiring and would leave for Ghana for good. The election results were as follows: Chairman, Mr. Alex Ankomah; Vice Chairman, Mr. Daniel Asante; General Secretary, Mr. Paul Gyau; Vice Secretary, Padmore Gyau; Treasurer, Mr. Francis Apraku; Financial Secretary, Mr. Samuel Tandoh; Publicity Officer, Miss Mina Annan; and Assistant Publicity Officer, Mr. Seth Bonsu. The convention was successful and profitable.

In early 2013, a philanthropist in Chicago gave the Bono and Ahafo Association of Chicago eight (8) Stryker multi-purpose beds valued at two thousand and four hundred dollars (\$2,400) a piece. The association presented the beds to COBAANA, and the beds were shipped to the Regional Hospital in Sunyani.

On August 31, 2014, Washington, DC hosted the third convention, which was well attended and profitable. Cincinnati became the ninth chapter to join COBAANA. By voice acclamation, New York beat out Calgary to host the 2014 convention.

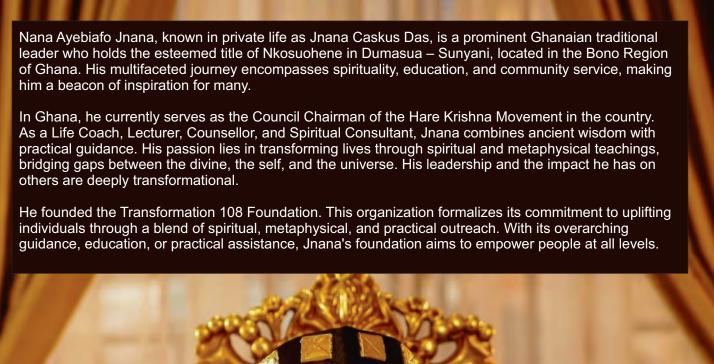


NANA YEBOAH PENE II

Queenmother of Chiraa and the

Benkum Hemaa of Dormaa Traditional

Area



NANA AYEBIAFO JNANA Nkosuohene, Dumasua - Sunyani

#### **ADMINISTRATOR OF MDF**

Dr. Hanna Louisa Bisiw-Kotei the Administrator of the Minerals Development Fund.

Dr. Hanna Louisa Bisiw-Kotei, a seasoned politician, former Deputy Minister, and the current National Women's Organizer of the NDC, now serves as the Administrator of the Minerals Development Fund (MDF). With her wealth of leadership experience and deep passion for empowering women, marginalized groups, and community development, she is committed to promoting transparency, accountability, and sustainable development while deepening stakeholder engagement in mining-affected communities.



#### **RANSFORD ANTWI**

Entrepreneur | Philanthropist | Advocate

Ransford Antwi, affectionately known as The People's Brother, is a celebrated Ghanaian entrepreneur, philanthropist, and community advocate whose remarkable work spans media, sports, education, and development. A native of Sunyani in the Bono Region, Ransford began his education at Sunyani High Street School, later excelling at Twene Amanfo and Sunyani Secondary School, where he captained both institutions' football teams and demonstrated early leadership.

His passion for service continued through tertiary education at the University College of Management Studies, where he served as SRC President and later as Programs & Projects Officer for the National Union of Ghana Students (NUGS). His advocacy helped lay the foundation for the Ghana Education Trust Fund (GETFund).

At age 31, Ransford made history as Ghana's youngest radio station owner with the founding of Space FM, later expanding to Suncity Radio, Suncity Imperial Lodge, and Suncity Royals Football Club. His influence in sports includes helping Ghana secure its first PUMA sponsorship and coaching deal that led to the country's first FIFA World Cup appearance in 2006

His philanthropic efforts include free medical outreaches, school development projects, and leadership in reviving Bofoakwa Tano FC. He also led the successful "Sunyani/Bono Deserves Better" campaign, which pushed for the reopening of the Sunyani Airport.

Ransford's influence extends into politics, where he ran as an independent parliamentary candidate for Sunyani East in 2024, shaping the region's development priorities. His accolades include a MUSIGA Presidential Award, Tourism Personality of the Year, and multiple COBAANA Honors. Married with four children, Ransford remains committed to advancing the Bono Region and Ghana at large.



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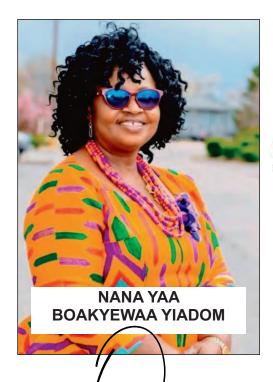
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#### DR. NICK DANSO ADJEI ABEAM

Dr. Nick Danso Adjei Abeam is a distinguished Ghanaian entrepreneur and philanthropist, widely recognized for his innovative approach to business and his commitment to socio-economic advancement in Ghana and beyond. From his beginnings as a young entrepreneur in Nkoranza, Dr. Adjei has risen to become the Executive Chairman of the Nick Group of Companies, a conglomerate that spans multiple sectors and has a significant impact on Ghana's economy and communities.

#### **BUSINESS VENTURES AND LEADERSHIP**

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#### PHILANTHROPY, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Dr. Adjei's business success is matched by his dedication to philanthropy and community development to include healthcare, education, infrastructure disaster relief, and social welfare with significant donations to flood victims after the Akosombo Dam spillage, monthly financial assistance to widows in the Bono East Region, supporting refugee families through the UNHCR, and donation for agricultural livelihood kits and meals in Northern Ghana.

Dr. Nick Danso Adjei stands as a model of entrepreneurial excellence and altruism, driving business innovation and societal progress in Ghana. His leadership, diversified business ventures, and philanthropic endeavors have left a legacy, inspiring both industry peers and the wider community.











# In Loving Memory

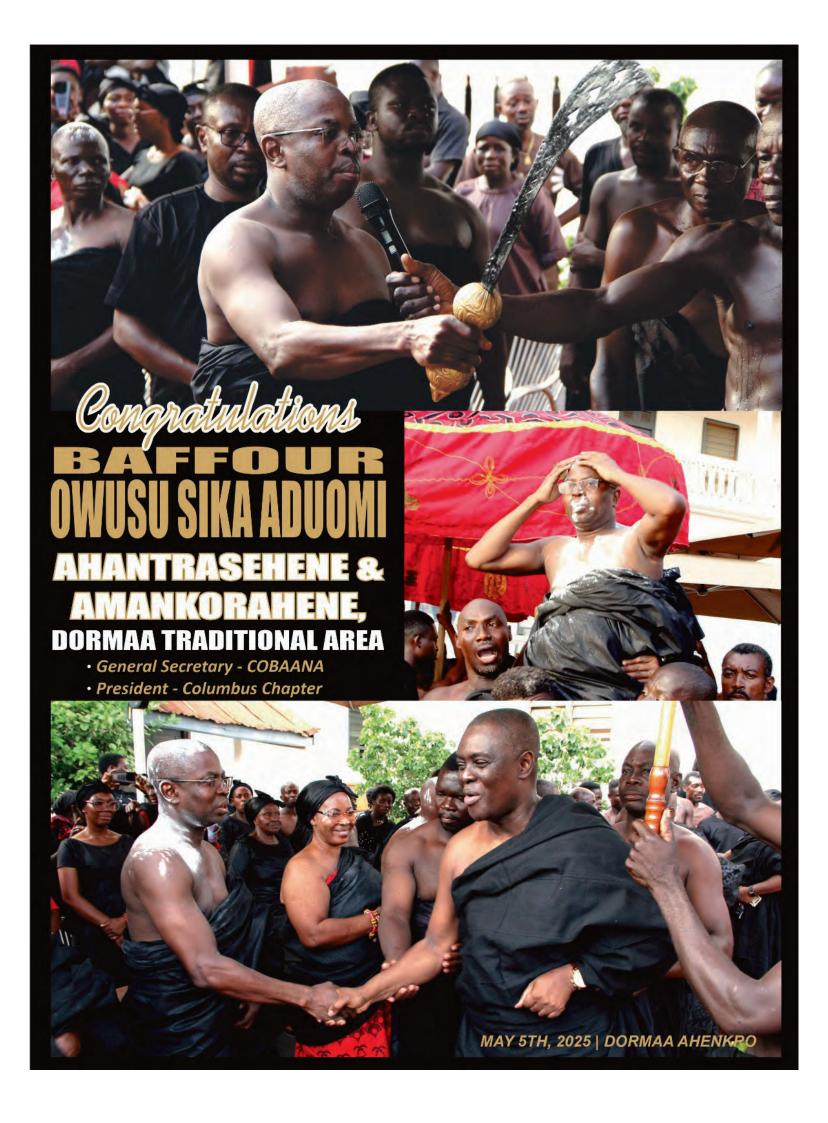




#### MS. JULIET AMPONSAH

(Newark, NJ)

In memory of our dear member who passed on the 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 in New Jersey. May her soul rest in peace.





With heartfelt appreciation, the Frimpong family is grateful to the Almighty God for continued health, happiness, and all the goodness life can bring.

We also pray for days filled with peace, love, and the joy of togetherness and gratitude. May your lives overflow with all the goodness life has to offer. Here's to blessings today and



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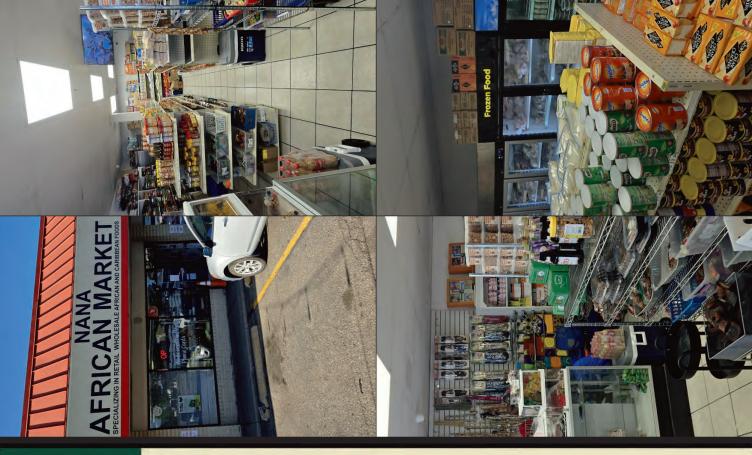
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#### NANA KWAME ABBIW (King of Cobaana)

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I extend my sincere thanks to the wonderful people of Cobaana for the privilege of serving as your King for the past five years. This role has been both an honor and a calling, one that has deepened my commitment to our culture, our progress, and our shared values.

As I reflect on this journey, I wish to share a simple, yet powerful message that has guided me throughout my service: Giving liberates the soul of the giver. I have come to learn that no one has ever become poor by giving. Instead, we are enriched spiritually and collectively when we uplift others.

Let us all uphold the vision of our motherland by continuing to contribute in kindness and in action. As with the Dialysis Center, we have already embarked on this journey, and we must continue with purpose and unity. Always remember this: Never doubt what a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can do to change the world.

Together, we can build a better life for all because everyone deserves the chance to live with dignity, purpose, and hope. Thank you and may the spirit of unity and love continue to guide us all.

With heartfelt gratitude and humility.





#### NANA ABENA SERWAA AMPAAFO BRAKATU

Queen Mother, COBAANA (Enstooled 2024 – Current)
Denver, Colorado, USA.

With a heart full of gratitude and humility, I extend my sincerest appreciation to the Bono & Ahafo Citizens Association of Denver (BACAD), my beloved family, and all well-wishers who have stood by me on this incredible journey.

It is a profound honor to have been enstooled as the COBAANA Queen Mother since 2024 in Newark, New Jersey. This privilege carries great responsibility, and I am deeply thankful for the trust and confidence bestowed upon me.

To BACAD, thank you for your unwavering support, encouragement, and unity that continue to uplift our shared vision for the betterment of our community. To my family, your love, sacrifices, and constant prayers have been my strength. And to all friends, supporters, and well-wishers near and far, your kind words, presence, and guidance have meant more than words can express.

As Queen Mother, I remain committed to serving with dignity, purpose, and a passion to preserve and promote our rich heritage of Cobaana. May we continue to work hand in hand to uplift our people, celebrate our culture, and inspire generations to come.

With thankfulness and appreciation,

#### **COBAANA YOUTH EXECUTIVES**



**HENRIETTA AGYEI**National Youth Coordinator



FELICIA KYEREMEH Assistant National Youth Coordinator



GIFTY ADU National Youth Secretary



**THEO FRIMPONG**National Youth Treasurer



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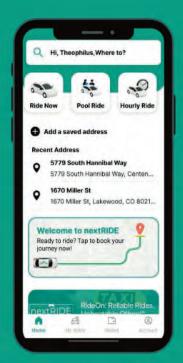




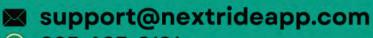
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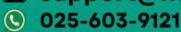


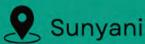




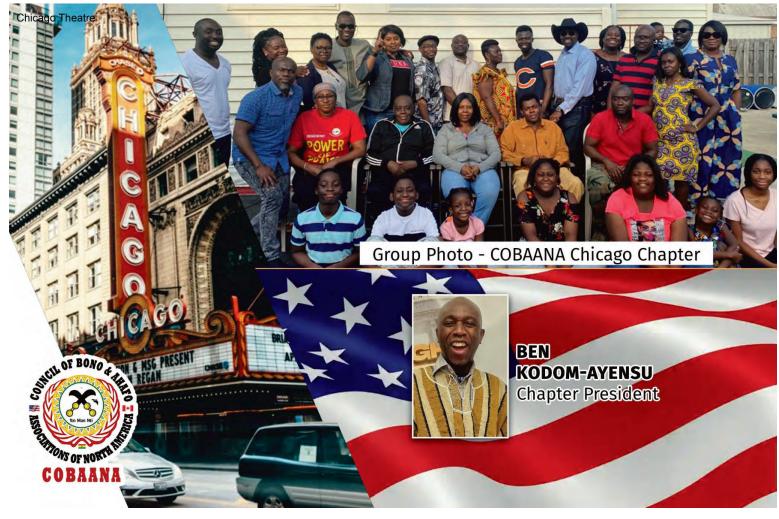
















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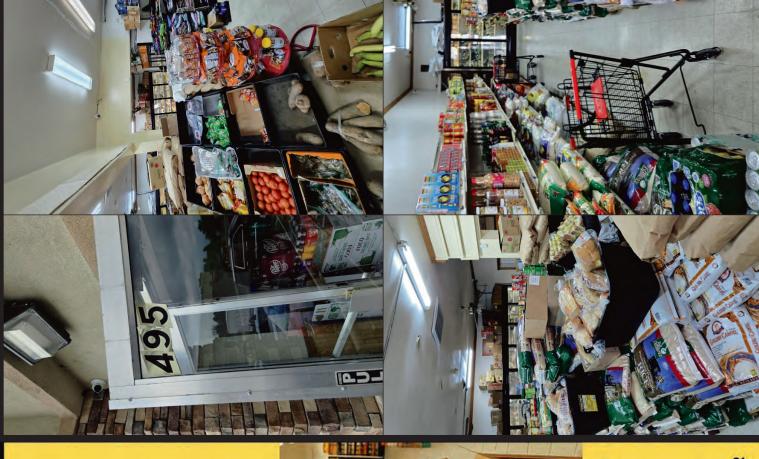
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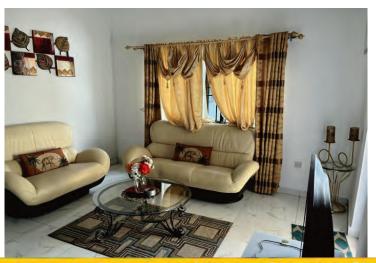


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The Council of **Bono and Ahafo Associations of North America (COBAANA)** — an umbrella organization of diaspora Ghanaians from the former Brong-Ahafo Region residing in the U.S. and Canada—is spearheading the development of a US \$2,500,000 **Dialysis Center in Sunyani**, Bono Region.

Announced in June 2023, this initiative marks a significant milestone toward enhancing healthcare access in the Bono, Bono East, and Ahafo regions.

Mission &
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COBAANA's mission is clear: to ensure easy and equitable access to essential Dialysis Services, reducing the physical, emotional, and financial hardship patients currently endure traveling to Kumasi or Accra for treatment. This endeavor is driven by diaspora members' commitment to bolstering healthcare delivery back home, truly reflecting the theme of our Annual Convention:

"THE HEALTH OF OUR PEOPLE IS OUR CONCERN".

### Why It Matters

- Bridging Healthcare Gaps: Dialysis is a lifesaving treatment for end-stage kidney disease.
   Establishing a local center will dramatically improve timely access to care in a region historically underserved.
- Relieving Financial & Emotional Burdens: Eliminating lengthy and costly travel to tertiary centers helps patients and families maintain stability and dignity in care.
- Strengthening Regional Health Infrastructure: The project exemplifies how diaspora-driven initiatives can supplement governmental efforts to enhance healthcare capacities.
- Unity and Collective Impact: COBAANA's sustained commitment across divisions of the old Brong-Ahafo Region highlights the enduring bonds of identity and purpose among its people.





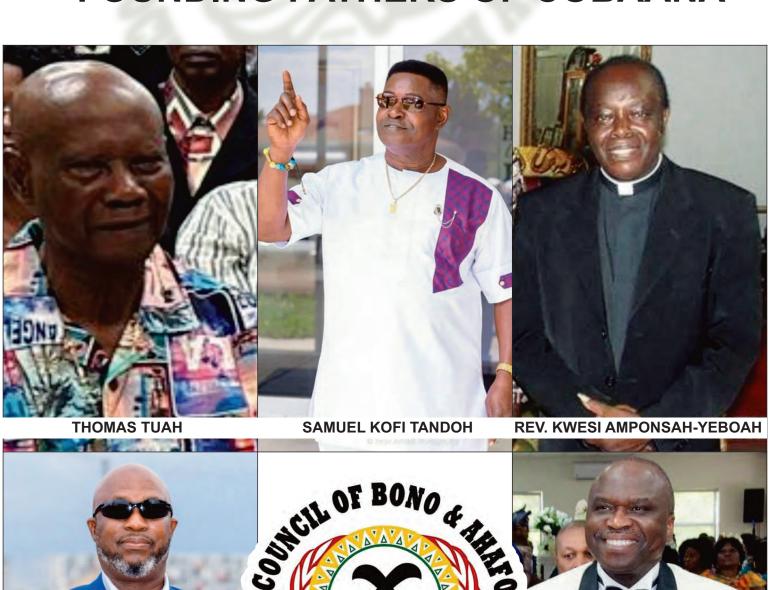


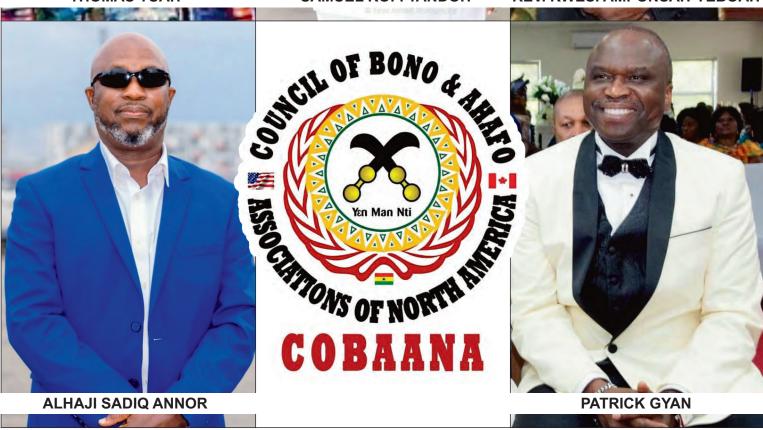






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