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ASSOCIATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA



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CHICAGO
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PROGRAMME LINE UP FOR THE DINNER AND FUND RAISER
COBAANA 2026 @ CHICAGO

1.	Red Carpet interviews and taking pictures
2.	Arrival & seating of COBAANA Members & Guests
3.	MC's Introduction & Opening Remarks
4.	Opening Prayer
5.	National Anthem (Ghana, Canada, & USA)
6.	Remarks by Chapter President
7.	Introduction of Chairperson & VIP Guests
8.	Chairperson's open Address
9.	Dinner & Music/Announcement
10.	COBAANA'S President's Address/Introduction Execs
11.	Music & Dance - introducing COBAANA Chapters
12.	Keynote Speaker's introduction & Address - MC
13.	Guest of Honor's Introduction & Address - MC
14.	Appeal for Funds - MC
15.	Musical Interlude (Kofi & Ama
16.	COBAANA Queen & King installation & Fundraising
17.	COBAANA Queen & King Dance
18.	Singles Special Music & Dance
19.	Presentation of Awards
20.	Special Performance
21.	Music & Dance - Party for all
22.	Vote of Thanks
23.	Closing Prayer
24.	Music & Dance until you drop

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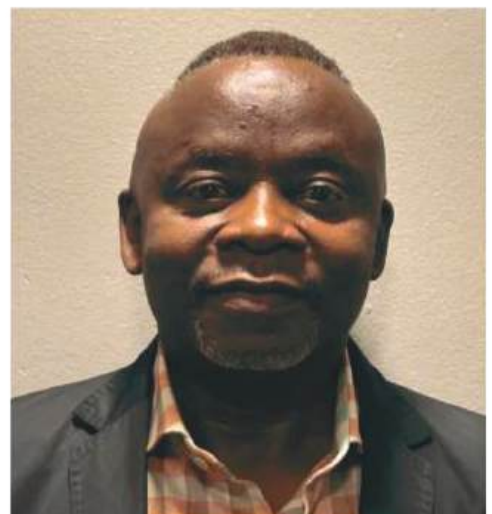
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**Dr. George V. Samson, Ph.D.
President & CEO,
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**\$5M Dollar Equipment Pledge
to the COBAANA
Dialysis and Medical Center**



Message from the Mayor of Chicago

Dear Friends:

AS MAYOR, and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I am honored to extend a warm welcome to leadership, members, and all distinguished guests gathered to celebrate the Council of Bono and Ahafo Associations of North America (COBAANA) for the 2026 Annual Convention, taking place September 4-6, 2026.

Chicago is proud to welcome members of the Bono, Bono East, and Ahafo communities from across the United States and Canada for this important occasion. This year's theme, "The Health of Our People Is Our Concern." Let's Arise and Build," provides a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the spirit of service, unity, and collective responsibility that strengthens communities both here in the city of Chicago and around the world.

I commend COBAANA for its commitment to improving the lives of others, particularly through its efforts to advance the construction of the COBAANA Dialysis and Medical Center in Sunyani, Bono Region, Ghana. Your dedication to expanding access to critical healthcare services demonstrates the tremendous impact that diaspora communities can have when they come together around a shared purpose.

Chicago is strengthened by its vibrant African immigrant communities, whose culture, entrepreneurship, leadership, and traditions contribute greatly to the fabric of our city. We are honored that COBAANA has chosen Chicago as the host city for this year's convention.

Please accept my sincere congratulations and best wishes for a successful, productive, and memorable 2026 COBAANA Convention. May this



gathering strengthen relationships, inspire continued service, and move your important healthcare initiative closer to completion.

Best wishes for continued success!

Sincerely,

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



AUGUSTINE BOAHEN
Cobaana Ombudsman



**BARIMAH TWUMASI
BEKOE II**
Council of Elders



**NANA GYAMFI ANKOMAH
GYAKABRIM**
Council of Elders



NANA KOFI TANDOH
Council of Elders



**REV. KWASI AMPONSAH-
YEBOAH**
Council of Elders



THOMAS TUAH
Council of Elders

PROFILE

*Odeefour Ogyeamansan Boahen Korkor II,
Paramount Chief of the Sunyani Traditional Area*

ODEEFOUR OGYEAMANSAN Boahen Korkor II was born on 12 October 1977 in Sunyani, Bono Region, Ghana. He began his basic education at Methodist Primary School and continued his secondary education at Presbyterian Secondary School, Bechem. He later pursued his undergraduate studies at Catholic University College, Fiapre, Sunyani, where he obtained his first degree.

Professionally, he served with the National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA) in Dormaa as the Head of the Management Information Systems (MIS) Unit.

He subsequently relocated to the United States of America, where he enlisted in the Maryland Correctional Services. Through dedication and exemplary service, he rose through the ranks to the position of Case Manager.

Until his ascension to the stool, he was known as Smith Yaw Agyare.

On 6 January 2025, he was enstooled as the Paramount Chief of the Sunyani Traditional Area, assuming the stool name Odeefour Ogyeamansan Boahen Korkor II. On 30 July 2026, he was officially gazetted by the National House of Chiefs as the Paramount Chief of the Sunyani Traditional Area. His gazettement formally affirmed his status as the legitimate Paramount Chief and made him the President of the Sunyani Traditional Council.

*Nana Akosua Dua Asor Sika
Brayie II Paramount Queen
Mother (Manhemaa) of the
Sunyani Traditional Council*



ODEEFOUR OGYEAMANSAN BOAHEN KORKOR II

Academically, Odeefour Ogyeamansan Boahen Korkor II holds a Master of Science (MSc) in Procurement and Supply Chain Management from Sunyani Technical University. He is also a Member of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT), reflecting his commitment to professional excellence and lifelong learning.

As Paramount Chief and President of the Sunyani Traditional Council, Odeefour Ogyeamansan Boahen Korkor II is committed to promoting peace, unity, cultural preservation, socio-economic development, education, investment, and sustainable growth within the Sunyani Traditional Area. His leadership continues to inspire progress and strengthen the traditional institution for the benefit of present and future generations.



A CALL TO ARISE AND BUILD:

Protecting the Lifeblood of Our People



A Message from the Chairman of the COBAANA 2026 Planning Committee

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Friends of the Bono, Bono East, and Ahafo Regions,

We gather in Chicago for COBAANA 2026 not only to celebrate our heritage, but on a mission of life and death. Our theme, "The Health of Our People is Our Concern — Let's Arise and Build," is a battle cry against a silent killer ravaging our homes: Chronic Kidney Disease. An estimated 13 percent of Ghanaian adults — nearly four million people, many in their most productive years — now live with this disease.

This is no accident. "Galamsey" has poisoned rivers like the Pra, Birim, and Offin with mercury and cyanide, thus entering our water and food chain. Traders also ripen fruits with dangerous chemicals like calcium carbide also add to the danger. Combined with rising hypertension and diabetes, our people are under siege.

And when kidney failure strikes, care is out of reach. A patient in Sunyani

must travel to Kumasi or Accra, if a machine is even available. At Tamale Teaching Hospital, a shortage of pediatric machines forced staff to treat children on equipment built for adults — a tragedy that cost young lives and stands as a warning to us all.

COBAANA is acting. We are raising funds to build a Dialysis and Medical Centre in Sunyani — equipped for adults and children alike, with screening to catch disease early and care close to home.

Every dollar you give is a brick in this foundation. Please give generously, and visit cobaanagh.org to donate or learn more.

Let us arise, and let us build.

God bless our regions, and God bless COBAANA.

Sincerely,

MR. KWASI SARPONG

CHAIRMAN, COBAANA 2026 PLANNING COMMITTEE



Kat Akwasi Sarpong
- Planning Committee Chairman



Nana Akosua Asantewaa
- Vice Chairperson



Mr. Roni Kumih
- Secretary



Mr. Effah Ameyaw
- Member



Mr. Yaw Mintah -
Member



Mr. Henry Yaw Quarshie
- Member



Nana Achiaa-Okai
- Member



Nana Akosua Twenewaa
- Member



Nana Kusi Bodom
- Member



Nana Yeboah Asuama
- Member

Welcome Address by President of the host Chapter Chicago, Mr. Kodom-Ayensu

Nananom, Mr. Chairman, invited guests,
COBAANA family and friends.

On behalf of the Chicago Chapter, I humbly welcome you to Chicago - the Windy City - for the 2026 COBAANA Annual Convention. It is an honor to host you, and we are grateful for your presence tonight.

First and foremost, I want to express our deepest appreciation to the Chicago Planning Committee, led by Mr. Akwasi Sarpong; the COBAANA Planning Committee (CPC); the COBAANA Executives; and every individual who contributed time, energy, and expertise to make this convention possible. Organizing an event of this magnitude requires commitment, collaboration, and sacrifice, and your efforts have brought us together in unity and purpose.

Tonight, we continue a journey we began three years ago, a journey rooted in compassion and responsibility. Our mission is to raise the remaining funds needed to complete the dialysis center in Sunnyside, a facility that will serve our three regions and ultimately support countless families across Ghana. This is not just a project; it is a lifeline. It is a promise we made to ourselves, and a legacy we intend to fulfill.

Your presence here tonight is a powerful statement. It shows that you believe in this cause, that you stand with us, and that you are ready to help turn this vision into reality. For that, we say thank you. Thank you for your generosity, your commitment, and your faith in what COBAANA can achieve when we work together.

As we begin tonight's program, let us remember that every contribution, every effort, and every act of support brings us one step closer to saving lives. Together, we are building hope and together, we will finish what we started.

Thank you, and may tonight be a celebration of unity, purpose, and progress.

Mr. Kodom-Ayensu



CHIEFS AND QUEENS OF THE CHICAGO CHAPTER



Nana Yaw Adu Gyamfi
- Chief



Nana Adjei Sikapa
- Kronti Hene



Nana Kusi Bodom
- Akwamu Hene



Nana Kwadwo Karikari
Akyempo - Gyase Hene



Nana Yeboah Asuama
- Adonten Hene



Nana Kwasi Atoade
- Okyeame



Nana Nkansa
- Abusua Panyin



Nana Kofi Asiedu - Abusua
Panyin Abadiakyire



Nana Abena Pokua
- Queen Mother



Nana Afua Adobea
- Kronti Hemaa



Nana Akosua Tema
- Akwamu Hemaa



Nana Adwoa Adjeiwaa
- Akyempem Hemaa



Nana Hemaa Abena
Kisiwaa - Gyase Hemaa



Nana Akosua Asantewaa
- Obaa Panyin



Nana Akosua Twenewaa
- Obaa Panyin



COBAANA COMMUNITY APPEAL

From the King of COBAANA

Dear Beloved Members,

Thank you — truly — for the love, unity, and unwavering dedication you continue to pour into COBAANA. You are the soul of this community. Your strength, your compassion, and your commitment are what keep us standing tall, no matter the challenges we face.

But today, we face a challenge that strikes at the heart of who we are.

Across our community — both here and back home — our brothers, sisters, parents, and friends are fighting for their lives. Many are battling severe health conditions without access to the care that could save them. Families are stretched beyond their limits. Lives are being lost simply because treatment is out of reach.

We cannot look away. We cannot wait for someone else to step in. We must act together.

This is why we are launching a mission rooted in compassion, urgency, and hope: the creation of a Community Dialysis Center.

This center will not just be a building. It will be a lifeline. A place where suffering is eased, where families find relief, and where lives are saved.

It will: Save lives that are hanging in the balance Lift the crushing burden from families who are struggling alone Provide access to treatment that every human being deserves

But this vision can only become reality if we stand together.

I am calling on you — with humility, hope, and faith in our shared humanity — to support this mission. Whether through donations, resources, or simply raising your voice, your contribution will ripple outward and touch lives in ways you may never fully see but will always be felt.

We have the power to build something extraordinary. We have the power to change the future for countless families. We have the power to create a legacy of health, hope, and compassion that will live long after us. Let us rise to this moment. Let us build something that reflects the very best of who we are.

With deep gratitude and respect, COBAANA Leadership

With gratitude and royal blessings,

Nana Kwame Abbiw

King of COBAANA



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— Proverbs 16:3

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A Message of Gratitude and Commitment from Nana Abena Serwaa Ampafo Brakatu, Queen Mother of the Council of Brong Ahafo Associations of North America (COBAANA)

My name is Nana Abena Serwaa Ampafo Brakatu, Queen Mother of the Council of Brong Ahafo Associations of North America—COBAANA. I am originally from Sunyani-Dumasua in the Bono Region of Ghana, a community whose rich culture, traditions, and values have shaped my life and commitment to service.

In September 2024, I was deeply honored to be enstooled as the COBAANA Queen Mother in Newark, New Jersey. This distinguished responsibility is more than a title; it is a call to serve our people, preserve our cultural heritage, promote unity, and contribute to the advancement of our communities across North America and beyond.

Since my enstoolment, I have been humbled by the tremendous love, encouragement, prayers, and support I have received. With a heart filled with gratitude, I extend my sincerest appreciation to the executives and the members of the Bono & Ahafo Citizens Association of Denver (BACAD), my beloved family, friends, traditional and community leaders, supporters, and well-wishers who have accompanied me on this remarkable journey. I am proud to belong to an association that demonstrates togetherness, service, and cultural pride. Your support has enabled me to embrace this responsibility with confidence, humility, and purpose.

As Queen Mother of COBAANA, I remain committed to serving with dignity, humility, integrity, compassion, and purpose. I will continue to promote the rich heritage of the Bono and Ahafo people, strengthen unity among our associations, support the empowerment of women and young people, and encourage opportunities that uplift our communities.

Our culture is our identity, and our unity is our strength. Together, we can preserve the legacy entrusted to us, celebrate our heritage, and inspire future generations to remain proud of who they are and where they come from.

May we continue to work hand in hand, speak with one voice, and build a stronger and more prosperous COBAANA community for generations to come.

With profound gratitude and heartfelt appreciation,
Nana Abena Serwaa Ampafo Brakatu
Queen Mother, COBAANA

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Mr Ahmed Hashum
Chairman- Toronto



Mr Opoku Appiah
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SATURDAY OCTOBER 10TH

Time: 6pm to 12am
Inauguration Dinner
At Marriott at Burr Ridge
Open Bar

SUNDAY MORNING OCTOBER 11TH

Thanksgiving Service
Venue: TBA

SUNDAY AFTERNOON OCTOBER 11TH

Inauguration BBQ
Central Park Bolingbrook
201 Recreation Dr
Bolingbrook IL 60440
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\$150
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Profile of Ghana's First Lady Her Excellency Mrs. Lordina Dramani Mahama

HER EXCELLENCY Mrs. Lordina Dramani Mahama is a distinguished Ghanaian renowned for her dedication to social welfare, community development, and the empowerment of women and children. Having served as the First Lady of the Republic of Ghana from August 2012 to January 2017 and currently holding the position, she brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to improving the lives of her fellow citizens. A native of Bodom and Jema-Am-poma in the Nkoranza District of the Bono East Region, she carries the values of her community into her national and international work.



WELCOME ADDRESS BY DR. DEGRAFT GYAN
KWAFO, CHAIRMAN OF THE OFCOUNCIL OF
BONO AND AHAFO ASSOCIATIONS OF NORTH
AMERICA (COBAANA) AT THE 17TH ANNUAL
CONVENTION HELD AT CHICAGO, ILLINIOS

It is with profound gratitude to Almighty God and a deep sense of honor and humility that I welcome you all to the beautiful city of Chicago for the 17th Annual Convention of the Council of Bono and Ahafo Associations of North America (COBAANA).

On behalf of the National Executive Committee and the entire COBAANA family, I extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to every one of you. Your presence here demonstrates your unwavering commitment to our association, our homeland, and the welfare of our people. We are especially honored by the presence of our distinguished dignitaries, traditional rulers, government representatives, religious leaders, healthcare professionals, sponsors, community leaders, and all our cherished guests. Your support and encouragement continue to inspire us to pursue greater heights of service.

This year's convention theme, "THE HEALTH OF OUR PEOPLE IS OUR CONCERN," is more than a slogan, it is a call to action. Good health is the foundation of every thriving society. Without healthy people, sustainable development becomes impossible. As an organization, we have resolved not merely to talk about the health challenges facing our people but to become part of the solution.

Today, I am pleased to report that by the grace of God and through the generosity of our members, partners, and donors, COBAANA has made significant progress during the past year.

Construction of the COBAANA Medical Center

The most significant milestone is that construction of the COBAANA Medical Center has finally begun. This marks the realization of a dream that many considered impossible when we first introduced this vision several years ago. Today, that dream is becoming a reality.

When completed, the dialysis center will save countless lives throughout the Bono, Bono East, and Ahafo Regions, while also serving neighboring communities that currently lack access to life-saving renal care. Patients who previously had to travel long distances for dialysis treatment will finally receive quality healthcare closer to home.

This facility will:

Provide affordable, life-saving dialysis treatment.

Reduce unnecessary deaths caused by delayed access to renal care.

Ease the financial burden on families.

Create employment opportunities for healthcare professionals.

Improve the overall healthcare delivery system in our regions.

Although construction has begun, there is still much work to be done before this vision becomes a fully operational healthcare facility. A building alone cannot save lives; it must be equipped with modern machines, essential medical equipment, and supported by qualified and well-trained healthcare professionals.

We are therefore deeply grateful to World Medical Relief for its tremendous generosity and commitment to this project. We extend our special appreciation to the organization for pledging to donate \$5 million worth of medical equipment upon completion of the construction. This generous commitment represents a significant step toward equipping the facility to provide quality care and other essential healthcare services to our people. We pray that God continues to bless World Medical Relief for partnering with COBAANA in this life-saving mission.

I therefore humbly appeal to every member of COBAANA,



every chapter, every family, every business, and every friend of our association to contribute generously toward this historic project. No donation is too small. Together, we can build a healthcare facility that will continue to bless generations long after we are gone.

Clean Water for Our Communities

ANOTHER REMARKABLE achievement has been the successful completion of a borehole project at Aboabo No. 3 in the Bono Region, bringing clean and safe drinking water to the community. In addition, another borehole project is currently under construction at Ahenekor in the Bono East Region. Access to clean and safe water is one of the most effective ways to improve public health, promote dignity, and enhance the overall quality of life. These boreholes represent far more than infrastructure; they represent hope, dignity, opportunity, and a healthier future for our people. They are a tangible demonstration of COBAANA's unwavering commitment to improving the living conditions of communities in Ghana.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Ahmed Hashum and Nana Afia Pomaa for generously financing the Aboabo No. 3 borehole project. We are equally grateful to Nana Abew and Nana Damoah Ofori II for their generous support toward financing the Ahenekor borehole project. It is truly humbling and inspiring to see members of COBAANA rising to the call and demonstrating that when we come together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our people. May God richly bless Mr. Ahmed Hashum, Nana Afia Pomaa, Nana Kwame Abbiw, Nana Damoah Ofori II, and everyone who continues to support COBAANA's community development initiatives. Together, we are not only building boreholes, we are building healthier communities, restoring hope, and creating a better future for our people.

Constitutional Review

I am equally pleased to announce that COBAANA

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WELCOME ADDRESS BY DR. DEGRAFT GYAN KWAFO, CHAIRMAN OF THE OFCOUNCIL OF BONO AND AHAFO ASSOCIATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA (COBAANA) AT THE 17TH ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD AT CHICAGO, ILLINIOS

has successfully completed a comprehensive review of its Constitution. Our revised Constitution reflects the collective wisdom and recommendations of our members. It strengthens our governance structure, improves transparency and accountability, clarifies operational procedures, and positions our organization for continued growth and sustainability.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Constitutional Review Committee, the Council of Elders, chapter leaders, and every member who contributed to this important process. Your dedication has produced a stronger foundation upon which future generations of COBAANA will build.

Healthcare Mission

One of our proudest achievements this year was partnering to sponsor a team of dedicated healthcare professionals, Ghana Healthcare Volunteers of Georgia, on a medical mission at Nkoransa in the Bono East Region, Ghana. Through this partnership, 131 surgeries were successfully performed free of charge for patients who otherwise could not have afforded life-changing medical treatment. Behind every one of those 131 surgeries is a powerful story, a mother relieved from years of pain, a father restored to health, a child given a brighter future, and families whose hope has been renewed. This accomplishment perfectly reflects our commitment to transforming lives through practical service and compassionate healthcare. To every physician, nurse, volunteer, donor, and partner who made this mission possible, we express our deepest appreciation. Your service has brought healing and hope to many.

The Power of Unity

My dear brothers and sisters, none of these achievements happened because of one individual. They were made possible because we stood together. COBAANA has always been strongest when we are united by our shared heritage, common purpose, and love for our people.

Let us continue to put aside personal differences, avoid unnecessary divisions, and focus on the greater mission before us. Our children, our communities, and future generations are depending on our ability to work together. When COBAANA is united, we become an unstoppable force for development.

Looking Forward

As we look to the coming year, we are filled with renewed hope, determination, and a strong sense of purpose. We will intensify our efforts to reach out to more philanthropists, corporations, organizations, and individuals who share our vision and are willing to support the COBAANA healthcare project. Together, we can provide the resources needed to bring this important project to completion and make a lasting difference in the lives of our people.

We will also continue expanding our clean water initiative, working to ensure that more of our brothers and sisters back home have access to safe and reliable drinking water.

This year, we were blessed to welcome two new chapters into COBAANA. In the coming year, we will continue working to encourage more states and communities across North



MR. SAMMY GYAMFI

America to join our organization, strengthen our network, and contribute to our shared mission.

Beyond North America, we also look forward to extending an invitation to our brothers and sisters in other countries to join forces with COBAANA. Our vision is bigger than any one chapter, state, or country. By working together and combining our resources, talents, and goodwill, we can accomplish far more than we could ever accomplish alone. The road ahead may be challenging, but we remain confident that with unity, commitment, and God on our side, there is no limit to what we can achieve. Together, let us continue to build, serve, and transform lives.

Conclusion

As we officially open this 16th Annual Convention, let us use this gathering to renew friendships, strengthen our bonds, exchange ideas, celebrate our culture, and recommit ourselves to serving our people. However, I leave you with one earnest appeal. Our dialysis center needs every one of us.

I ask each member, each chapter, every corporate sponsor, every friend of COBAANA, and everyone who believes in this vision to make a meaningful financial contribution toward the completion of this project. The greatest monuments are not built by a few wealthy individuals but by many generous hearts working together. Let history remember that when our people needed us most, we answered the call.

Together, we will complete this dialysis center. Together, we will improve healthcare. Together, we will transform lives.

LET US ARISE AND BUILD!

Profile Of

HON. JOSEPH ADDAE AKWABOA - BONO REGIONAL MINISTER



IN THE evolving landscape of Ghanaian governance, Hon. Joseph Addae Akwaboa stands out as a leader who seamlessly bridges the gap between rigorous legal scholarship and grassroots public service. Appointed as the Bono Regional Minister in February 2025 by President John Dramani Mahama, Akwaboa has quickly become a pivotal figure in the National Democratic Congress (NDC), driving a vision of development centered on transparency and community

Empowerment.

Hon. Akwaboa's journey to the regional ministry is paved with an impressive academic pedigree that blends financial acumen with legal expertise. His educational path began in accountancy, earning a Higher National Diploma from Sunyani Polytechnic followed by a BSc in Business Administration from the

University of Education, Winneba.

This background in numbers provided a solid foundation for his transition into the legal field. After obtaining his Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) and his professional certification from the Ghana School of Law in 2015, he didn't stop there. He went on to earn a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in 2022 and is currently pursuing a PhD in Law at KNUST. This commitment to continuous learning reflects a leader who values

Evidence-based policy and intellectual depth.

Before his ministerial appointment, Hon. Akwaboa established himself as a respected legal practitioner. Since 2019, he has served as an Associate at *Asempra Chambers* in Sunyani, where he tackled complex civil, criminal, and constitutional cases. His time in the courtroom honed the "legal rigor" that he

Now applies to regional administration.

As the Bono Regional Minister, his mandate is broad but focused. He is tasked with overseeing the implementation of national policies and coordinating local government efforts to ensure that the Bono Region remains a hub for investment and growth. His leadership style is characterized by a "people-first" approach, emphasizing the importance of infrastructure and the empowerment of women and youth.

Beyond his administrative duties, Hon. Akwaboa is a staunch believer in the power of faith-based organizations to drive social change. A notable example of this was his presence at the dedication of the Legacy Temple and Office Complex in Goaso in June 2025. During the ceremony, he highlighted how religious institutions serve as vital partners to the state in nurturing moral values and supporting the youth. His public commendation of leaders like Rev. Joshua

Kere underscores his belief that regional development is a collaborative effort between the government and the community.

Residing in Sunyani with his family, Hon. Akwaboa remains deeply connected to his roots in his hometown of *Wamfie*. His vision for the Bono Region is clear: a future defined by transparent governance, strengthened infrastructure, and a thriving local economy. By combining his legal expertise with a

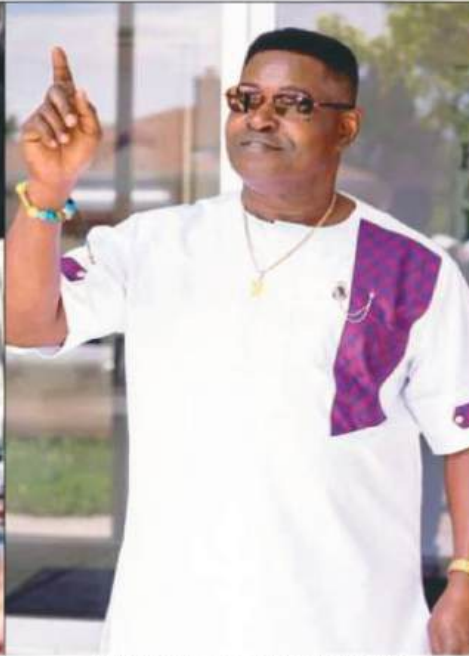
genuine passion for public service, Hon. Joseph Addae Akwaboa is not just managing a region—he is building a legacy of progress for the people of Bono.

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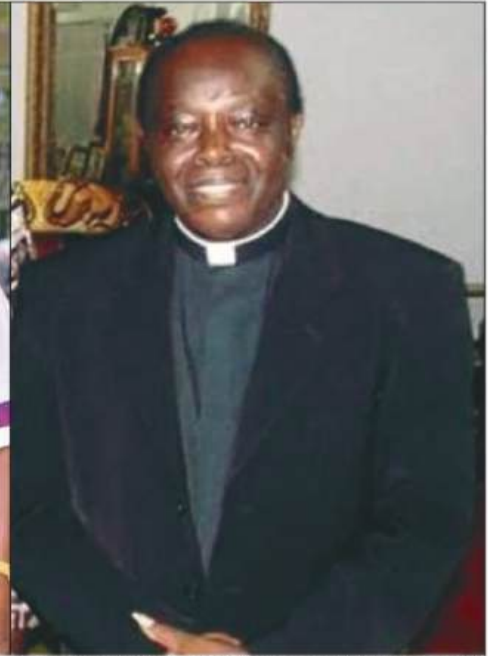
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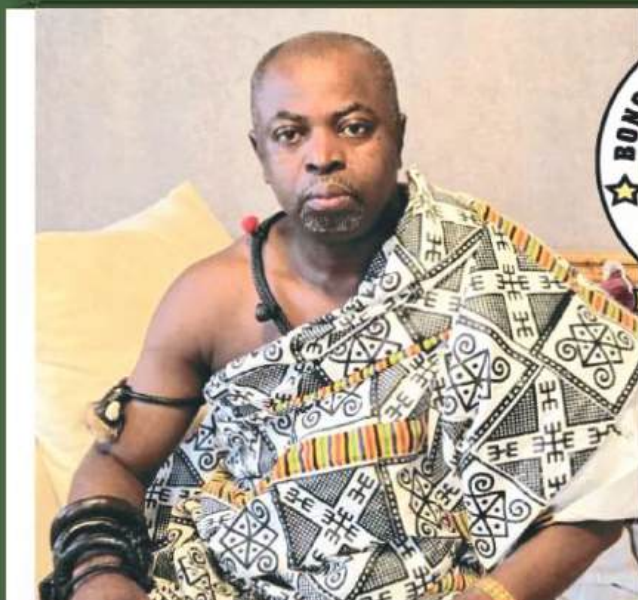


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The association is dedicated to fostering unity, preserving culture, enhancing education, and engaging the community. Throughout the year, it organizes educational, cultural, and social activities that strengthen relationships among members and benefit the broader community. Recent initiatives include a college-preparation seminar for youth and a recreational boat cruise on the Cincinnati River, both aimed at promoting learning, fellowship, and cul-

tural appreciation.

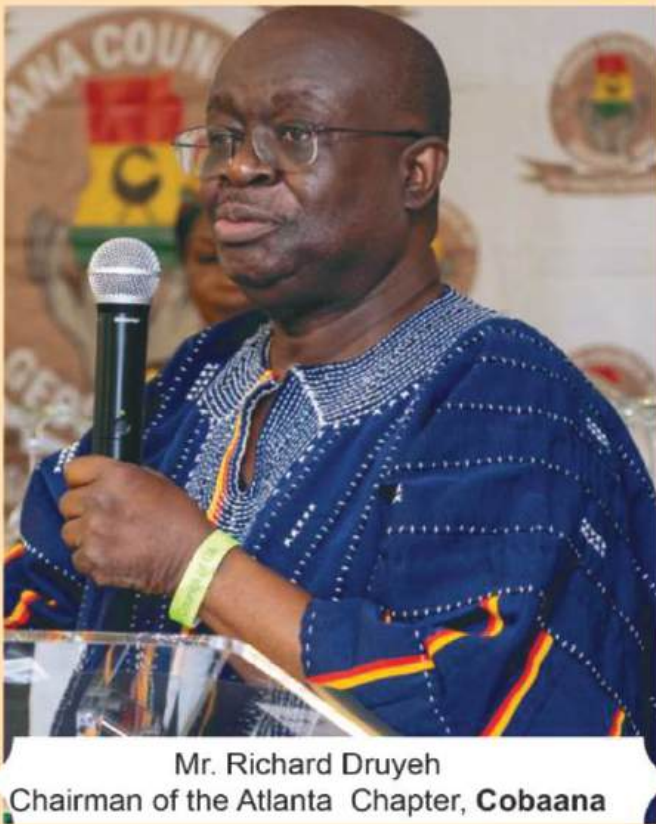
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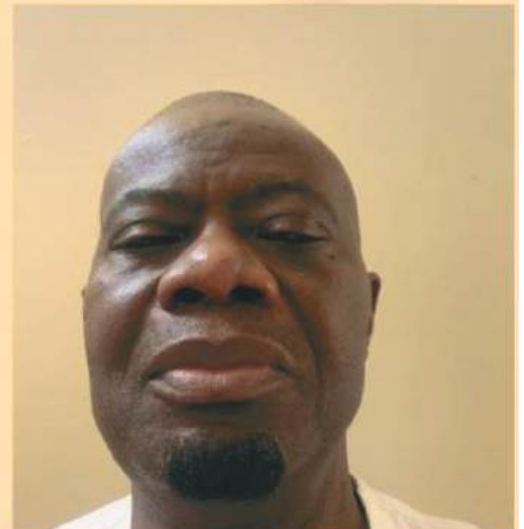


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Co-Chairman's Profile

Kodjo Obuamah Botchway - CEO of Doormaster

Kodjo Obuamah Botchway is a visionary entrepreneur, chartered marketer, and veteran business development consultant with over 15 years of proven excellence in driving market growth, sales leadership, and corporate strategy. Renowned for his ability to identify untapped market opportunities and transform them into high-performing enterprises, Kodjo has built a diverse portfolio of successful companies that address critical consumer needs in Ghana.

As a foundational leader, he is the Chief Executive Officer of several distinct ventures, including Doormaster, a premium retailer specializing in high-security doors and accessories, and Aya Herbal Hospital, a leading healthcare facility that pioneeringly integrates natural herbal medicine with modern medical science. Driven by a commitment to integrity and transparency, he also founded Botch Realty Ltd, a real estate firm specifically structured to help Ghanaians in the diaspora secure high-quality property safely and reliably.

Kodjo holds a BSc in Economics and Business Administration from the Catholic University and an MSc in Marketing from the University of Cape Coast. His strategic expertise is backed by a prestigious global credential as a Chartered Marketer with the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM, UK).

Beyond his corporate achievements, Kodjo is a passionate advocate for youth empowerment. He actively dedicates his leadership and resources to creating sustainable economic opportunities and mentorship pipelines for disadvantaged youth across Ghana, believing that true business success is measured by the community impact it leaves behind.

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History of the Brong Ahafo Associations of Washington Metropolitan Area

"THE WAY FORWARD looks dim and lifeless when one begins a journey to the unknown and **HOPE**, therefore, becomes our greatest asset." Hence the need to come together as one people and unite to serve and promote our young region far away from home. The information contained herein, though accurate may not be sufficient, yet it gives an idea of how it all started.

To the pioneers and anyone who has played a role in the development of this great Association, I say well done for the time and energy spent for doing what is expected of you. I say more grease to your elbows.

CONCEPT AND BIRTH

The **BRONG AHAFO ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AREA** was the brainchild of Nana Agyeman Gyau. The humble beginning of the Association started in 1974 at apartment 204, 714 Sligo Avenue in Silver Spring, Maryland – United States of America.

PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE

The purpose of the association was to try and identify all Brong Ahafo citizens in the United States and form an Association to (1) help us in time of need; (2) create a data bank for our citizens; (3) get to know each other and above all serve our region in particular in any capacity and Ghana as a whole.

The idea was to start within the Washington Metropolitan area and eventually spread throughout the rest of the U. S. and Canada.

PIONEERS

Nana Agyeman Gyau invited the following people to share the idea and it was accepted.

1. Mr. Gottfried Amoh
2. Mr. and Mrs. Twum Barimah
3. Atta Yaw
4. Mr. and Mrs. Aggrey

Since we were not that many, we decided to insure ourselves as a group for life and death. Due to the migration of some of the members the activities of the Association were reduced to its minimum.



Mr Kwabena Boakye Boateng.
Washington DC
Chapter President



Dr. Richard Damoah,
Vice President
Washington chapter

REVIVIFICATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

In 1982/3, some energetic patriots of Brong Ahafo approached Nana Agyeman Gyau to regenerate the Association that they had heard a lot about and they were willing to assist and participate.

These young men were: Messrs: Kwabena Abrefa Nketia, Mr. Kwadwo Osei Agyeman, and the Late Dr. Twum Barimah, Mr. Kwame. Boateng, Mr. Anane Agyei, Kwame Anane Asare and Mr. Amponsah. As a result of their enthusiasm to make a change and work as promised, the activities of the association were revitalized. Bylaws and a constitution were drawn up and an election was conducted. Nana Agyeman Gyau was elected as the Founder and first President. Inauguration of the Association was held at the newly constructed District of Columbia Convention Center in 1983. The keynote speaker was Dr. K. Owusu Ansah, QC from London. Dr. Owusu Ansah is a native of Wenchi.

The Association was very instrumental and played a pivotal role in organizing and establishing the Brong Ahafo Association of New York and COGA in the Washington metropolitan area.



Group Photo, Washington chapter



COBAANA WASHINGTON CHAPTER

A Brief History Bono and Ahafo Association of Connecticut BAACT



The Bono and Ahafo Association of Connecticut (BAACT) was established in 2007 by Mrs. Cecilia Nyamekye, Mr. Alex Baffour, and Mr. Yaw Bawauh to unite people from the former Brong-Ahafo Region (now the Bono, Bono East, and Ahafo Regions) residing in Connecticut. In its early years, members met in the homes of the founders, where the spirit of unity, fellowship, and service that defines the Association today was nurtured.

In 2016, BAACT was officially inaugurated as a chapter of the Council of Bono and Ahafo Associations of North America (COBAANA), marking an important milestone in its growth and development.

A defining moment in the chapter's history came in 2018, when Connecticut proudly hosted the COBAANA Annual Convention, widely regarded as one of the best conventions in COBAANA's history. During the convention, the chapter celebrated another historic achievement as Nana Dr. Felix Effa was crowned COBAANA King and Nana Akua Amankwah was crowned COBAANA Queen Mother, bringing great honor and recognition to the Connecticut Chapter.

Over the years, the Association has expanded its reach beyond Connecticut

to welcome members from Springfield, Massachusetts, as well as individuals from other regions of Ghana who share the Association's vision, mission, and commitment to unity, fellowship, and community service. Today, BAACT has a membership of 65 registered members, with approximately 40 active and committed members who continue to advance the Association's goals and activities.

The chapter remains one of COBAANA's most active organizations, promoting unity, preserving the rich Bono and Ahafo cultural heritage, supporting its members, and contributing to community development in both the United States and Ghana.

Current Executive Committee

- President: Nana Akua Doruwaa Owusuaa Aduomi
 - Vice President: Paul Amoako
 - Secretary: Nana Akua Amankwah
 - Financial Secretary: Frank Henneh-Ababio
 - Treasurer: Anna Dufie
 - Youth Organizer: Thelma Amankwa
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Paul Amoako, Vice President



Nana Akua Doruwaa Owusuaa Aduomi IV - President

Cincinnati Chapter



The President of the Cincinnati Chapter of COBAANA



The Vice President of the Cincinnati Chapter of COBAANA



Group picture of the Cincinnati Chapter of COBAANA

BONO & AHAFO ASSOCIATIONS OF NEW JERSEY (TRENTON)



Dr. Degraft Gyan Kwafo, President



Mrs. Georgette Koomson
Chapter Vice
President

THE TRENTON Chapter was established in 2014 with an initial membership of 35 individuals. Since its inception, the chapter has experienced steady growth and currently boasts an active membership of 79 members.

The chapter holds monthly general meetings to discuss matters concerning the welfare of members, promote unity, and plan activities. In addition to these scheduled meetings, emergency meetings are convened whenever necessary to address urgent issues affecting the association or its members.

Beyond its regular meetings, the Trenton Chapter is actively involved in promoting fellowship, community engagement, and charitable work. Each year, the chapter organizes several social and community activities, including:

- An Annual Picnic
- A Christmas Party
- Beach Outings
- Community Clean-Up

Exercises

The chapter is also committed to giving back to society, particularly by supporting vulnerable individuals in Ghana. Members regularly contribute toward humanitarian causes and provide assistance to those in need.

One notable example of the chapter's community impact occurred in 2025, when members identified a physically challenged woman in Berekum, Ghana, who needed support to become economically independent. The chapter raised funds to purchase a sewing machine and provided startup capital to enable her to establish her own tailoring business. This initiative reflects the chapter's commitment to empowering individuals and improving lives through practical support.

Chapter Leadership

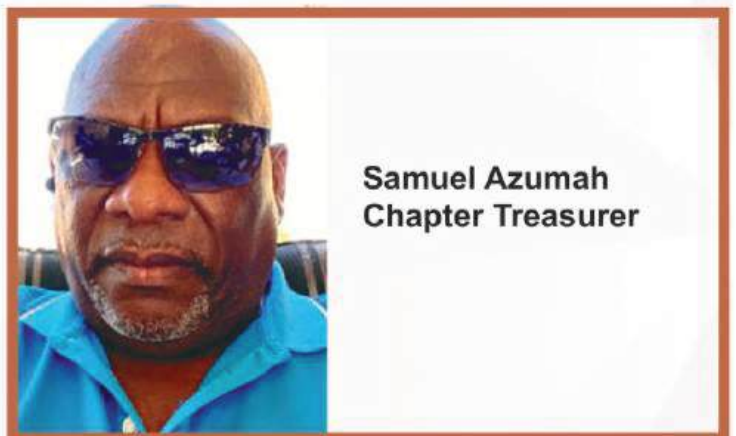
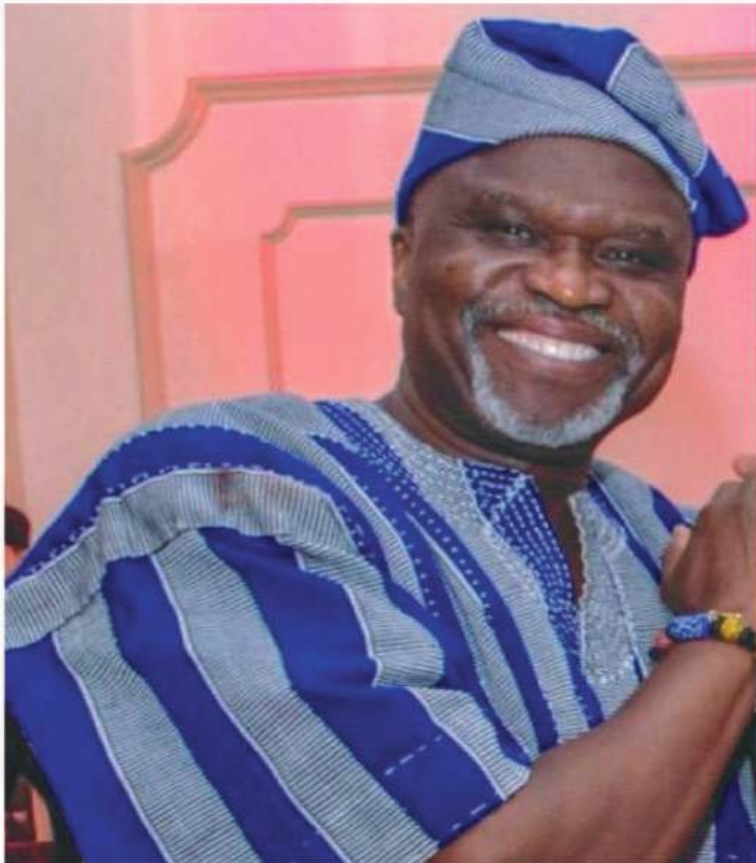
The following individuals currently serve as the leaders of the Trenton Chapter:

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Vice President	Mrs. Georgette Koomson
Secretary	Mr. Joe Mensah
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Profile of Osagyefo Oseadeeyo Dr. Agyemang Badu II Omanhene of Dormaa Traditional Area



OSAGYEFO OSEADEEYO Dr. Agyemang Badu II is a Ghanaian traditional ruler who is the Omanhene (or Paramount Chief) of the Dormaa traditional area (Dormaa-man) 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, an Appeal's 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.

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Odencho Dr. Akosua Fima Dwaben II.
Paramount Queen-mother
(Dormaa Ilemaa)
Dormaa Traditional Area

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Nana Yeboah Pene II, Queen Mother of Chiraa (Chiraahemaa) and Benkum Hemaa of the Dormaa Traditional Area



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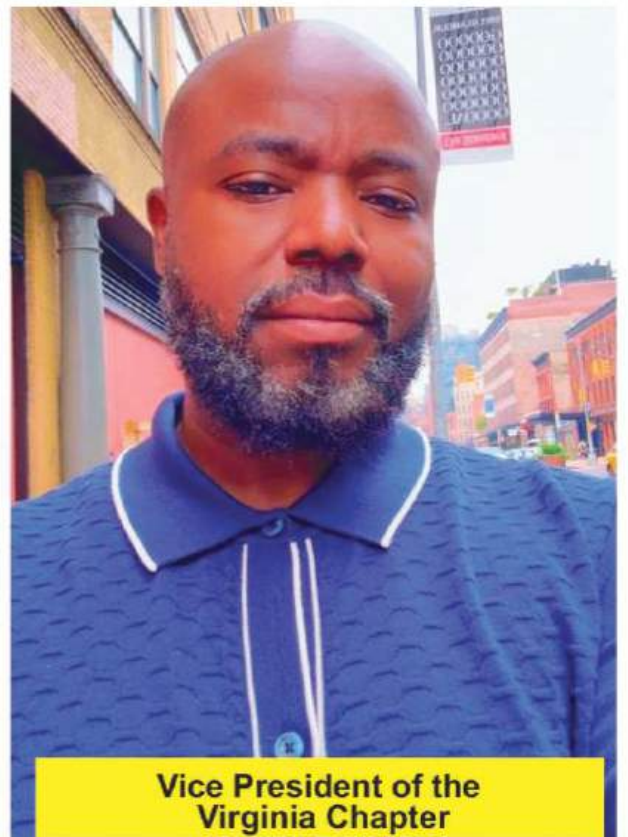
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— FOUNDER, JOYCE FOSUA



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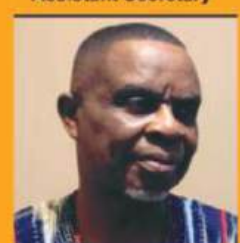
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