



Amos Rutherford Azinu (PhD)
President

Dr. Amos Rutherford Azinu, a distinguished agricultural luminary and visionary leader, currently serves as the President of the National Seed Trade Association of Ghana (NASTAG), a position he has held since May 2023. Dr. Azinu is a driving force behind the transformation of the Ghanaian seed sector, recognized for his remarkable contributions and unwavering commitment to agricultural development in the region.

As the founder of Legacy Crop Improvement Centre (LCIC), headquartered at the innovative Legacy Square in the Eastern Region of Ghana, Dr. Azinu has carved a legacy of excellence in seed business. His pioneering spirit is exemplified by Legacy Square, a Smart Seed Business Center equipped with state-of-the-art seed processing devices, marking it as the first of its kind in West Africa. Under his

leadership, Legacy Square has become a beacon of innovation and a catalyst for the modernization of the seed industry.

Dr. Azinu's dedication to the betterment of the Ghanaian seed sector extends beyond the boundaries of Legacy Square. He has been an integral part of NASTAG's executive board, serving as an executive board member from 2017 to 2021 and taking on the role of Chair for the Technical Standards Committee from 2017 to 2022.

Dr. Azinu has been a prominent figure in agricultural consultancy. He played a pivotal role as a lead consultant in developing a five-year Strategic Plan (2023-2027) for NASTAG, setting the course for the organization's future endeavors. Dr. Azinu is also a valued member of the Sectoral Board of the West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI) at the University of Ghana, further solidifying his reputation as a respected authority in the field.

Dr. Azinu's expertise extends internationally, as he served as a consultant for the International Fertilizer Development Centre (IFDC) on a Seed Project from 2018 to 2019. His contributions to global agriculture include participation in a nationwide study on Early Generation Seed (EGS) in Ghana, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation through USAID in 2016.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, a Master of Philosophy in Genetics and Plant Breeding, and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Crop Science, all earned at the University of Ghana, Legon. To further enrich his knowledge, Dr. Azinu pursued an International Certificate in Seed Business Management from the University of Nairobi, Kenya.

Dr. Amos Rutherford Azinu stands as an inspiring figure in Ghana's agricultural landscape, leading initiatives that drive innovation, sustainability, and growth within the seed sector. His unwavering commitment to advancing agricultural practices and ensuring food security has solidified his position as a key influencer in the nation's journey towards a prosperous agricultural future.



Elorm Goh
Vice President

Elorm Goh for over 17 years has worked in agriculture value chain management, fostering food security systems through implementation of innovative projects that improves yield, productivity, and effective connectivity to markets for smallholder farmers especially women and youth. Strategizing with the smallholder farmer in perspective while redefining agriculture through collaborations with government, private sector, developmental partners, and industries.

Elorm Goh has led the team at Agrisolve for over 8 years providing solutions identified through formative and human centered research, range of critical products and services rural smallholders need to drive their ventures growth and resilience. This has shaped its service and product offering from a 'profit orientation' to an impact-oriented products and services that positions to be financial and socially

sustainable. Our alternative financial products and services; bundled input credit (fertilizer + improved seed + extension + mechanization) to smallholder farmers and present competitive market through coordinated community level

structures.

Agrisolve achieves its objectives by engaging about 30,000 farmers yearly in its schemes. Its competitive market platform has generated about USD\$30 million into an estimated 100,000 households' members in northern Ghana, improved access to necessities and built resilient families. The Greenconnect; a farmer last mile point is in 25 key communities, serving 400 catchment areas in five (5) regions, enabling farmers have access to inputs and markets notwithstanding locations.

About 100,000mt of maize and soyabeans have been realized from its market access drive which serves off-takers in the food and feed industries and also, growth engine for many communities.

She is the current Vice President National Seed Trade Association of Ghana (NASTAG). The National Seed Trade Association of Ghana is a body, promoting the growth of the seed industry through the improvement of members' businesses and the use of quality seed for improved livelihoods in Ghana.

Elorm Goh has a bachelor's degree from the University of Ghana BA. Study of Religion and Sociology, a Fellow of Women Entrepreneurship and Leadership for Africa from the China Europe International Business School and Masters in agribusiness on-going at Rome Business School.

Her works have been recognized and awarded by; United Nations' prestigious Sukuma Young Afrika Entrepreneurs Award, The TNJ Forty under 40 awards, cover page of USAID Editorial during Former President Obama's visit to Ghana, CEIBS Organizational Impact Award and Africa Women in Entrepreneurship Forum/CTA Agriculture Entrepreneur Awards, Ghana Agriculture and Agro Processing awards.



Abukari Abdulai
Northern Sector Representative

Mr. Abukari Abdulai is a seasoned agribusiness leader with a remarkable career spanning over fifteen (15) years in Seed Production and Management. His journey is a testament to his unwavering passion, exceptional skills, and unwavering dedication to the agricultural sector, particularly in the northern regions of Ghana.

His career commenced at Heritage Seeds Company Limited, where he began as a Field Officer. His unwavering commitment to the agricultural cause soon saw him ascend the ranks, culminating in his appointment as the Acting Managing Director. This impressive trajectory reflects his innate talent for leadership and his deep-rooted connection to the field.

He possesses practical knowledge in various facets of seed production, encompassing diverse farming methods and rigorous quality control measures. His journey through roles such as Production Officer and Assistant Managing Director has equipped him with a comprehensive understanding of the operational and managerial intricacies of the seed production industry.

Currently, Mr. Abdulai serves as the Northern Sector Representative on the Executive Council of the National Seed Trade Association of Ghana (NASTAG). His role in this capacity underscores his commitment to advocating for the interests of the northern regions within the broader context of Ghana's seed industry.

With an HND in Accounting, Mr. Abdulai pursued specialized training in seed production and general agriculture, aligning his educational journey with his fervent passion for agribusiness. His pursuit of knowledge took him to renowned institutions such as the University of Nairobi, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Savanna Agricultural Research Institute, and the University for Development Studies. Through rigorous coursework and hands-on experience, he honed his skills and deepened his understanding of the agricultural domain.

Mr. Abdulai's leadership and extensive experience have been instrumental in successfully managing four (4) USAID projects in collaboration with AGRA. His capacity for strategic thinking and adept problem-solving skills not only facilitated the management of cross-functional teams but also catalyzed the significant increase in agricultural output. These initiatives have not only promoted sustainable agricultural practices but have also significantly improved the livelihoods of farmers across the region.

Mr. Abdulai's unwavering commitment to advancing environmentally friendly farming practices, elevating seed quality, and fostering partnerships underscores his vision for the expansion of the local agriculture sector.

Mr. Abukari Abdulai's journey stands as a testament to the transformative potential of dedicated leaders in the agricultural sector. His holistic expertise, leadership acumen, and unwavering commitment to sustainable agriculture are poised to leave an indelible mark on the agricultural landscape of Northern Ghana and the broader seed industry in the nation.



Yaw Gyau Akyereko (PhD)
Middle Sector Representative

Dr. Yaw Gyau Akyereko is a distinguished member of the Executive Council of the National Seed Trade Association of Ghana (NASTAG). In his role, he represents the Middle Sector and contributes to the organization's leadership with his extensive expertise and leadership skills.

Professionally, Dr. Akyereko holds the position of Deputy Chief Executive Officer at PAG Farms, a registered company specializing in the production of certified seeds and various planting materials. His work ensures the availability of high-quality planting materials, including maize, cowpea, groundnut, and cassava, to meet the agricultural needs of Ghana.

Dr. Akyereko is a lecturer at the Koforidua Technical University, imparting knowledge and practical experience in the Department of Food and Postharvest Technology. With over seven years of experience in teaching, consultancy, and research, he is committed to nurturing the next

generation of agricultural professionals.

Dr. Akyereko's educational journey is marked by excellence, holding a Bachelor of Science (BSc), Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.), and PhD. degrees in Food Science and Technology from the esteemed Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST).

His expertise spans various domains, including Crop Production, Postharvest Management, Food Safety, Food Processing Technology, Research Methods, Sensory Evaluation, Food Microbiology, and more. He actively contributes to academia with publications, including 2 book chapters, 8 peer-reviewed articles, and numerous conference proceedings.

Beyond academia, Dr. Akyereko's consulting services have been instrumental in projects aimed at adding value to agricultural products, such as cashews, maize, tomatoes, cocoa, and chicken, in collaboration with ENI/KNUST and GIZ/Com Cashew. His research primarily focuses on social interventions in food safety, product development, nutritional studies, and agricultural value addition, with the goal of promoting job creation and enhancing food and nutrition security through underutilized crops.

Dr. Yaw Gyau Akyereko's dedication, collaboration, and profound knowledge, both in academia and industry, position him as a key influencer in Ghana's agricultural landscape. His multifaceted contributions, whether within NASTAG or in academic research and consultancy, exemplify his unwavering commitment to advancing sustainable agriculture and agricultural excellence in Ghana.

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Oxford Agboli
Southern Sector Representative

Oxford Korsi Agboli, a seasoned Chartered Accountant and dedicated farmer, occupies the role of Southern Sector Representative within the National Seed Trade Association of Ghana (NASTAG). With a versatile background in finance, agriculture, and governance, Mr. Agboli is a multifaceted professional who contributes significantly to both the agricultural and financial landscapes of Ghana.

At M&B Seeds and Agricultural Services Ghana Ltd., Mr. Agboli serves as the Finance Manager. His role combines his financial acumen with his deep-rooted connection to agriculture. As a Professional Accountant, his competencies span diverse areas, including accounting and budgeting, internal control, risk management, financial reporting and management, taxation, and value-for-money reviews. Mr. Agboli's

adept financial skills enable the smooth operation of the firm.

Mr. Agboli's impact extends beyond financial management. He plays a pivotal role in crafting budgets and strategic plans, guiding the day-to-day operations of the company. Moreover, his ability to create compelling proposals for grants and contracts from entities such as AGRA, IITA, PFJ, and various business institutions underscores his strategic thinking and resourcefulness.

Within NASTAG, Mr. Agboli is recognized for his commitment and active engagement. He has been a devoted participant in NASTAG meetings and workshops, contributing his insights and expertise to the association's objectives. His current role as the Southern Sector Representative demonstrates his dedication to advocating for the interests of the southern regions within NASTAG.

As a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Ghana (ICAG), Mr. Agboli's involvement extends to governance roles. In 2019, he was elected as the Treasurer for the ICAG's 2019-year group, showcasing his leadership within the accounting community. His service on the audit committees of the South Tongu Municipal Assembly in Sogakope and the Regional Health Directorate in Worawora, Oti Region, underscores his commitment to financial oversight and accountability.

Mr. Agboli's dedication to national development extends to his role as a member of the Internal Audit Agency, where he was nominated to serve. He also contributes as an accountant and member of the Akatsi South Municipal Assembly's Audit Committee for the Ghana Railway Development Authority, further solidifying his commitment to governance and public service.

His educational journey reflects his pursuit of excellence, holding a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting from the University of Cape Coast, a Master of Commerce in Finance from the IIC University of Technology in Cambodia, and a Master of Science in Economics from the University of Cape Coast. Additionally, he holds an International Certificate in Seed Business Management from the University of Nairobi, Kenya.

Oxford Korsi Agboli's multifaceted career, blending finance, agriculture, and governance, positions him as an influential figure in Ghana's agricultural and financial sectors. His dedication to NASTAG and his active involvement in professional associations demonstrate his commitment to advancing the interests of both sectors and fostering sustainable growth within the nation.