

PROFILES OF NASTAG EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS



*Kwabena Adu- Gyamfi
President*

Kwabena Adu-Gyamfi is the current **President** of NASTAG. As a founding Member of the Association, Mr. Adu-Gyamfi played an active role as a member of the interim management committee leading to NASTAG's incorporation and launch. He is the Co-Founder and Managing Director of Agri Commercial Services Ltd (established in 2006) focused on Certified Seed Production, Producing Chilli Pepper, Onions, Cabbage and Tomato including Tomato Processing. With funding support from the USAID-Agricultural Policy Support Project and AGRA, he has an enhanced knowledge in Seed Enterprises Management and Seed Quality Assurance respectively.

He is a Chartered Accountant and holds an MBA with focus on Business Strategy Development. Prior to his entry into the vegetable industry, he worked in Audit and Management Consultancy for 2 years and spent another 15 years in Financial Management and

Corporate Planning in the airline industry.

His passion in the agricultural industry has driven him to join others to form a post-graduate apprenticeship programme for young graduates of tertiary agricultural institutions. The objective is to give those with passion and interest in taking careers in the sector practical on-farm training in crop agronomy and farm management. This will help facilitate their employment and entrepreneurial drive.

Seidu Abdulai Mubarak is the Deputy Managing Director of Antika Company Limited, an agribusiness firm based in Wa in the Upper West Region of Ghana and the current **Vice-President** of the National Seed Trade Association of Ghana. The company is one of the largest local seed companies in Ghana and serves all the 16 regions in the country with various seeds including maize, rice, soybean, groundnut and cowpea.

He holds a B.A degree in Economics with Mathematics from the University of Ghana, Legon and a post-graduate diploma in Seed Science Technology from the Iowa State University, USA. Mr. Mubarak has attended several national and international training courses include business management, production as well as marketing from the University of Nairobi, Kenya. He has over 15 years' experience in the seed industry in Ghana.



*Seidu Mubarak
Vice President*

Mr. Mubarak was appointed by the President of the Republic of Ghana to serve on the National Seed Council (NSC) as the private sector representative making him the youngest board member ever.



*Andrew Nii Adjetey
Treasurer*

Andrew Nii Adjetey was appointed **Treasurer** of the National Seed Trade Association of Ghana in May 2021. He is the CEO of Qualiseed Co. Limited, a seed company which deals in the importation and distribution of mainly certified seeds in Ghana. He is also the Co – Founder of Softbound, an IT company providing bespoke solution in software development and SMS aggregation. He served as Sales and Marketing Manager for Agricultural Manufacturing Group from January 2017 – 2018. Presently, Mr. Adjetey is the Business Development Executive for Naasons Agro Company Limited, a company supplying agricultural inputs and input credit for smallholder farmers. He is currently married with three beautiful children.

James McKeown Frimpong is an Executive member of NASTAG, representing the **Southern Sector** of Ghana. Prior to his current position he served as the Treasurer for two terms consecutively - 2016 to 2020. Mr. Frimpong is the founder and CEO for Jafel Agrofarma Ventures registered as a Member of the Association and located at Amasaman in the Ga West Municipal Assembly in Greater Accra Region. He has served as the President of the Seed Producers Association of Ghana (SEEDPAG), Eastern - Greater Accra Region for 12 years and a member of the Ghana Agro Inputs Dealers' Association (GAIDA); currently holding the position of Treasurer for Greater Accra Chapter. Mr. Frimpong is a devoted Pentecostal, and a church leader.



*James Mckeown Frimpong
Southern Sector Representative*



*Francis Kwadjo Asempah
Middle Sector Representative*

Francis Kwadjo Asempah is an Executive member of NASTAG representing the **Middle Sector** of Ghana. He is the CEO of K. Asempah Enterprise, a registered Seed Company located in Toase, and Biemso No. 1 in the Ashanti Region of Ghana focused on hybrid foundation and certified seed production of Rice and Maize through a well-organized and coordinated out grower scheme.

He is an agriculturist by profession and an agricultural value chain specialist (seed value chain). He is passionate about the development of the seed value chain in Ghana and the sub region. Mr. Asempah is an advocate for the prevention of faking and adulteration of seeds and very much concerned with the involvement and development of capacities of women in the seed value chain



*David Konlan
Northern Sector Representative*

David N. Konlan is the **Northern Sector** Representative of NASTAG. He is the General Manager of IWAD Ghana Limited, a Ghanaian registered company engaged in seed production with state-of-the-art equipment and technologies. The company is a subsidiary of African Tiger Holdings Limited (ATHL). The farm is located in Yagaba in the North East Region of Ghana.

With over 15 years of development work, Mr. Konlan joined IWAD in 2019, spearheading its seed development and marketing agenda towards attaining the company's mission of becoming a center of excellence for seed production to serve the local market and beyond.

Mr. Konlan has enormous work experience especially relating to farmer-based organization formation and development, agriculture commodity value chains development, markets access, farmer linkage to other actors, contracting and dispute resolution on the

value chain among others.

Mr. Konlan holds an Msc. in Strategic Planning and Management and BA Hon. in Development Studies. Mr. Konlan also has a post graduate Dip in Seed Technology and Marketing from Iowa State University –USA.

He is passionate about indigenous development through effective planning and management of development interventions that leverage on local resources to sustainably address human needs. Mr. Konlan envisions the emerging Ghanaian seed industry as fundamental to transforming the agriculture sector for sustainable economic growth and development in Ghana.

Augusta Nyamadi Clotney is the current **Chief Executive Officer** of the Secretariat and the **Secretary** to the Executive Council of the National Seed Trade Association of Ghana (NASTAG)

She holds a Commonwealth Executive MBA from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology and a BSc in Agriculture from the University for Development Studies with Agricultural Economics and Extension. Mrs. Clotney's areas of specialization include Programme / Project Development and Management, Administration and Capacity building in Business Administration.

She has worked with the Catholic Relief Services, the UN World Food Programme (WFP), UN Development Programme (UNDP), AGRA Funded Ghana Agro Dealers Development Project, Africa Health Economics and Policy Association (AFHEA), the Ghana Grains Council.

Over 23 years, she has built capacities of project beneficiaries of some UN Organizations, USAID and AGRA funded Programmes on Logistics and Supply Chain Management; Data Collection, Management and Analysis; Community Entry, Mobilization and Animation Skills resulting in the successful implementation of agricultural and, disaster management and recovery projects across Ghana. She brings on board a broad knowledge of agribusiness which spans through the Micro, Meso, and Macro levels.



*Augusta Nyamadi- Clotney
CEO and Secretary to the EC*