

CURRICULUM VITAE

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BRIEF PROFILE

LINDA OFORI-KWAFO is the Executive Director of the Ghana Integrity Initiative (GII). GII is the national chapter of Transparency International (TI), the global civil society organization leading the fight against corruption with presence in over 100 countries and with its International Secretariat in Berlin, Germany. Linda Ofori-Kwafo is the first African Woman to be elected to the Board of Transparency International. She is also the first Board Chairperson of the Office of Special Prosecutor representing civil society.

In her role as the Executive Director of the anti-graft body GII, she, among other activities, coordinated governance and anti-corruption civil society organisations, legal experts, private sector, political parties and the media through round table discussions to provide invaluable input (*submission and presentation of a 21 page memo to the Committee on Legal, Constitutional and Parliamentary Affairs*) into the Office of Special Prosecutor Bill. She also facilitated the process of acquiring financial support for experts to provide technical assistance (*clause by clause review of the OSP Bill*) to ‘the committee’ supra which was later passed by Parliament in 2017 and assented to by the H.E the President of the Republic of Ghana on 2nd January 2018.

Prior to her appointment as the Executive Director of GII, Linda Ofori-Kwafo was the Executive Secretary of the Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition (GACC), a cross-sectoral grouping of public, private and civil society organizations including the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ), Economic and Organised Crime Office (EOCO) Ghana Audit Service (GAS). Before joining the GACC, Linda Ofori-Kwafo was the Programmes Manager and the Deputy Executive Director of GII. She also worked with the Forum for Africa Women Educationalist (FAWE), a women and girl-child NGO, Supra Telecoms and Ghana Life Insurance Company in the past.

Linda Ofori-Kwafo has over nineteen (19) years working experience with focus on Governance, Anticorruption, Advocacy for Legal Reforms, Public Sector Corruption Research, Monitoring and Evaluation, Project Management, Women and Girls Empowerment.

Linda Ofori-Kwafo holds a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) Degree from the University of Ghana Business School; a Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB) from the GIMPA School of Law; a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science (*First Class Honours*) from University of Ghana; a Diploma in Human Rights based approach to Development Programming from the DANISH Institute of Human Rights. She is also a recipient of several certificates in relevant fields of her career awarded by reputable institutions in Ghana and abroad. Currently at the final lap of the professional law/bar training at the Ghana School of Law.

Linda Ofori-Kwafo is a confident and passionate Anti-Corruption Expert and Campaigner; a self-motivated individual; an excellent team player and demonstrates strong research interest in public sector corruption, politics, law, corporate governance, and human rights. She has practical experience facilitating multi-stakeholder groups, conferences, and workshops in Ghana and on international platforms.

EXPERIENCE RECORDS

Linda Ofori-Kwafo has worked in different capacities in the development field as a Programmes Officer; Programmes Manager Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist; Resource Person; Course Facilitator/Consultant, and Governance Programmes/Project Evaluator. She has Private Sector experience in the Telecommunication and Insurance sectors. In addition, she has vast experience and has served/serves on Boards and several Committees including, but not limited to the following:

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1. First African Woman to be elected to the Board of Transparency International (TI), the Global Anti-Corruption Movement with presence in over 100 countries with its International Secretariat in Berlin, Germany (2019-2022)
 2. Transparency International Boards' Anti-Corruption Awards Committee - Chair (2019-2022)
 3. Co-Chair (Civil society) of Ghana OGP
 4. Member, Ghana Football Association Ethics Committee
 5. A member of the Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (MONICOM) of NACAP
 6. Past Member of a Criminal Review Committee established by Ghana's Former Attorney General (Marrietta Brew Appiah Esq.) tasked to consider the proposals of the Constitutional Review Commission as accepted by the Government White Paper in respect of the following: *Amendment to the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29)*; *Amendment to the Evidence Act, 1975 (N.R.C.D 323)*; *Amendment to the Criminal and Other Offences (Procedure) Act, 1960 (Act 30)*

7. Past Member of the High Level implementation Committee (HLIC) of the National Anticorruption Action Plan (NACAP) inaugurated in November 2014 by H.E the President of the Republic of Ghana.
8. Past - An Expert/Steering Committee Member that reviewed Ghana's Implementation of United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and the development of Ghana's Self-assessment Report – submitted to UNODC. Related to this, she was a member of the Sub-Committee that used the UNODC Software to generate Ghana's Self-Assessment report on the Implementation of UNCAC in 2013
9. Past- Member - Ghana Advisory Group on a CIVICUS project “Assessing the state and health of civil society using the Civil Society Index-Rapid Assessment (CSI-RA)” [The overall project objective was to generate knowledge and develop actionable recommendations that can promote civil society's role and capacity to foster democracy and citizen's participation in the country] – 2013
10. Past - Member of Ghana's Sustainable Public Procurement Task Force (*Funded by SEDCO*) coordinated by Public Procurement Authority
11. A Task Force Member of Transparency International's Working Group working for the development of a new project titled “No Impunity” (January 2013 to May 2014) for corruption
12. A Member of the Ghana Contract Monitoring Team (a World Bank Funded Project) coordinated by the GACC
13. A member of the UNCAC Civil Society Coalition – A global network of over 350 Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) in over 100 countries headquartered in TI, Berlin-Germany advocating for the effective implementation of the Convention.
14. An Observer/Member of the Transparency International Delegation to the United Nations Conference of State Parties (COSP) on UNCAC in Doha, Qatar, Vienna etc
15. A Former Rule of Law Course Facilitator at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) on the topic: ***“Corruption, Governance and Administrative Review in Post Conflict States.***
16. A Board Member of Friends of Mental Health (NGO)

Project Management and Monitoring and Evaluation of Governance Projects

From 2004 – 2014, Linda Ofori-Kwafo was responsible for the management, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of some key nation-wide, regional and international governance advocacy and public education/capacity building projects and provided guidance and direction to Project Coordinators. Notable examples of projects/activities include being a Supervisor, Programmes Manager, Project Coordinator, Facilitator and other times as a Monitoring and Evaluation Manager as outlined below:

- I. Chief of Party of a 5-year USAID funded Anti-corruption Project titled Accountable Democratic Institutions and Systems Strengthening
- II. Supervised Civil Society Action Campaign that contributed to the passage of the Right to Information Law in Ghana
- III. Coordinated a USAID funded project titled Increasing Transparency and Accountability in Ghana Project which focused on Assets Declaration, Conflict of interest and information exchange among key accountability institutions in Ghana (2006-2009)
- IV. Coordinated Research into Judicial corruption and many other social researches in Ghana
- V. Conducted Community Score Card on provision of Health Services
- VI. Coordinated Civil Society, Private Sector, Media and media campaigns that contributed to the passage of the Office of Special Prosecutor Law in 2017
- VII. Supervised the monitoring of Abuse of Incumbency and political corruption in Ghana's 2012 and 2016 Elections
- VIII. Organised high-level roundtable discussions on the United Nations Convention Against Corruption and African Union Convention Against Corruption which resulted in the ratification of the two Conventions by Ghana's Parliament (2005)
- IX. Conducted Voice of the People corruption Surveys in Ghana (2005, 2011, 2017)
- X. Organized over hundred districts and municipal level programmes across the ten regions of Ghana on the causes, effects, mechanisms for reporting etc on corruption and formation of Social Auditing Clubs (2004 to date)
- XI. Conducted the Africa Education Watch Project - Quantitative Research
- XII. Supervises the operations of an Advocacy and Legal Advice Centre (ALAC)
- XIII. TI-Ghana in collaboration with GHEITI and NRGi organised a workshop to review the proposed amendments to the Beneficial Ownership clauses in Ghana's Company Acts
- XIV. Organised a workshop aimed at supporting New Beneficial Ownership Transparency Champions In Ghana, Kenya And Nigeria held In Accra In 2017
- XV. Supervised the implementations of a three-year Accountable Mining Programme (AMP) in Ghana
- XVI. Led TI-Ghana in partnership with TI and GACC to sue Ghana Government at the ECOWAS Court over the AGYAPA Case

- XVII. TI-GII in partnership with EITI International’s Open Extractives Programme organised a conference titled *“How Beneficial Ownership Transparency could contribute to addressing the integrity challenges in the extractive sector in Ghana?”* in December 2022
- XVIII. Implementing a new Project in partnership with GFI titled *“Increasing DRM by Promoting Corporate, Natural Resource & Professional Integrity*

Donor Engagement and Experiences

Linda Ofori-Kwafo has played key roles in the development of technical proposals and engagement with donors that has secured core institutional and project funding for organizations she has worked for. She has managed/coordinated project implementation and monitored and evaluated at different times.

Notably, she has worked on projects funded by the following donors and is very conversant with their requirements including their Monitoring and Evaluation Frameworks:

- I. Department for International Development (DFID)
- II. Canadian International Development Agency
- III. Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA)
- IV. European Union
- V. Ghana Research and Advocacy Programme (G-RAP)
- VI. MISEREOR (German Catholic Bishops Organization for Development Cooperation)
- VII. OSIWA
- VIII. Partnership for Transparency Fund (PTF)
- IX. STAR-GhanaFoundation
- X. Transparency International (TI)
- XI. United States Agency for International development (USAID)
- XII. United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
- XIII. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- XIV. BMZ Through TI

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

2016 - 2019	Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree GIMPA School of Law
2013, 2019	Fellow - DANISH Institute of Human Rights, Copenhagen, Denmark
	Diploma in Human Rights based approach to Development Programming
2008 – 2010	Masters of Business Administration (Human Resource Management Option)
1997 - 2000	University of Ghana, Legon -Accra
	Bachelor of Arts Degree - Political Science (Major)

EMPLOYMENT RECORD

March 2016 to date	Executive Director , Ghana Integrity Initiative (GII)
May 2014 to February 2016	Executive Secretary , Ghana Anti-corruption Coalition (GACC)
2005 - 2014	Programmes Manager/Deputy Executive Director , (GII)
2003 -2005	Programmes Officer , GII
2001 - 2002	Programmes and Documentation Centre Officer , FAWE Ghana
2001	Salary Insurance Marketing Officer , Ghana Life Insurance Co. Lt
2000	National Service Person , Ministry of Health, District Health Administration, Tarkwa

OTHER RELEVANT CERTIFICATES

September 2011	Project Focus Institute, Ghana Certificate in Project Management
May 2008	Marquette University's Les Aspin Centre for Government, Washington DC, USA Certificate in Anti-Corruption and Good Governance
September 2006	Ghana Institute of Management and Professional Administration (GIMPA) Certificate in Project Monitoring and Evaluation
September 2006	Oxford Business Knowledge Ltd., Oxford, United Kingdom Certificate in Anti-Corruption Theory and Practice
March 2006	Inwent-Centre for Economic, Environmental and Social Statistics, Berlin, Germany Certificate in Measuring Corruption and Good governance
April 2005	Africa Centre for Leadership and Human Resource Development, Ghana, Certificate in NGO Management