

757 CONGREGATION

Theme:

SUSTAI<mark>NING OUR</mark> FUTURE: INNOVATING FOR A GREENER TOMORROW





SATURDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 2024 | 9:00AM



FORECOURT OF MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING, UESD CAMPUS, SOMANYA



























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FOREWORD

It is with great pride and profound excitement that I present this foreword message, marking the historic occasion of the first congregation of the University of Environment and Sustainable Development (UESD), Somanya. This milestone is a celebration of our students' academic achievements, and a testament to the vision, tireless efforts, as well as the commitment of the entire university community, stakeholders, and partners who have worked diligently to bring UESD to this defining moment.

From its inception, UESD was established to champion the cause of environmental sustainability, offering a unique academic platform to address one of the most pressing global challenges of our time-ensuring a balance between development and the preservation of our environment for future generations. Our mission, to produce graduates equipped with the knowledge, skills, and leadership needed to confront these challenges, has been at the heart of all our academic endeavours.

This maiden congregation serves as a reflection of our growth and commitment to academic excellence. It is also an opportunity to acknowledge the collaborative efforts of faculty, administrative staff, our communities, parents, and the government of Ghana, whose shared vision and continued support have propelled UESD to achieve remarkable strides within a short period.

This report encompass the various aspects of the congregation and graduation ceremony, providing insights into the milestones we have reached, the initiatives we have undertaken, and the future directions of UESD as we continue our journey of nurturing environmentally conscious leaders and professionals.

To all our pioneer graduates, I extend my heartfelt congratulations. You have become part of a unique legacy—one that will inspire generations to come. Your time at UESD has prepared you not only for the world of work but for a future that demands innovative solutions for sustainable development.

As we reflect on this momentous occasion, let us be reminded that this is just the beginning of many more significant achievements for UESD. Together, we look forward to the continued growth and impact of our university in Ghana, Africa, and the world at large.

Professor Eric Nyarko-Sampson Vice-Chancellor

BRIEF HISTORY OF UESD

The University of Environment and Sustainable Development (UESD) is a Public University located at Trom, Somanya in the Eastern Region of Ghana. It was established by an Act of Parliament, the University of Environment and Sustainable Development Act, 2015 (ACT 898) and inaugurated on August 5, 2020, by His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana. On the same day, the President cut sod for the commencement of the Phase 2 of the UESD Project. The construction of the university was a collaborative project between the Ghana and the Italian governments.

The university traces its beginnings to the outcome the work of the Dr. Christiana Amoako-Nuama Committee, inaugurated by the former President, His Excellency John Dramani Mahama in April, 2013 in response to the need to set up a university in the Eastern Region, to be sited in the Yilo Krobo Municipality)

The aims of the university incude providing higher education, disseminating knowledge related to development in environment and agribusiness education, undertaking research, and fostering relationships with persons outside the institution. Per Act 898, UESD is a multi-campus institution with the main campus located in Somanya and another in Donkorkrom (Afram Plains) in the Eastern Region and any other place that the University Council may determine to address critical needs and programmes that may be identified in the future.

The Interim Governing Council was inaugurated on 6th May 2020 at the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences with Professor Jonathan Narh Ayertey appointed as its Chairman. On 1st June, 2020, Professor Eric Nyarko-Sampson was appointed as the foundation Vice-Chancellor together with Mrs. Mary Abena Agyepong as the Registrar and Mr. Baffour Awuah Kwabi as the Director of Finance. Other officers were appointed and assumed work on 1st December 2020.

The University formally admitted its first batch of seventy-eight (78) pioneering students at the Somanya Campus for the 2020/2021 academic year into the School of Natural and Environmental Sciences (SNES) and School of Sustainable Development (SSD), two of the five schools established. The current student population stands at nine hundred and forty-six (946) and the 3rd School has started as Department of Built Environment under the School of Sustainable Development (SSD).

The University aspires to produce students who are endowed with **HOPE**; persons who are **Honest**, who take advantage of **Opportunities**, **Persevere** under all circumstances and are Enterprising graduates who are equipped with the necessary skillsets needed to confront the challenges of the current generation and beyond.

As part of our traditions, the University heralds each new academic year with Commencement Lecture and Thanksgiving Service, the annual HOPE Road Show is aimed to instill in us the values of the University and the annual Sustainable Development Conference to disseminate our research findings.

The UESD is structured to consist of four (4) Schools, School of Graduates Studies, and three (3) Research Centres, namely;

- School of Natural and Environment Sciences.
- School of Sustainable Development.
- School of Agriculture and Agro-Entrepreneurship Development.
- School of Built Environment.
- School of Graduate Studies.
- Centre for Agro-Entrepreneurship.
- Centre for Agriculture Biotechnology and
- Centre for Climate and Sustainable Resources Development.

Two (2) Schools; namely School of Natural and Environmental Sciences (SNES), and School of Sustainable Development (SSD) were rolled out for the 2020/2021 academic year.

The academic programmes the University are currently Bachelor degrees. Tremendous progress has been made by obtaining accreditation from the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC) to run 24 programmes during its four years of operation are:

- > BSc. Energy and Resources Economics
- BSc. Sustainable Development
- BSc. Aquaculture Management
- BSc. Energy Sustainability
- BSc. Environmental Economics and Policy
- BSc. Water Resource Development
- BSc. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- ➤ BSc. Environmental and Sustainability Science
- BSc. Geography and Earth Science
- > BSc. Environment and Public Health
- ➤ BSc. Nature Conservation Management
- > BSc. Biological and Mathematical Sciences
- BSc. Physics and Biological Sciences
- ➤ BSc. Chemistry and Biological Sciences
- > BSc. Chemistry and Mathematical Science
- BSc. Physics and Mathematics
- BSc. Environmental Management
- BSc. Chemistry and Physics
- BSc. Mathematics
- > BSc. Geosciences
- BSc. Sustainable Construction Management
- ➤ BSc. Urban Planning and Development
- > BSc. Architectural and Sustainable Design
- BSc. Development Economics

VISION

To be a Centre of Excellence in knowledge gathering and dissemination in the area of environment for public good.

To achieve our mission, we aspire "to produce graduates who are equipped with relevant knowledge and skills to be agents of change in environment and sustainable development

MISION

CORE VALUES

H - Honesty

Opportunity

P - Perseverance

E - Entreprising

UESD 5 YEARS STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES (2020-2025)



Develop and Expand Academinc and non academic programmes



Upgrade and enhance the competencies and skills of faculty members and staff



Provide a reliable high-performance network infrastructure, and solutions



Finance - Ensure organized financial management system and enhance Income Generating Capacity



Linkage and Collaborative Research - Creation and dissemination of knowledge through research for national development / ensure the provision of opportunities for comunities through learning, serving, leading and teamwork



Internationalisation
- Create
International
students, faculty
and staff and build
their capacity



Institutional Awards and Motivation - Establish an award scheme that recognizes significant achievements and inovations of staff, faculty, students and stakeholders



Students Development
- Create an
environment for
positive and
memorable experience
for our students



Security - Ensure the security and safety of staff, students, visitorsand properties of the University



Infrastructure
Development and
Management Improve the Physical
Infrastructure and
Municipal Services

SUSTAINABLE GEALS





































THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES OF THE UNIVERSITY WERE DEVELOPED WITH THE SDGs IN MIND



ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

9.30 a.m.

09.50 a.m.

09. 55 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

National Anthem

Constitution of Congregation

Valedictory Speech University Anthem

Vice-Chancellor's Report to Congregation

Musical Interlude

Speech by Guest Speaker

Musical Interlude

Address by Guest of Honour

Presentation of Graduands

Presentation of Graduands

Conferment of Degrees

Award of Academic Prizes

Inauguration of UESD Alumni

Acknowledgements/Annoucements

Dissolution of Congregation

National Anthem

Closing Prayer

Recession

- Graduands/Guests to be seated
- Convocation Procession
- Processsion by University Governing Council with Guest of Honour/ Guest Speaker/ other dignitaries
- Opening prayer: Dr. Michael Odame Larbi
- Police Band
- Council Chairman, Prof. Jonathan N. Ayertey
- Mr. Maxwell Boakye, The overall Best Graduating Student
- UESD Choir
 - Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Eric Nyarko-Sampson
- Cultural Display
- Mr. Farouk Braimah
- Police Band
- His Excellency, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of Ghana
- Ag. Dean, SNES- Dr. Shine Francis Gbedemah
- Ag. Dean, SSD Prof. Anthony Amoah
- Council Chairman, Prof. Jonathan N. Ayertey
- Ag. Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Edward Wiafe Debrah
- Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Eric Nyarko-Sampson
- Registrar, Mrs. Mary Abena Agyepong
- Council Chairman, Prof. Jonathan N. Ayertey
- Police Band
- Dr. Fatima Eshun

President of Ghana

Ex-President of Ghana

Council Chairman

Vice-Chancellor

Guest Speaker

Governing Council

Special Guests

Convocation

Moderator: Mrs. Mary Abena Agyepong

GUEST OF HONOUR



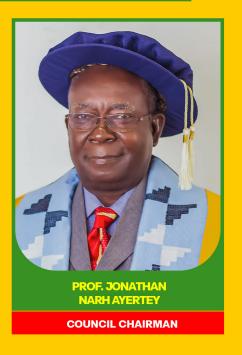
HIS EXCELLENCY, NANA ADDO DANKWA AKUFO-ADDO President, Republic of Ghana

SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR



H.E JOHN AGYEKUM KUFUOR Ex-President, Republic of Ghana

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS





KEY OFFICERS







DEANS

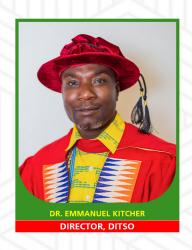






DIRECTORS





ACADEMIC HEADS

SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES (SNES)

Dr. Shine Francis Gbedemah

Ag. Dean - SNES

Dr. Nathaniel Annorbah

Department of Biological Sciences

Dr. Solomon Sarpong

Department of Physical and Mathematical Sciences

Dr. Nuworza Kugbey

Department of Environment and Public Health

Dr. Shine Francis Gbedemah

Department of Geography and Earth Sciences

Dr. Prize Fourthson Yaw McApreko **Department of General Studies**

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Prof. Anthony Amoah

Ag. Dean - SSD

Dr. Michael Tuffour

Department of Sustainable Development and Policy

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Dr. Emmanuel N. Angmor

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Department of Built Environment

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Head, Research Innovation and Consultancy

STUDENTS' AFFAIRS

Dr. Mrs. Daniella Delali Sedegah Ag. Dean of Students Affairs

MEMBERS OF THE UESD GOVERNING COUNCIL

- 1. Prof. Jonathan Narh Ayertey
- 2. Prof. Eric Nyarko-Sampson
- 3. Prof. John Blay
- 4. Prof. Efua Esaaba Agyire-Tettey
- 5. Prof. Jemima Asabea Anderson
- 6. Ing. Johannes Twumasi-Mensah
- 7. Prof. Anthony Amoah
- 8. Dr. Christian Ayisi Larbi
- 9. Dr. Hammond Oppong Kwarteng
- 10. Mr. Edward Twumasi Akrasi
- 11. Mr. Eric Nartey
- 12. Mr. Benard Akowuah

- Council Chairman
- Vice-Chancellor
- Government Nominee (Deceased)
- Government Nominee
- Government Nominee
- GTEC Representative
- Convocation Rep. (Professorial)
- Convocation Rep. (Non-Professorial)
- Convocation Rep. (Non-Teaching)
- Rep. Senior Staff
- Rep. Junior Staff
- SRC Representative

In - Attendance

- 13. Prof. Edward Wiafe Debrah
- 14. Mrs. Mary Abena Agyepong
- 15. Mr. Baffour Awuah Kwabi
- Ag. Pro-Vice-Chancellor
- Registrar/Secretary
- Director of Finance

DIRECTORS

- Mr. Baffour Awuah Kwabi
- Dr. Emmanuel Kitcher
- Surv. Isaac Abbam
- Vacant

- Director, Directorate of Finance
- Director, DITSO
- Director, DPDEM
- Director, Directorate, of Internal Audit

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- Ms. Mavis Kissi
- Dr. Andrews Tayeeli
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- Mr. Osei Akoto Baffuor
- Arch. Kwame Poku
- Ing. John Awotwi

- Deputy Registrar
- Head, Academic Affairs Division
- Head, Administration Division
- Ag. Head, International Programmes
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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL



PROF. JONATHAN NARH AYERTEY

Council Chairman, University of Environment and Sustainable Development (UESD)

It is with immense pride and joy that I extend, on behalf of the Governing Council of the University of Environment and Sustainable Development (UESD), our warmest felicitations and well-deserved congratulations to each of you on your graduation.

This is a momentous and historic milestone; that after four years of the commencement of UESD, we are here to witness your

graduation as the very first class to graduate from this institution! You have shown your ability to be leaders, innovators, changemakers and possibly entrepreneurs in sectors such as environmental science, sustainable development and many more.

In addition to commemorating your academic success, commitment, dedication and hardwork, today also signifies the start of a legacy that will inspire and motivate future generations of students to follow in your pioneering footsteps. As the first graduates of this 'green' university, you are trailblazers, laying the needed foundation and groundwork for those who will come after you, and preserving the principles of sustainability, environmental stewardship and social responsibility, that are central to our mission and purpose.

Your journey has been filled with courage and perseverance, and as the premier class, you have paved the way for a brighter, more sustainable future for our world and communities. As you move forward in your careers or studies, remember that you will carry with you not only the knowledge and skills you gained at this university but also the honour of being among the first to graduate from an institution committed to creating a more sustainable world. The world requires your enthusiasm, experience, and vision now, more than ever, and I am confident that you will continue to make significant impacts and contributions wherever your personal and collective paths may take you.

While congratulating you all on this exceptional achievement, the Council urges you to keep the torch of the university burning. You will go into history and will always be remembered as the pioneers who set the stage for future generations of students. Indeed at the beginning of your programme, Council decided that all major activities we will be involved in, in building this institution, should be documented for future reference. Consequently, we have on record all our major activities, with names of participants etc, so we can build a story of the development of this institution from Day 1. We expect that 25, 50, or 100 years from now, when the appropriate anniversary is to be celebrated, the history of this institution shall have been documented already, with all of you the initiators already on record.

Council agreed that we will pauce the close recording with this graduation ceremony, and publish what we have documented after this ceremony. You can look forward to reading your story, hopefully at the next graduation, as a published book on UESD. You can therefore look forward to your first Alumni Congress with excitement next year.

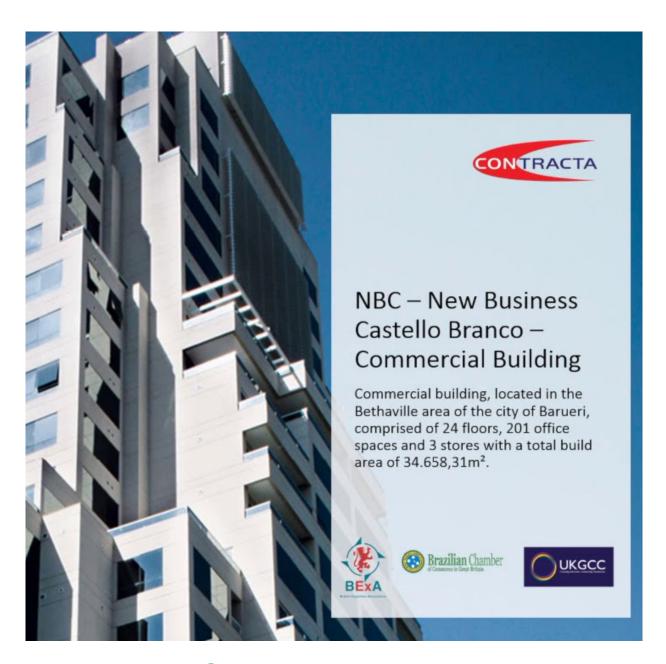
In the same vein we also initiated some traditions with you: The Annual Commencement Lectures and Thanksgiving Service to mark the beginning of each academic year, as well as the signing onto an Honour Code based on the Foundation Vice Chancellor's formulation of the Core values of the university during Matriculation. These, we expect to remain valuable traditions of the institution in the years to come, with which you can take pride in, knowing that they all began with you.

We believe without a shred of doubt, that you will be making a lasting impact in Ghana in particular and the world as a whole.

The University Council wishes you all continued success, fulfilment, and endless possibilities in your journey ahead and remember that all your actions, going forward, should be geared towards the fulfilment of our motto - "to secure the environment".

Congratulations our Pioneers – Class of 2024!





VICE-CHANCELLOR'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PIONEERING (2024) GRADUATING CLASS



PROF. ERIC NYARKO-SAMPSON (PhD)
Vice-Chancellor, University of Environment and Sustainable
Development (UESD)

I extend my sincere congratulations to you, our pioneering students, on behalf of Management and the entire university community on the successful completion of your respective programmes of study in the University of Environment and Sustainable Development, Somanya. I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all to the Maiden (1st) Congregation

of the University, which is also my first graduation ceremony as the foundation Vice-Chancellor. We are gathered to confer degrees and meritorious awards on students who have satisfied all the requirements of their academic programmes and deemed qualified to graduate. This significant milestone in your academic journey is evidence of your commitment and dedication to hard work. Your commitment to your studies, despite the challenges you faced during the period, will not go unnoticed, and being part of the 1st batch of students graduating is well-deserved.

It is important to remember that this graduation does not mark the end of your academic and professional journey, but rather as an opportunity to progress by pursuing further studies and developing in the area of your respective specialisations. I sincerely hope and wish that you will apply the knowledge, skills, and attitude to achieve success in your future pursuits.

I wish to encourage you to cherish and keep in high esteem the university's core values of Honesty, Opportunity, Perseverance, and Enterprising (HOPE). I see in you the world-changers and innovators, your education has been designed to make you, and I celebrate not only your academic achievements but also your distinct perspectives, skills, and experiences that you bring to the nation and the world.

As alumni, you will forever be a part of our university's fraternity as alumni, and we encourage you to get involved in Alumni Association events and remember your roots in order to support UESD's mission. Stay connected, share your successes with us, and go out there to positively influence and transform lives.

Congratulations to those receiving awards and prizes. Let the award be an inspiration for you to achieve more in your next chapter of life. I wish you all the very best in your future endeavours.

Congratulations, Our Pioneering Students.

PROFILE OF GUEST SPEAKER



MR. FAROUK BRAIMAH Founder, People's Dialogue on Human Settlements (PD)

Mr. Farouk Braimah is the Founder and Director of People's Dialogue on Human Settlements (PDHS), a non-governmental organisation (NGO) that is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of the urban impoverished. He is also a development practitioner and teacher.

Farouk commenced his professional career as a human rights officer with a legal aid organisation, primarily focusing on health, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), housing, and environmental issues. He has systematically enhanced his expertise in mobilising slum residents and the urban impoverished into a structured and acknowledged federation across major cities to advocate for community-driven and cooperative propoor methods for urban development and basic infrastructure provision.

Over the past decade, Mr. Braimah has been frequently contacted by both state and non-state urban development stakeholders from local and international educational institutions regarding slum upgrading and sustainable urban development. In these contacts, he promotes understanding of the issues related to slums and urbanisation, as well as methods to formulate collaborative pro-poor policies to tackle these concerns. His work encompasses climate action and environmental justice, urban resilience and catastrophe risk planning, clean air advocacy, and promoting a circular economy through women's empowerment in waste management and composting.

Mr. Braimah presently serves as the City Manager for the African Cities Research Consortium (ACRC). The ACRC is a significant six-year investment by the FCDO to finance new operationally pertinent research aimed at tackling intractable development challenges in African cities. He has engaged in several local and international expert group meetings focused on urban development and slums.

He is a part-time lecturer at the Institute of Local Government Studies (ILGS), specialising in Housing and Neighbourhood. Summary of Professional Experience:

- 2017-date- Chairman, Public Financial Management (PFM network) on Social Accountability,
- 2017 to 2020 Ministerial Advisory Board Member, Ministry of Inner Cities and Zongo Development, Ghana,
- 2005-Date -Member: Board of Tema Ashaiman Municipal Slum Upgrading Facility (TAMSUF),
- 2014 to 2016 Board Member and co-chair, Slum Dwellers International (SDI),
- 2013 to 2015 Chairman and member of Executive Council of Coalition of NGOs in Water and Sanitation (CONIWAS),
- 2020 to date, Chairman, Alliance for WASH and several more.

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM INSTITUTE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION IN ASIA (IDACA)





TORU YAMANOPresident (IDACA-JA Group)

We express our heartfelt congratulations to UESD, on your 1st Congregation Ceremony as our partners for bilateral cooperation. It is obvious this momentous occasion marks a significant milestone in your journey towards fostering sustainable development and environmental stewardship.

Since 2023 when both parties agreed on the MOU, I believe our collaboration has been helpful in advancing our shared commitment to agricultural research and development to promote agriculture both in Africa and Asia and has been instrumental to improve quality of life of farmers and other resource poor people both in rural and urban societies. Your dedication to environmental sustainability and your innovative approach to education is definitely inspiring. Your commitment to nurturing future leaders who are equipped with knowledge and skills to address the challenges of our time is commendable. I am confident that UESD's graduates will play a vital role in shaping a more sustainable and equitable world.

We remain committed to strengthening further the partnership with you, and look forward to exploring new opportunities of collaboration with you. For this end, I believe we can work together towards building a more resilient and sustainable future for the generations to come. Once again, and on behalf of farmers and agricultural cooperative ovement in Japan, I extend my warmest congratulations to you, and I wish your continued success in your mission to educate and inspire future leaders.



CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM INSTITUTE OF STATISTICAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH (ISSER), UNIVERSITY OF GHANA.



PROF. PETER QUARTEY

Director, Institute of Statistical, Social, and Economic Research (ISSER)

On behalf of the Institute of Statistical, Social, and Economic Research (ISSER) at the University of Ghana, I extend our warmest congratulations to the University of Environment and Sustainable Development (UESD) on the occasion of your Maiden Congregation Ceremony.

This milestone is a testament to your commitment to excellence in education and your dedication to sustainability and environmental stewardship. The theme of your ceremony, "Sustaining Our Future: Innovating for a Greener Tomorrow," is timely and aligns perfectly with our shared values of promoting sustainable development and innovation.

We commend the UESD for its vital role in equipping future leaders to address Ghana's pressing environmental challenges. We celebrate with the graduating class and all stakeholders whose dedication and support has led to this remarkable achievement.

We look forward to continued collaboration in advancing sustainable development in the sub- region.

Warm regards.



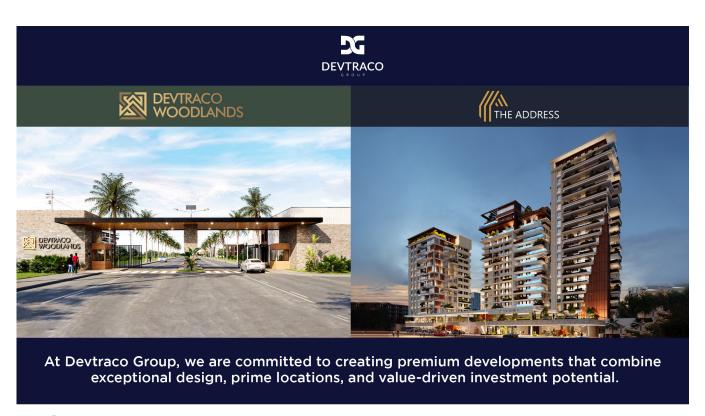
CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM GRAND VALLEY UNIVERSITY





On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students of the Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies at Grand Valley State University, I extend sincere and enthusiastic congratulations to your entire university community on the occasion of your First Congregation Ceremony on 23 November 2024.

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SOLIDARITY MESSAGE TO UESD BY YILO KROBO TRADITIONAL AREA



OKLEPEME NUER ANNOBAA SASRAKU II

Paramount Chief, Yilo Krobo Traditional Area

On behalf of the Yilo Krobo Traditional Council and the entire Yilo Krobo State, I bring warm greetings and heartfelt congratulations to the University of Environment and Sustainable Development (UESD) on the momentous occasion of your first graduation ceremony.

This day marks a significant milestone in the history of UESD, a beacon of hope and progress, not only for our Traditional Area but for the entire nation and beyond. It is a testament to the university's unwavering commitment to Excellence in Education, Innovation, and the promotion of Sustainable Development.

To the pioneer graduating class, on behalf of the Yilo Krobo State and entire Krobo Block, I extend my deepest admiration and respect to you all. You are trailblazers who have not only laid the foundation for future generations but have also demonstrated resilience, determination, and a passion for learning. As you step into the world as ambassadors of UESD, may you carry with you the values of integrity, hard work, and sustainability, which are at the core of the university's vision.

To the esteemed faculty, administration, and staff of UESD, I commend your tireless dedication to nurturing the minds and talents of the students entrusted to your care. Your efforts have not only equipped them with the skills and knowledge to thrive but have also contributed significantly to the development of our nation by addressing critical issues of environmental preservation and sustainable development.

As the host traditional area of this noble institution, we are immensely proud of the strides you have made and remain committed to supporting UESD in its mission. Let this occasion serve as a reminder of the profound partnership between the university and the Yilo Krobo Traditional Area, a collaboration grounded in mutual respect, shared aspirations, and a collective vision for the future.

May this graduation ceremony inspire all stakeholders to continue working together to make UESD a Global Center of Excellence and a driving force for sustainable progress.

Once again, congratulations to the graduating class and the entire UESD community. We wish you all success, fulfilment and a bright future.

GOODWILL MESSAGE BY PRESIDENT OF EASTERN REGIONAL HOUSE OF CHIEFS



NENE SAKITE II, Konor of Manya Krobo

Today marks a defining moment in the history of the University of Environment and Sustainable Development (UESD), a milestone for the Krobo State, and a beacon of hope for our nation Ghana and beyond.

Innovating for a Greener Tomorrow," is a timely reminder of the noble vision upon which this institution was founded. This university, conceived with the ideals of advancing environmental stewardship, innovation, and sustainable development, stands as a proof to the foresight of its founders and the dedication of everyone who has contributed to this journey. UESD represents a commitment to addressing the urgent challenges of our time — climate change, resource management, agricultural development, and the preservation of natural ecosystems. As you, the first graduating class, set forth into the world, you are the living embodiment of this vision and of a brighter, more sustainable future for all.

Graduands, today is not only a celebration of your academic achievements but also a call to service. Your education has equipped you with the knowledge and tools to make a difference, to innovate, and to create positive change. I urge you to uphold the highest standards of integrity, responsibility, and compassion in your pursuits, and to be fearless as you embark on this journey. The challenges you will face are immense, but so too are the possibilities. Let the knowledge you have gained, and the values instilled in you here at UESD guide you as you help shape a world that is sustainable, just, and inclusive.

As we celebrate this landmark event, let us reflect on the unique role that this institution plays. I charge this university, its management, and its graduates to be steadfast in addressing the critical issues facing our country. We need UESD to lead the charge in finding sustainable solutions to the galamsey menace that endangers our lands and rivers as well as livelihood. The university has both the expertise and the responsibility to work alongside government and local communities, pioneering strategies to put an end to this national crisis and restore our natural heritage.

In a similar spirit, I call on the university to bring renewed focus to the future of agriculture

in Ghana. By proposing innovative approaches to agriculture, you have the opportunity to transform the livelihoods of countless families including those of our people here in Kroboland, enhancing food security and building resilience in a changing climate. With our country's reliance on agriculture for sustenance and economic growth, UESD's research and initiatives in this area will serve as a cornerstone for our progress as a nation.

The Manya Krobo State stands with you on this journey. We are proud to be a part of the university's foundation and its growth, and we are committed to supporting its mission. In line with this commitment, I am pleased to share that, through collaboration with the Ngmayem Festival Planning Committee, the Queen of the Omanye Royal Kingdom has awarded scholarships to two deserving students of the University. We hope that this contribution will inspire them to reach for the highest ideals and make meaningful contributions to society. The Manya Krobo State remains dedicated to finding further avenues of support for UESD and its students, as we believe that investing in education is the key to a prosperous future for all.

Graduands, your achievements today reflect not only your hard work but also the unwavering support of your families, faculty, and the entire UESD community. We commend you and all who have supported you along this path. As you step forward as ambassadors of this institution, may you carry the values, skills, and aspirations of UESD with you, and may you serve as symbol of hope, resilience, and innovation in our country and beyond.

Once again, on behalf of the Manya Krobo State and the Eastern Regional House of Chiefs, I extend our heartfelt congratulations to the university, to each of you the graduating class, and to everyone who has contributed to this remarkable achievement. May the University of Environment and Sustainable Development continue to rise as a center of excellence, inspire change across Ghana and beyond, and contribute to a future that is sustainable, equitable, and filled with promise.

Thank you, and may the Almighty bless us all.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

1.0 Overview

I am overjoyed to welcome you all to the first graduation Ceremony of the University of Environment and Sustainable Development (UESD) and my first congregation as the foundation Vice-Chancellor of this university. We are gathered here to confer degrees and meritorious awards on students who have satisfied all the requirements of their academic programmes.

This year, we are delighted to graduate the first-ever cohort of students enrolled to read various undergraduate programmes in February 2021.

As enshrined in the Statutes of the University, the Vice-Chancellor is required to report to congregation on the university affairs for the 4-year period since this is our first congregation. This report provides an overview of the activities of the University during the 2020/2021 to 2023/2024 academic years. It provides information on major activities of the University, particularly, the Governance and Management, Academic Excellence, Research Initiatives and Innovations, Physical Development, Finance, and other key information.

The overview presents progress made, and pursuits undertaken in our achievement and fulfilment that we are progressing in our collective effort to make the University of Environment and Sustainable Development (UESD) continue to stand out as the best publicly-funded university in Ghana as far as environmental and sustainability issues are concerned.

Since the University's inception in August 2020 and the hosting of our maiden congregation, UESD has made humble and sustained progress in its core business, responded to the needs of our community and stakeholders, and recorded significant developments in academic activities which have created a positive and self-sustaining legacy.

In terms of funding and support for development in the University, the Government provided some funding through GETFUND, allowing for consistent investment in some University projects.

The University benefited immensely from the support of a number of companies, corporate organisations (both local and international) and philanthropists during the year under

review. With this support, much was achieved to give the University a new dimension of academic excellence and confidence in the pursuit of higher education in Ghana.

The University shall continue to focus on delivering on our mandate of teaching and learning, research, and community/extension services to support the industrial development agenda of the country.

2.0 Governance and Management

The Registrar, Director of Finance and I assumed duty on 1st August, 2020. The Governing Council was inaugurated in May 2020 at the Ministry of Education, and Professor Jonathan Narh Ayertey was appointed as the Chairman. Subsequently, the University held an Investiture and Induction ceremony for the Vice-Chancellor and Registrar in June, 2022.

The Vice-Chancellor as the Chief Executive Officer of the University is responsible for the overall planning, direction, organisation, management, and maintenance of discipline in the University. As the chief academic administrator and strategist, the Vice Chancellor provides leadership to all members of the University Community and is accountable for the general control and direction of the University. The Vice Chancellor is an ex-officio member of every School, Board and Committee of the University and may preside at any such meetings. He exercises responsibility for monitoring and evaluating the performance of the University and its constituent parts in relation to its academic, financial, and organisational goals and policies.

The Registrar is assisted by the Deputy Registrar, Senior Assistant Registrars and Assistant Registrars who handle the various Divisions/Sections/Units/Departments, service Committees and the Governing Council of the University. The Registrar's Office is the coordinating administrative arm of the University and is headed by the Registrar, who is the Chief Administrative Officer of the University.

3.0 Leadership Appointments

The Governing Council, at its 26th Special Meeting held on 4th July 2024, renewed the appointments of the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar and Finance Director for 4 years, 3 years

and 5 years respectively, effective 1st August 2024.

The Office of The Pro Vice-Chancellor became fully operational on 1st June, 2022 following the appointment of the Acting Pro-Vice-Chancellor. It has been providing administrative support, strategic planning and policy development, working on international collaborations and coordinating academic affairs.

4.0 Staff Strength

The staff strength is three hundred and eighty-two (382), comprising academic, administrative, professional, and support staff.

Total		382
4	Junior Staff	75
3	Senior Staff	100
2	Senior Member (Non-Teaching)	
1	Senior Member (Academic)	
S/N	Category Number	

In 2020, the University was given financial clearance to recruit three hundred (300) people to officially start academic business The Registrar, together with volunteers from the National Council for Tertiary Education (now Ghana Tertiary Education Commission), spearheaded the process with the approval of the Interim Council.

Interviews were conducted for shortlisted applicants and the successful ones were issued with appointment letters dated 17th November, 2020. The majority of the qualified persons appointed reported on 1st December 2020, while the remaining reported in January 2021.

5.0 Recruitment

The advertisement was placed in the National Dailies in July 2020 for qualified persons to apply for the vacancies advertised both in national newspapers and on the UESD

website. The recruitment exercise was managed by the Osagyefo ROPAT HR System. Applicants were to use the online portal to apply for the positions advertised, and they were required to log in at www.uesd.edu.gh/vacancy to complete the application online.

Twenty-two thousand, eight hundred and fifty-nine (22,859) applications were received online. However, hard copies received were Nine Thousand, Three Hundred and Twenty-One (9,321). These applications were sorted by the Registrar and her support team from the NCTE into various categories.

Additionally, the Ministry of Finance through the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission issued financial clearance to UESD to recruit one hundred (100) staff. Further, UESD received financial clearance in 2024 for twenty-five (25) slots to replace exited staff.

6.0 Orientation

Orientation was organised for the newly appointed staff to familiarise themselves with the mandate of UESD, amidst administrative procedures. Dr. Paul Effah, former Executive Secretary of the National Council for Tertiary Education and President of Radford University College, and Prof. Alfred Oteng-Yeboah, Professor at the Department of Plant and Environmental Botany, University of Ghana, were the first resource persons on 16th and 17th December, 2020.

7.0 Training and Development

Training is a way to equip staff with the requisite knowledge and skills to enhance their performance. Since 2020, UESD has organised a series of training programmes for the various categories of staff.

8.0 Strategic Plan

The main development strategy of UESD for achieving its vision and mission over the plan period is to focus its energy on ten (10) priority areas, which involve specific objectives under a systematic and coordinated set of actions to attain them. These ten (10) priority areas are in direct response to the key current challenges identified earlier and in anticipation of future challenges and opportunities. The strategy involves carefully planned and monitored sets of investments in key activities with the highest likelihood of generating the anticipated outcomes.

The strategic priorities are;

1. Academic and Non-Academic Programmes

The University will develop academic and non-academic programmes with national and international appeal within its mandate established by Act 898, 2015.

2. Use of Technology

The Infrastructure, Systems, and Solutions shall be cost-effective, scalable, adaptable to changing needs, secure, and maintainable to provide reliable services to the University community.

Finance

The University will ensure that its financial management systems are organised to enhance governance arrangements, mobilisation, and management of resources at all units to achieve greater effectiveness and efficiency.

4. Linkages and Collaborative Research

Innovative research will be key to the transformation process of the University and ultimately strengthen our international impact and visibility through the following:

- Collaborating with other institutions;
- Establishing and joining global research networks;
- Building capacity in grantsmanship;
- · Creating a greater focus on interdisciplinary research; and
- Establishing competitive research studentships.

Creating a vibrant intellectual environment helps to attract and retain high-quality faculty and students to drive this research agenda. Research in high-impact areas will take prominence in achieving both university and national goals.

5. University Faculty and Staff

The strength of every University depends on the competency of its human resources. Boosting the competencies of Faculty members and other staff through systematic and continuous training is, therefore, crucial for the growth of the institution. Plans to implement the strategy include:

- 1. Developing and implementing staff development policy;
- 2. Inspiring and supporting staff to build their capacities in their specified areas of specialisation;
- 3. Retooling staff with regular training programmes;
- 4. Mentoring and enhancing staff ability to participate in professional meetings and conferences; and
- 5. Encouraging staff to progress in their professional career.

6. Internationalisation

International students have been a significant feature of tertiary education. The University will consciously develop students, faculty, and staff with international attraction within its mandate as established by Act 898, 2015. We will create a community of students, staff, and faculty in which cross-cultural and international knowledge, attitudes, experiences, and actions are part of the university education.

7. Student Development

The University of Environment and Sustainable Development (UESD) is committed to students' active pursuit of knowledge as well as acquiring the requisite soft skills for life. Consistent with this purpose, UESD acknowledges its role in allowing every student to develop their potential. The University intends to integrate academic learning with personal improvement and individual growth. We are nurturing students' skills and knowledge to meet the desires and aspirations of society and industry.

8. Security

The provision of human security is imperative in an organization. It is only in ensuring a highly secure environment that students and staff will be safe and willing to contribute their quota in building an academic community that supports effective teaching and learning.

All students, staff, and visitors to the University have the responsibility to guarantee the security of property and persons since it cannot be left solely to the security personnel within the institution or the Police.

9. Institutional Awards and Motivation

The University presents up to two awards for institutional excellence. The awards recognise significant institutional achievements in innovation related to developments in the environment and agro-business, and the effective application of technology in open and distance learning methodologies that reach students who may not have otherwise participated in the learning or training experience, and may be particularly relevant during an outbreak of a pandemic or catastrophe.. The awards are presented to individual staff employees who have demonstrated excellence.

10. Infrastructure Development and Management

The University will embark on physical infrastructure and municipal services to enhance teaching, learning, and research activities within the University.

9.0 Policies

Management has put in place processes to develop key administrative and academic policies. The Council has already approved the following policies for implementation: The Strategic Plan, Statutes, Appointments and Promotions Guidelines, SRC Constitution, and Students' Handbook.

The under-listed policies are at various stages of completion and awaiting approval by the Governing Council.

a. Welfare Policy	b. Security and Occupational Health
	Policy
c. Sexual Harassment Policy	d. Staff Appraisal Policy
e. Postdoctoral Policy	f. Staff Reward and Recognition Policy
g. Plagiarism Policy	h. Transport Policy
i. Code of Conduct for Academic Staff	j. Administrative Manual
k. Equity and Diversity Policy	I. Health Policy
	m. Research, Innovation and Consultancy Policy

10.0 Community Engagement Projects and Innovations Unit (CEPIU)

Community Engagement is the sixth (6th) pillar of the Short-Term Plan of the Vice-Chancellor's vision for the University of Environment and Sustainable Development (UESD), Somanya. The pillar seeks to work collaboratively with and through groups of people affiliated with UESD by geographic proximity, special interest or similar situations to address issues affecting the well-being of these people. Community Engagement is a powerful vehicle for bringing out environmental and behavioral changes, and for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.

The University's Community Engagement executed some major activities in the last 4 years which includes visiting and holding courtesy meetings with several key stakeholders most especially the Yilo and Manya Krobo Paramount Chiefs, and Paramount Chief, Akwamu Traditional Area.

We have so far received some delegations from some Wichita – USA, University of Kwazulu-Natal (UKZN) South Africa, Sundial Solar Energy Ghana, Dorothyjeanius STEAM Leadership Institute, Zoomlion foundation, GIZ Ghana and many others. Some stakeholders and the communities really contributed positively in several key areas.

Key Achievements

The University has made notable progress in various areas, contributing to the well-being of both our students and the wider community. The following highlights key accomplishments over the period:

- Securing a scholarship for a student from the Yilo Krobo District;
- Resolving some staff accommodation challenges;
- Visiting the paramountcy on issues of air pollution;
- Collaborating with the admission team to embark on a Regional Secondary School visitation to boost admission;
- Facilitating a donation from GIZ and Zoomlion, including two tricycles and a plastic crushing machine to UESD; and
- Facilitating a donation of fifty (50) waste bins and hand-washing basins from GIZ and Zoomlion to fifty (50) basic schools in the Eastern Region.

11.0 Academic Excellence

The University of Environment and Sustainable Development (UESD) started with student enrollment of 78 students in the 2020/2021 academic year out of which 2 students could not continue their academic journey (one (1) due to poor academic performance and the other students presented fake results slip). The university has made some progress with students and enrollment over the 4 years period and currently our total student population is 948. The university began with 20 undergraduate degrees but currently runs 24 degree programmes under the academic departments in the 2 schools namely, School of Natural and Environmental Sciences (SNES) and School of Sustainable Development (SSD).

We are excited to announce that GTEC has granted approval to run Masters degree programmes in both schools, and adequate preparations are underway to meet accreditation requirements.

The schools have developed several new undergraduate and postgraduate programmes and are at various stages of accreditation.'

11.1 Student Enrollment and Retention Rates

Student Population

The University of Environment and Sustainable Development (UESD) started with 78 students in the 2020/2021 academic year and presently the student population stands at nine hundred and forty-six (946).

The Enrolment Statistics as Presented under the table below;

Table 1: Summary of Admissions from 2020 to 2024

S/n	School	Male	Female	Total			
2020	2020/2021 Academic Year						
1	SSD	17	17	34			
2	SNES	34	10	44			
	Total	51	27	78			
2021/	2022 Academic Ye	ar					
1	SSD	55	30	85			
2	SNES	62	45	107			
	Total	117	75	192			
2022/	2023 Academic Ye	ar					
1	SSD	81	73	154			
2	SNES	88	102	190			
	Total	169	175	344			
2023/	2024 Academic Ye	ar					
1	SSD	75	45	120			
2	SNES	93	119	212			
	Total	168	164	332			
Overa	all Total	505	441	946			
Perce	ntage	53.38%	46.62%	100%			

Table 2. Number of Students in Each Program By Levels

S/N	PROGRAM	100	200	300	400	TOTAL
	BSC. CHEMISTRY AND					
1	BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES	24	23	20	11	79
	BSC. BIOLOGICAL AND					
2	MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES	6	3	1	1	11
	BSC. GEOGRAPHY AND EARTH					
3	SCIENCES	17	30	21	16	84
4	BSC. MATHEMATICS	2	1	4	4	11
	BSC. ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC					
5	HEALTH	134	121	47	9	311
	BSC. ENVIRONMENTAL					
6	MANAGEMENT	3	3	2	0	8
	BSC. ENVIRONMENTAL AND					
7	SUSTAINABILITY SCIENCE	12	5	10	2	29
	BSC. NATURE CONSERVATION					
8	AND MANAGEMENT	7	1	2	0	10
9	BSC. CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS	2	1	0	0	3
	BSC. PHYSICS AND BIOLOGICAL					
10	SCIENCES	3	1	0	0	4
	BSC. PHYSICS AND					
11	MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES	2	1	0	0	3
	BSC. SUSTAINABLE					
12	DEVELOPMENT	42	65	37	22	166
13	BSC. ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY	9	18	7	9	43
	BSC. WATER RESOURCES					
14	DEVELOPMENT	4	3	8	4	19

	BSC. AQUACULTURE					
15	MANAGEMENT	7	3	2	0	12
	BSC. ENERGY AND RESOURCE					
16	ECONOMICS	21	41	28	0	90
	BSC. ENVIRONMENTAL					
17	ECONOMICS AND POLICY	9	14	3	0	26
	BSC. WATER, SANITATION AND					
18	HYGIENE	11	10	0	0	21
	BSC. URBAN PLANNING AND					
19	DESIGN	14	0	0	0	14
	BSC. SUSTAINABLE					
20	CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN	3	0	0	0	3
	TOTAL	332	344	192	78	946

Table 3. Gender of Students in Each Program

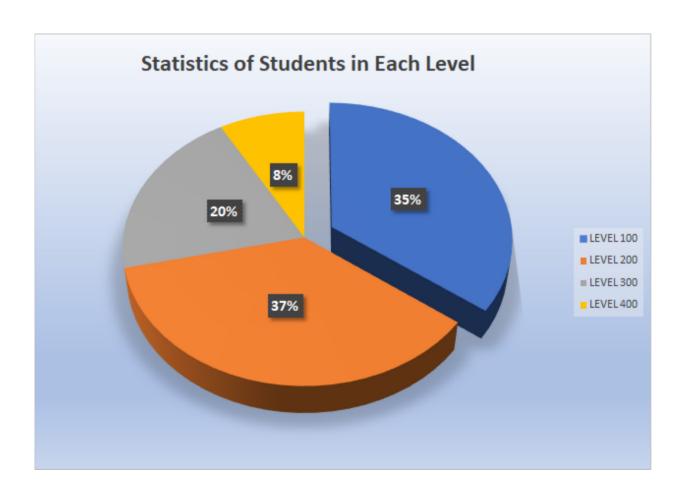
S/N	PROGRAM	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
	BSC. CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGICAL	48	30	79
1	SCIENCES			
	BSC. BIOLOGICAL AND	8	3	11
2	MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES			
	BSC. GEOGRAPHY AND EARTH	65	19	84
3	SCIENCES			
4	BSC. MATHEMATICS	9	2	11
	BSC. ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC	108	203	311
5	HEALTH			
6	BSC. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	6	2	8
	BSC. ENVIRONMENTAL AND	20	9	29
7	SUSTAINABILITY SCIENCE			
	BSC. NATURE CONSERVATION AND	6	4	10
8	MANAGEMENT			
9	BSC. CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS	2	1	3

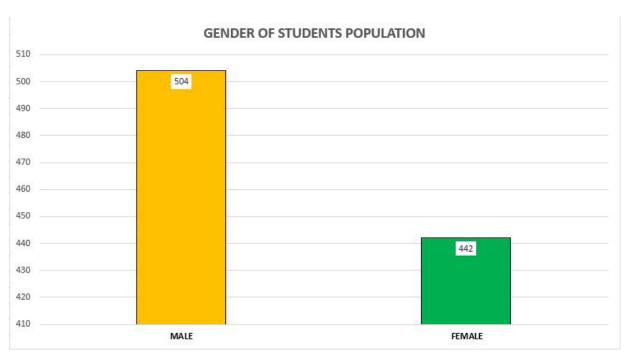
	BSC. PHYSICS AND BIOLOGICAL	2	1	3
10	SCIENCES			
	BSC. PHYSICS AND MATHEMATICAL	2	1	3
11	SCIENCES			
	BSC. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	80	86	166
12				
13	BSC. ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY	31	12	43
	BSC. WATER RESOURCES	10	9	19
14	DEVELOPMENT			
	BSC. AQUACULTURE MANAGEMENT	8	4	12
15				
	BSC. ENERGY AND RESOURCE	63	27	90
	ECONOMICS			
16				
	BSC. ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS	11	15	26
17	AND POLICY			
	BSC. WATER, SANITATION AND			
18	HYGIENE	10	11	21
19	BSC. URBAN PLANNING AND DESIGN	12	2	14
	BSC. SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION			
20	AND DESIGN	3	0	3
	TOTAL	504	442	946

Year on Year statistics

2020 - 78 2021 - 192 2022 - 344 2023 - 332 **Total** - **946**

Note: The information above includes Top-Up students





11.2 Academic Programme Developments and Innovations

Schools and Centres

The UESD is made of five (5) Schools, including the School of Graduate Studies, and three (3) Research Centres, namely:

Schools

- 1. School of Natural and Environmental Sciences;
- 2. School of Sustainable Development;
- 3. School of Agriculture and Agro-Entrepreneurship Development;
- 4. School of Built Environment.
- 5. School of Graduate Studies.

Research Centres

- 1. Centre for Agro-Entrepreneurship
- 2. Centre for Agricultural Biotechnology, and
- 3. Centre for Sustainable Resource Development.

Schools Runnig Presently

- i. School of Natural and Environmental Sciences (SNES)
- ii. School of Sustainable Development (SSD)

The School of Built Environment (SBE) which is supposed to run as a third school, has started as a department under the School of Sustainable Development.

Academic Programmes

At the time of reporting, all twenty-four (24) academic programmes being run by the two Schools have been accredited by the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC).

These are the programmes according to the schools:

A) School of Natural and Environmental Sciences (SNES)

- i. B.Sc. Mathematics
- ii. B.Sc. Geography & Earth Sciences
- iii. B.Sc. Environmental and Sustainability Science
- iv. BSc. Nature Conservation and Management
- v. BSc Geoscience
- vi. B.Sc. Environmental Management
- vii. BSc. Physics and Mathematics
- viii. BSc. Chemistry and Biological Sciences
- ix. BSc. Physics and Biological Sciences
- x. BSc. Chemistry and Mathematical Sciences
- xi. BSc. Chemistry and Physics
- xii. BSc. Environment and Public Health
- xiii. BSc. Biological and Mathematical Sciences

B) School of Sustainable Development (SSD)

- i. B.Sc. Energy Sustainability
- ii. B.Sc. Environmental Economics and Policy
- iii. B.Sc. Aquaculture Management
- iv. B.Sc. Energy and Resource Economics
- v. B.Sc. Urban Planning and Development
- vi. B.Sc. Sustainable Construction Management and Technology
- vii. B.Sc. Sustainable Development

viii. BSc. Water Resources Development

ix. BSc. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

x. BSc. Architecture and Sustainable Design

xi. BSc. Development Economics

11.3 Planning and Quality Assurance

The Academic Planning and Quality Assurance Unit (APQAU) plays a pivotal role in upholding and improving the academic standards at the University of Environment and Sustainable Development (UESD). The Unit's primary responsibility is to ensure that the university adheres to national and international quality assurance guidelines, with a focus on improving the overall learning and teaching experience.

One of the Unit's major achievements has been the development of several academic quality assurance tools. These include:

- Course Syllabus Structure: This structure outlines clear learning objectives, assessment methods, and grading criteria.
- Examination Moderation Guidelines: To enhance the integrity of the examination process, the APQAU developed guidelines for moderating exams. This ensures that exams are fair, comprehensive, and in line with the course content.
- Evaluation Templates: Templates for evaluating teaching effectiveness and course delivery were developed. These tools enable the Unit to systematically collect feedback from students, which is then used to improve the quality of teaching.
- Field Trip Policy and Tools: Recognizing the importance of experiential learning, the Unit developed an Educational Field Trip Policy, along with request forms and assessment tools for both staff and students.
- Accreditation of Academic Programmes: The accreditation of academic programmes is a core function of the APQAU. Since 2020, we developed and

submitted Twenty-Four (24) academic programme justifications to the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC). All Twenty (24) programmes received administrative approval and accreditation. The accreditation process ensures that UESD's programmes meet both national and international standards, making graduates highly competitive in the global job market.

 Evaluation of Teaching and Learning: The Unit conducted comprehensive evaluations of teaching and learning activities. This included administering student evaluations of both lecturers and courses.

The Unit's evaluations of teaching, courses, and examinations have enhanced academic quality through continuous evaluation which has led to significant improvements in academic quality.

12.0 Research Initiatives and Grants

Research, Innovation and Consultancy

The Research, Innovation, and Consultancy Unit is mandated to pursue research grants and disseminate research calls to the university community, provide research support through the processing of letters of support, make available information on the UESD policies related to research, manage research grants and scholarships and organize research education seminars, workshops, and conferences. The unit has circulated over 150 research grant applications, conferences, and other related calls to the University Community mainly through its official mailing system.

Initiatives

- Launch of the University Ethics Committee;
- Launch of the Journal of Environment and Sustainable Development;
- Development of Draft Ethics and Innovation Policy;
- · Development of UESD Draft Research Policy;

Research Capacity-Building Workshops

- Hosting of two (2) Grantsmanship Workshops;
- Hosting of an Internationalization Seminar;
- Hosting a Publication Workshop for staff;
- Staff involvement in THINK Network (a network of Innovation and Entrepreneurship Hubs of Tertiary Institutions);
- Successfully enrolled close to twenty (20) staff of the university at the Doctoral School hosted by the Pan African Doctoral Academy (PADA);

Grants

- Faculty won over Two Hundred Dollars (\$200,000) grant funds;
- Secured funding from the Building Africa's Next Generation of Academics (BANGA) IV Project for five (5) staff to undertake their doctoral studies at the University of Ghana.
- The Erasmus+ Impressions Project The Department of Water Resource and Sustainable Development won an EU grant worth 110,000.00 Euros for the University.
- Environmental Sanitation Research Fund a grant worth GHS 98,433.5
 was won for the purpose of Design and Performance Evaluation of Small-Scale Waste Energy Technology for Sustainable Waste to waste-to-energy generation.
- International Foundation for Science Water Security under Different Climate Change Scenarios: Modeling Salt Water Intrusion in the Coast Aquifer of the Densu River Basin in Ghana
- Future Africa Research Fellowship (FAR-Leaf) Program Environmental Consciousness, Energy Poverty and Social Origin: An Empirical Analysis
- Korean SHE Foundation (Global Seed Grant) Promoting Environmental education and justice through religious diversity in Ghana

Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI) Grant

13.0 Financial Overview

Budget Summary and Fnancial Performance

Worked with GTEC to provide Financial and Material support for the University. At the start of the University, the Director of Finance collaborated with GTEC's Finance Directorate on how to access funds and resources to start the operations of the University.

Setting up the Payroll System

The Directorate worked on placing staff on the government mechanised payroll system, Integrated Personnel and Payroll Database 2 (IPPD2) by representing the University in discussions with the Ministry of Finance (MOF), Controller and Accountant Generals' Department (CAGD), and GTEC to ensure that all staff duly appointed and reported were properly compensated. Again, the Directorate collaborated with CAGD, GTEC and MOF to ensure that approval letters were issued from MOF to enable CAGD to process payroll. The staff of MOF and CAGD were brought in to organise biometric registration and to set up, train and explain the payroll system to all members of staff.

Implementation of Ghana Integrated Financial Management Information System (GIFMIS)

In collaboration with CAGD, the University was able to comply with MOF's directive which requires all subvented organisations to process their financial transactions on the GIFMIS platform. This was achieved with the rollout of the 2023 Budget as staff responsible for budget preparation and implementation took part in various training programmes. As a result, all transactions incurred in 2023 and were duly captured in the system against the approved budget.

14.0 Student Experience

The Office of the Dean of Student Affairs is crucial in addressing various student-related issues and providing student support services within the institution. The office ensures compliance with policies and regulations, conducts investigations, maintains accurate records, and provides training for student leadership.

Student life and engagement initiatives

- Approval of Students' Handbook
- Approval of Student Representative Council (SRC) constitution.
- Organized maiden Matriculation and orientation for fresh students for the 2020/2021 academic
- Conducted Elections for the Interim Student Executives (2021)
- Swearing-in of Interim SRC and JCR Executives (2021)
- Leadership Training for the SRC and JCR Interim Executives
- Maiden (1st) Debate on Environment and Sustainability Issues
- Hostel Arrangement made for off-campus students
- Organized a consultative meeting between Management and the student body every academic year since 2022
- Financial Aid Services (Students Loan Trust Fund SLTF) Twelve (12) students were granted loan
- The Students' Representative Council hosted the National Youth Conference under the theme "Climate Action & Environmental Sustainability" in 2023.
- Instituted Academic Advisor and Assigned students to their respective Academic Advisors.
- Organized an On-Campus National Service Scheme (NSS) orientation for final-year students.
- Organized a training programme for first-years on using the E-Learning Platform, Students Email, Google Workspace, and Students Portal.
- The Dean of Students Affairs and Counselling Unit organized a seminar for third and final years on CV writing and Workplace Ethics
- Collaborated with TECHFARM Hub to organise a two-day training session on digital and freelance trading for students.

Support Services and resources

- Students Affairs Secretariat Services
- Financial Aid Services
- Academic Advising Services
- Technological Supporting Services
- Student Counselling Services

Financial Aid Service

- Students Loan Trust Fund Twenty (20) students were granted loans in August and five (5) students were assisted in applying.
- External Scholarship assisted 23 students in applying for the J&E applying for the GETFund scholarship and 1 from Ghana Gas.
- Students were assisted in applying for loans from the Student Loan Trust Fund as well as applying for scholarships from J&E Quansah Scholarship, Ghana Gas, Ghana Trust Fund Scholarships, etc.
- Identified scholarship opportunities for students, such as those offered by PENSA International Professional Development Programme, Tullow Oil Ghana, the National Youth Employment Fund, and the Ghana National Petroleum Corporation
- Two students received scholarships from J&E Quansah Foundation ten (10) from GETFund and one (1) from Ghana Gas four (4) students from VRA (two)
 2 STUDENTS from Newmont and two (2) students from Latter Day Saints

14.1 Campus Facilities and Infrastructure Enhancement

The University due to lack of hostel facilities on campus, we have partnered with the private individuals to accommodate our students. Three (3) hostels were officially approved;

Destiny Hostel: has a capacity of thirty-three (33) rooms and is located behind the UESD administration block. It accommodate one hundred and thirty-two (132) students.

Eastern Layaway (EL) Hostel: The hostel is situated at Trom and Center one all in Somanya. The EL hostel has 280 bed capacity. It accommodate both foreign and local students.

OJ Hostel: It is situated behind the Goil filling station in Somanya. It has a capacity to accommodate 58 students.

Hostel Allocation - Collaborated with the Hostel Management Committee to develop a Google sheet for efficiently allocating students to hostels. The sheet includes accommodations like the University Hostel, OJ Hostel, EL Hostel, and Destiny Hostel.

15.0 Physical Development and Infrastructure

Teaching and Learning Facilities

Currently, the University has a one thousand, five hundred and forty-five (1,545) capacity faculty block with offices, computer laboratory, video conferencing room and laboratory blocks for students and staff. The Lecture Block also houses the University Library.

Other Facilities

Other facilities include the Multipurpose Building which houses the University's Auditorium and Cafeteria, a School Administration block (that serves as the University's interim Administration Block), Students' Hostel that accommodates 78 students and accommodation apartments for three Key Officers. There is a water treatment plant that recycles water for use in the university.

Ongoing GETFund Projects

There are four (4) on-going GETFund Projects on the campus, namely; the Auditorium, Administration Block, a Computer Laboratory Block and a 440 bed capacity hostel.

All the projects are at various stages of completion.

Phase 2 of the UESD Project

The sod has been cut for the commencement of the Phase 2 of the UESD Project. This Phase will provide among other facilities, a Lecturer Block with Library, Laboratory Block, Recreational or Sports Complex, 4No. 3-Bedroom Staff Bungalows, 1No. 2-Storey Semi-Detached Staff Bungalow, 2 Main Entrances and 2km-inner University Roads. Work commenced on the 8th of February, 2022, and has stalled due to cash flow challenges.

S/N	Activities	Achievements
1	Allocation of office spaces and furniture, embossment of university assets and properties.	 All established offices within the university have been allocated space and furniture. Almost all university assets have been labeled
2	Design and development of a master plan	The University council approved the plan
3	The annual planting of trees on the University campus	Over two thousand trees have been planted along the university boundaries, main roads, and within strategic areas of the university campus and residences.
4	a. Supervision of the 3No. GETFund Projects (Auditorium Block, 2-Story Administration Block, Lecture Hall, ICT and Library Block)	Collaboration with PPMC in reviewing the 3No. GETFund projects and getting GTEC, GETFund, and Central Tender Review Committee approval.
	b. Participated/collaborated in the supervision of the completed GWCL pipeline extension to the University campus from the Akosombo-Kpong-Tema main pipe lines.	The project has been completed, and the University now has a constant supply of water from GWCL.

	c. Collaborating/Participating in the supervision of all Phase II projects	The construction of the 2nd phase progressed up to 28.88% complete when the projects were suspended due to lack of funds.
	d. Participated in the supervision of the on-going 440-bed capacity Hostel for UESD Campus.	 a. Sub-structure works completed b. Rising columns and the suspended reinforced slab of the ground floor have been completed c. Rising columns of the first floor is 70% complete d. The Directorate continues to vet the Contractor's payment certificates for onward submission to GETFund through GTEC and participate in site meetings and monitor the on-going works at the project site.
5	Preparation of a schedule of defects and collaboration with Messrs Avangarde Design Services to supervise Messrs Contracta Costruzioni Italia SRL to rectify those defects in Phases I	 a. Re-roofing of the administration block, which was leaking seriously. b. Partitioning of six (6) apparatus rooms and a special laboratory room.
6	Collaborated/participated in the supervision of 30m high Telecom Infrastructure (Mast) on the University campus	The project has been completed, and the network within the university and part of Somanya Township has been improved.

7	Under the leadership of the University management in collaboration with the Eastern Regional Minister (Hon. Seth Kwame Acheampong), the University took custody of One (1) Mile Square (640 acres) at Donkorkrom in the Afram Plains (Kwahu North District) in the Eastern Region.	The University is taking steps in collaboration with the Eastern Regional Lands Commission to prepare the necessary title documents for the parcel of land.
8	Preparation of land information system (some documents on the University Land)	The Director, DPDEM has been able to prepare some documentation on the University Land whilst collaborating with Management and Lands Commission to secure lease documents and title certificate for UESD Land to consolidate our ownership and security of tenure.
9	Provision of facilities to improve/ enhance teaching and learning	 a. Design and partitioning of 2No. Lecture Halls to accommodate students b. Collaborated with the DITSO to install projectors in lecture rooms c. Installation of additional air conditioners and ceiling fans at the Lecture Block d. Messrs Zapproze (Gh) Limited released their uncompleted facility under GETFund for lectures.
10	Casting of reinforced precast concrete "dog-leg" posts and its erection along the UESD boundary	 a. A total of 245 reinforced precast "dog-leg" posts have been constructed b. Surveying and setting out of UESD boundary c. Erection of 245 reinforced precast "dog-leg" posts along the University boundary.

11	Management of University facilities	The Directorate manages the University
	and mango farms.	facilities and mango farm to generate
		revenue.

PROFILE OF VALEDICTORIAN



MR. MAXWELL BOAKYE
School of Natural and Environmental Sciences (SNES)
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Maxwell Boakye was born on 8th August, 2002, and hails from Kwahu Twendurase. He currently resides in Akosombo under the guardianship of Mr. Charles Asante. Maxwell is a Christian by faith.

Maxwell Boakye, a proud old student of Okuapeman Senior High School, Akropong. He has taken on various leadership roles at the

Department of Environment and Public Health and at the University.

He served on the SRC's finance and welfare committees, working to support students and manage resources. He also represented the School of Natural and Environmental Sciences (SNES) on the SRC's Electoral Commission. In his final year, he was Vice President of the University Christian Fellowship (UCF), helping to guide and support the faith community on campus.

Maxwell participated in the Dean's Excellence Awards in all the years it has been held. He is a recipient of the Dean's honor roll certificate of achievement in recognition of having a CGPA of 4.0 for the 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 academic years. He is also an active member of the Rotary/Rotaract Club at UESD, serving on the Project Committee to help drive meaningful community projects. Currently, Maxwell has begun his National Service at UESD as a Teaching Assistant (TA), where he supports faculty and assists students in their academic and research work.

Maxwell Boakye is skilled in Digital Marketing, Kindle Direct Publishing, and Graphic Design, with added know-how in website development. He's also strong in planning, scheduling, and enjoys mentoring others.

Outside of work, Maxwell's interest include music, cooking, and gardening. He values personal growth and gives back to his community through active involvement in a Rotary/Rotaract club.

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UESD ANTHEM

Composed by

Godfred Teye Mensah Akuffo

Assitant Lecturer, UESD.

Stanza 1

We rise in the east, as the rise of the sun The height of wisdom inspired by HOPE We are trained to secure the environment Where humans and nature live in harmony All hail our home of excellence All hail our home of great tenacity Where our minds are shaped to change the world To improve the lives around the Globe

Chorus

UESD in honesty we thrive UESD to identify opportunities By perseverance we'll overcome UESD enterprising

Stanza 2

The start of an era, the first of the east Where restoration is our top priority We are skilled to secure the environment For greener tomorrow, starting today All hail our home of excellence All hail our home of great tenacity Where we are trained to be agents of change To safeguard the future, yet unfurled.

Chorus

Stanza 3

With sustainable steps, we pave the way Securing the environment, our solemn vow To uphold UESD, in highest esteem To this noble pursuit we pledge anew All hail our home of excellence All hail our home of great tenacity Where our minds are shaped to change the world To uphold the virtues of our motherland Chorus

GHANA NATIONAL ANTHEM

Composed by **Dr. Phillip Gbeho**

- 1. God bless our homeland Ghana,
 And make our nation great and strong,
 Bold to defend for ever,
 The cause of Freedom and of Right.
 Fill our hearts with true humility
 Make us cherish fearless honesty,
 And help us to resist oppressor's rule
 With all our will and might for evermore.
- 2. Hail to thy name, O Ghana,
 To thee we make our solemn vow:
 Steadfast to build together
 A nation strong in Unity;
 With our gifts of mind and strength of arm,
 Whether night or day, in mist or storm,
 In every need what'er the call may be,
 To serve thee, Ghana, now and evermore.
- 3. Raise high the flag of Ghana And one with Africa advance; Black star of hope and honour, To all who thirst for liberty; Where the banner of Ghana freely flies, May the way of freedom truly lie Arise, arise, O sons of Ghanaland, And under God march on for evermore.
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