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THE GHANA CSO PLATFORM ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN ITS LEADERSHIP

Accra, 29th November 2024 – The Ghana CSOs Platform on SDGs successfully held a handing-over and induction ceremony for its newly elected Co-Chairs and Steering Committee at the UNDP Conference Room in Accra. The event marks a significant milestone in the Platform's journey to strengthen civil society coordination in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Ghana.

This ceremony followed the Platform's Annual General Assembly decision on 21st December 2023 to organize new elections for all its Sub-Platforms. The rigorous election process, which began in January 2024, concluded in October 2024, with 16 out of the 18 National Sub-Platforms and 12 out of the 16 District Platforms successfully electing new leaders.

The highlight of the event was the formal farewell to the outgoing Steering Committee and Co-Chairs, whose dedicated service has been instrumental in advancing the Platform's objectives. The outgoing Co-Chairs included:

- Mr. Siapha Kamara, CEO of SEND Ghana
- Mrs. Joyce Dodzi Larnyoh, Executive Director of the International Child Development Programme (ICDP)
- Mrs. Beauty Emefa Narteh, Executive Secretary of the Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition (GACC)

The Platform also inducted its new Steering Committee and leadership, who will now steer its vision and mission. The new Co-Chairs are:

- Mr. Joseph Tettey Afangbe, Founder and Executive Director of Young Visionary Leaders Ghana
- Mrs. Mary Awelana Addah, Executive Director of the Ghana Integrity Initiative (GII)
- Mrs. Harriet Nuamah Agyemang, Country Director of SEND Ghana

The Ghana CSOs Platform congratulates the outgoing leadership for their remarkable service and warmly welcomes the new Steering Committee and Co-Chairs to their roles. The Platform looks forward to collaborating with its new leadership to advance sustainable development, drive policy advocacy, and implement the SDGs at all levels across Ghana.



Once again, join us in extending our appreciation to the former Co-Chairs and our support to the new Co-Chairs.



Co-Chair Joseph Tettey Afangbe

Mr. Joseph Tettey Afangbe is the Founder and Executive Director of Young Visionary Leaders Ghana, a national NGO contributing to various social courses. He is a dedicated social entrepreneur, activist, and human rights advocate with a decade of experience in the civil society space in Ghana.

He is the National Deputy Coordinator of the Ghana Social Accountability Platform, a member of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC) with Special Consultative Status. Until his election as Co-Chair, he served as co-convenor for the Youth Sub-platform and the SDG 4 Sub-Platform and championed several initiatives to promote quality

education.

Mr. Afangbe holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Cape Coast. He is currently pursuing Masters of Business Administration (MBA) Management at the University of Cape Coast.



Co-Chair Mary Awelana Addah

Mrs. Mary Awelana Addah is the Executive Director for Ghana Integrity Initiative. She has nearly two decades of expertise in governance, anti-corruption, and social accountability. She also has a proven track record of advocating for transparency and good governance at national and international levels.

In addition, she has extensive experience in building and leading coalitions, including the Open Government Partnership (OGP) and Citizens' Movement Against Corruption (CMaC), RTI Coalition, and the Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (MONICOM) of the National Anti-Corruption Action Plan (NACAP). She is the

Convenor for Sub-Platform 16 and a member of the Platform's Steering Committee.

Mrs. Addah holds a Bachelor's degree in Sociology with Social Work and a Master's degree in Development Studies from the University of Ghana and has earned certifications from prestigious institutions like Wageningen University, the Robert Wagner Graduate School, the Danida Fellowship Centre, and the United Nations.



Co-Chair Harriet Nuamah-Agyemang

Mrs. Harriet Nuamah Agyemang is the Country Director of SEND GHANA with over two decades of networking and coordination in the civil society space. She is a seasoned advocate, trainer, communicator and versatile budget analyst.

Through her hard work with civil society, she has mobilised, supported and trained many CSOs across the country and individuals to champion and advocate for good governance including the involvement of citizens' voices in policy decision-making.

Her experience in managing coalitions is evidenced by her being the Coordinator of the CSO MDGs Platform in 2005. Until she was elected Co-Chair, Harriet provided technical support to the National Secretariat of the Platform which is hosted by SEND GHANA. Harriet holds a Diploma in Journalism, a Bachelor and a Master of Arts in Development Studies.

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