

GSA Signs MoU with Tetra Tech ARD



Mr. Clifford Frimpong, Ag. DG and Heather D'Agnes, Chief of Party, GFRA, signing the MoU

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tetra Tech ARD, the Prime Contractor for the USAID Feed the Future Ghana Fisheries Recovery Activity (GFRA).

The MoU seeks to provide technical support in the development, promotion and education of national food safety standards and certification for the production of high-quality, value-added fish and fishery products in the country.

Tetra Tech ARD is a leading provider of consulting, engineering, and technical services worldwide and is under the USAID Feed the Future Ghana Fisheries Recovery Activity (GFRA).

The MoU spells out the set of activities aimed at increasing the quality and value of artisanal fish products to maintain household income and enhance the availability of nutritious foods for local and regional markets, and support to alternative livelihoods activities which will enhance the socio-economic well-being and resilience of artisanal fisherfolk.

Present at the ceremony were Mr. Clifford Frimpong, the Ag. Director-General of the GSA; Mr. Steve Poku-Kwateng,

Deputy Director-General Operations (DDG-OPS); Mr. Bernard Akoto-Ampaw, Deputy Director General, General Services (DDG-GEN); Mrs. Jessica Nkansah, Ag. Director of Inspectorate; Mr. Douglas Nii Teiko Annan, Director of Administration, among other top GSA officials.

Members from Tetra Tech who were present at the event were Heather D'Agnes, Chief of Party at GFRA; Emmanuel Kwarteng, Market and Private Sector Specialist; Christian



Group photograph of top management and staff of GSA and Tetra Tech

Kuder, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Specialist; and Akua Okyere-Nyako, Value Chain Specialist.

Mr. Frimpong lauded the Fish Department for working hand-in-hand with Tetra Tech and USAID to train fishers to produce fish not only for export but for local consumption.

He promised that the GSA would ensure that the project makes an impact on the local fish industry.

“Thank you for choosing GSA and we will do our best to promote healthy standards in the fish industry,” he said.

He also implored the staff to work as a team to ensure the success of the project.

Mrs. Nkansah, during the signing, stated that her team had identified the needs of the smoked local fish markets in Ghana and had organised trainings which have impacted

positively on the fish industry of the country.

D’Agnes, on her part, praised the GSA for its commitment to the project and hoped that the partnership will continue beyond the MoU.

Some of the activities the Authority is responsible for in the MoU include:

- *Certify fish processors under the SFCLS in Ghana.*
- *Review and institutionalise SFCLS with the GSA Fish Export Unit.*
- *Develop a national food safety standard for the Ghana artisanal fish processing sector.*
- *Promote discussions of SFCLS at the national and regional levels.*
- *Promote consumer awareness on hygienic*

and safe seafood production and consumption in Ghana.

- *Support the identification and development of new and higher markets for hygienic and safe fish in Ghana.*
- *Support with capacity building on hygienic and safe fish processing to improve the quality of seafood production in Ghana.*

Tetra Tech is working with USAID’s Feed the Future Fisheries Recovery Activity to improve fisheries management, promote food security, advance marine conservation and bolster the Ghanaian local fish industry.



Mrs. Nkansah making a point



Mr. Poku-Kwateng interacting with officials from Tetra Tech



Officials of Tetra Tech

