

AFUA BOATEMAA YAKOHENE (Ph.D)

Summary of Key Competencies:

Researcher, lecturing, capacity building and training, programme management, and mediation.

Research in gender, governance, peace and security, and human rights in Africa.

Strong knowledge of Africa including post conflict settings.

Good experience working with EMBs, CSOs, Political Parties, Government institutions, Academia, United Nations, African Union and international organisations.

Language Proficiency: English

African Continental work/visit Coverage: Liberia, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, Kenya, Cameroon, Nigeria, Botswana, South Africa, Tanzania, Libya and Gabon.

Educational Profile

Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna di Studi Universitari e di Perfezionamento, Pisa, Italy:
PhD., Politics, Human Rights and Sustainability, 2011-2015.

School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, London:
Academic Visitor - affiliated to the Politics and International Studies Department as part of my doctoral study experience, March to June 2012.

University of Ghana, Ghana: M.Phil. in International Affairs, 2002-2004.

University of Ghana, Ghana: B.A. (Hons) in English and Theatre Arts, 1998-2001.

Professional Profile

Research Fellow, Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy (LECIAD),
University of Ghana, Legon from June 2006 to present.

Teaching, supervise and examine of students - Master of Arts in International Affairs and Doctor of Philosophy in International Affairs.

Courses taught include Gender and International Relations, International Political Development, Africa and International Relations, Research Methodology, and Ghanaian Foreign Policy.

Member, International Studies Association (ISA), 2019 to present.

Member, Committee that developed the proposal and the preparation for the running of LECIAD's Master of Arts Part Time programme. I was also the coordinator for its initial running and establishment. January 2015 – December 2015.

Editorial Assistant, the Legon Journal of International Affairs and Diplomacy (LEJIAD), University of Ghana, Legon, 2005 – 2011.

Reviewer, Legon Journal of International Affairs and Diplomacy (LEJIAD), University of Ghana, Legon. 2021 to present.

Other Professional Affiliations

August 2020 to present, Course Tutor and Supervisor, Online Masters in Electoral Policy and Administration (MEPA), organized by the Scuola Superiore Sant Anna, Pisa, Italy, and United Nations Institute for Training and Research.

Member of Faculty and Mentor, Central Leadership Programme, 2019 to present. Teach in Africa in World Politics and Leadership.

2015 to present, Dissertation Supervisor and Examiner, Master of Science in Defence and International Politics programme, Ghana Armed Forces Command and Staff College (GAFSC), Teshie.

Extension Activities

Member - Greater Accra Regional Peace Council, November 2018 to present.
Mandate to resolve and prevent conflicts in the Greater Accra of Ghana through mediation, advocacy and training.

Examinations Officer - LECIAD, May 2018 to present.

Member - Volta Hall Council, August 2017 - July 31, 2019.

Tutor - Volta Hall, 1 August, 2016 - 1 August, 2020.

Focal Person for Training, LECIAD, University of Ghana, 2015 - April 2018.

National Project Coordinator, International Training Programme on Peacebuilding and Good Governance for African Civilian Personnel (ITPPGG). This Project is organised by LECIAD and the International Training Programme for Conflict Management (ITPCM) of the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy. It was formally in partnership with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and benefited from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperazione Italiana, June 2005 - December 2010.

Grant/ Consultantships

Grant received from the University of Ghana to research and write a book - Darkwa L., Attuquayefio P., & **Yakohene, A. B.** (2012). *Peacemaking in Ghana: Lessons Learnt, Options for the Future*. Accra, Imagine Communications Limited.

National Consultant in developing the training agenda, facilitation and developing the overall training report for *the Sub-Regional Experience-Sharing Workshop on Building and Sustaining National Dialogue and Peace Structures*. The training itself was held on 19-20 June 2019, Holiday Inn Hotel in Accra, Ghana. This workshop was technically supported by the Commonwealth Secretariat and jointly implemented with the National

Peace Council (NPC) of Ghana. The proceedings of the training were published by the Commonwealth Secretariat in December 2019.

Committee Memberships

Member of the Constitutional Review Committee to review Volta Hall's constitution, Volta Hall, University of Ghana, March – June, 2022.

Member of the Constitutional Review Committee to review Volta Hall's constitution, Volta Hall, University of Ghana, 2009.

Publications

a. Books

1. Darkwa, L., Attuquayefio, P., & **Yakohene, A. B.** (2012). *Peacemaking in Ghana: Lessons learnt, options for the future*. Accra: Imagine Communications Limited.

a. Book Chapters

2. **Yakohene, A. B.**, & Appiah, J. (2022). The shining Black Star of Africa: The tale of Ghana in conflict resolution. In Delgado-Caicedo, C. J. (Ed.), *Handbook of Regional Conflict Resolution Initiatives in the Global South* (1st Edition). London: Routledge. (Forthcoming - July).
3. Yakohene, A. B. (2022). The ties that bind: Understanding Ghana-Cuba relations. In Boampong, J. (Ed.), *Ghana and Latin American Relations*. Accra: Centre for Latin American Studies/Andrew Mellon Foundation. (Forthcoming).
4. Yakohene, A. B. (2019). Peacebuilding in micro-level inter-community conflicts in West Africa: Examples from Ghana and Nigeria. In Omeje, K. (Ed.), *Peacebuilding*

in contemporary Africa: In search of Alternative Strategies (pp. 41-57). London: Routledge.

5. Yakohene, A. B. (2015). Pursuing development in post-conflict Sierra Leone. In Gebe, B. Y. (Ed.), *Constitutionalism, Governance and Inter-State Relations in Africa* (pp. 275-320). Accra: Black Mask Limited.

6. Yakohene, A. B. (2009). Overview of regional integration in Ghana. In Kumado, C. E. K. *Ghana in Search of Regional Integration Agenda* (pp. 1-22). Accra: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES).

a. Published Research Work in Refereed Journals

7. **Yakohene, A. B., & Appiah, J.** (2022). Monarch, autocracy or democracy? Rethinking term limits towards peace, stability and development in Central Africa. *Legon Journal for International Affairs and Diplomacy* (LEJIAD). (Forthcoming - December).

8. Yakohene, A. B. (2009). Ghanaian citizen and foreign policy: Awareness and participation. *Legon Journal of International Affairs and Diplomacy*, 6(2), pp. 107-120.

a. Others

Report

9. Yakohene, A. B. (2021). The impact of COVID-19 on governance for the peace and security of Africa. In *Rapport Annuel sur la Géopolitique de l'Afrique* (Fourth Edition, pp. 65-77). Annual Report on Africa's Geopolitics. Policy Center for the New South.

Policy Briefs

10. Yakohene, A. B. (2015). Rising insecurity in West Africa: Boko Haram in focus. *Recent challenges to the international community: Innovative ideas on how to deal with them*. International Training Programme for Conflict Management International Commentary, pp. 52-56. Vol. XIII, No. 39.
11. Yakohene, A. B. (2013). What education for Liberia's (human) development. *Research Outputs as Policy Inputs: Human Rights, Democracy and Development Promotion*. International Training Programme for Conflict Management International Commentary, pp. 53-57. Vol. IX, No. 33.
12. Darkwa, L., & **Yakohene, A. B.** (2007). Surge in civilian expertise in complex peace support operations: Prospects and challenges for sustainable regional training. African Peace Support Trainers Association.

**Other (Academic / Professional) Activities: Conferences, Workshops, Trainings etc
2022**

1. Participated in a 2-day Regional Conference on Media and Democracy in West Africa. Conference theme on "The Media, Press Freedom and the Democracy Recession in West Africa" was organized by the Media Foundation for West Africa, 18 – 19 October, 2022, Alisa Hotel, Accra.
2. Yakohene, A. B. online presentation on "Making basic education and literacy beneficial". The webinar was organised by Rotary Club of Accra-East, 22 September, 2022.
3. Moderated a panel on "Climate Change and Gender: Rethinking Policy Options for Priority Action". Organised by the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), as the second edition of the WANEP Lecture Series on Gender, Security and Climate Change: BUILDING STRATEGIC ACTION FOR

SUSTAINABLE PEACE. The session focused on understanding climate strategy from UN/AU/ECOWAS/CSO perspectives, assessing existing policy frameworks, identifying gaps and strengthening policy action among others, 28 September, 2022, Tomriek Hotel, East Legon, Accra.

4. Facilitated training on ‘*Conflict Analysis*’ and ‘*Emerging Critical Issues in Peace Support Operations (PSOs)*’ during the Intelligence Support for Peace Operations Course (CIM), Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre, Teshie, 4 September 2022.
5. Yakohene, A. B. online presentation on Gender and Diplomacy in Ghana. The webinar was part of the African Forum (5th Edition) organised by Tel Aviv University to observe the lives of women in Africa and Israel, 8 June, 2022.
6. Participated in a three-month in-person and online Training on Conflict Mediation, Negotiation and other Peacebuilding Mechanisms. This is being organized by the Foundation for Security and Development in Africa (FOSDA) and Canadian Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI) for “Enhancing the technical Experts of Women Peace Builders in Ghana”, Hillview Guest Center in Abokobi, 12 October, 2021 to 31 January, 2022.

2021

1. Participated in the Maria Sibylla Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA) and Fellows of the African Postdoctoral Pilot Academy (PAPA) International Colloquium on Challenging Conflict Research in Africa: Epistemological, Theoretical and Methodological Issues, Institute of African Studies (IAS), University of Ghana, Accra, 10-12 December 2021.
2. Participated in the 2021 Kofi Annan Peace and Security Forum on Democracy and Governance in the Context of Complex Crises in West Africa. It was organized by the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre, Teshie, 8-9 December, 2021.

3. Yakohene, A. B. online presentation on Perspectives of China's Influence in Ghana: The role of the First Lady's office in Ghana. The webinar was organised by the Gender Centre for Empowering Development (GenCED), 25 November, 2021.
4. Yakohene, A. B. presentation on "The Impact of COVID-19 on Women, Peace and Security Agenda in West Africa" at the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) Maiden Lecture Series on the theme *Pathways to achieving SDG goal 5 in the post-COVID 19 era: Challenges and Prospects*, Coconut Grove Hotel, Accra-Ghana, 23-24 November 2021.
5. Participated in an online training on International Standards for the Protection of Individuals and Groups: A Training Course for Officers Working on Human Rights. It was organized by the European Union Police and Civilian Services Training (EUPCST) programme, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy, in cooperation with the Royal Netherlands Marechaussee, 15-22 November 2021.
6. Panelist presentation on "Key Uncertainties: What-Could-Happen Scenarios in the Future" at the National Stakeholders' Dialogue. It was organised by the National Peace Council (NPC) with the support of the Commonwealth Secretariat and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Ghana, Aqua Safari, Big Ada 29 June to 1 July 2021.
7. Yakohene, A. B. online presentation on "National Peace Architectures: The Case of Ghana and Other Countries", at the National Stakeholders Consultations Forum of Lesotho, Manthabiseng Convention Centre, Lesotho, 21–23 July, 2021.
8. Facilitated in Community Outreaches in the Odododiodio and Ablekuma Central Constituencies on 21st and 22nd June 2021 respectively. These 1-Day stakeholder dialogues of the National Peace Council and the Commonwealth Secretariat was

on "Countering Post-2020 Election Violence and Building Consensus for Greater Political Tolerance in Ghana".

9. Facilitated training on '*Conflict Analysis*' and '*Emerging Critical Issues in Peace Support Operations (PSOs)*' during the Intelligence Support for Peace Operations Course (CIM), Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre, Teshie, 3-14 May 2021.

2020

1. Participated as a Data Analyst in the Election Situation Room (ESR). The ESR was part of a broader project titled "Electoral violence Monitoring, Analysis and Mitigation (EMAM)", implemented by the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) in partnership with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS) with funding from the European Union (EU).
2. Deployed as a Domestic Election Observer for the Greater Accra Regional Peace Council in the Adentan Constituency during Ghana's December 9, 2020 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections.
3. Participated in an "Election Security Course" organised by the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), December 1 – 3, 2020, Coconut Grove Hotel, Accra.
4. Facilitated a training on "Training of Trainers for Election Observers" organised by the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) as part of the "Electoral violence Monitoring, Analysis and Mitigation (EMAM)" project, Sunlodge Hotel, Tesano, November 30 and December 1, 2020.
5. Undertook Election Observation training organised by the Ghana National Peace Council of Ghana and facilitated by the Electoral Commission of Ghana,

November 21, 2020.

6. Participated in the National Election Response Group (NERG) as a representative of LECIAD. This was established by the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) and the “Electoral violence Monitoring, Analysis and Mitigation (EMAM)” project team for collaboration among institutions to achieve a peaceful election and strengthen democratic governance in Ghana, September to December, 2020.
7. Panelist in online roundtable discussion on “The Privatization of Violence in Africa: Non-State Armed Groups and Private Security” under the broad theme of “Covid 19 and Security in Africa”. It was organised by the African Peace and Security Annual Conference (APASCO talks), Rabat, Morocco, Thursday, September 23-25, 2020.
8. Participated in the United Nations Development Programme’s (UNDP) Virtual Election Working Group established for Ghana’s 2020 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections, July to December, 2020.

2019

1. Reviewer and Panelist for Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana) research work on “Ghana Dialogue on Electoral Violence: Lessons from Selected Cases”. It was organized in collaboration with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) under the banner of the Multi-Stakeholder Consultative Platform for Peace and Governance, 4 December, 2019 at Best Western Premier Hotel, Accra.
2. Participated and assisted in facilitating sessions on *Advocacy and Dialogue on Political Vigilantism*, Aplaku, Accra, 11-12 September, 2019. This was organized by UNDP Ghana and the National Peace Council of Ghana to engage political parties, religious leaders, community leaders, media and other stakeholders in three electoral constituencies ahead of Ghana’s elections in 2020.

3. Facilitated training on ‘*Conflict Analysis*’ and ‘*Emerging Critical Issues in Peace Support Operations (PSOs)*’ during the Intelligence Support for Peace Operations Course (CIM), Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre, 19-30 August, 2019.
4. Yakohene, A. B. A paper presented on ‘*Interrogating Regional Efforts towards countering Gender-based Effects of Terrorism in the Lake Chad Basin*’. The first ever International Studies Association (ISA) in Africa was hosted by LECIAD, University of Ghana, Accra, 1-3 August 2019.
5. Facilitated training on *The Costs of Youth Political and Electoral Violence in African Countries* at the Third Youth Academy. It was organized within the framework of implementation of Article 3 of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG), the Department of Political Affairs of African Union Commission (DPA/AUC) and the Africa and West Asia Programme of International IDEA (AWA/IDEA), in partnership with the African Governance Architecture Secretariat (AGA) and the National Consultative Forum of Political Organizations in Rwanda (NFPO), on “*Youth Contribution to Prevent/mitigate Electoral and Political Violence in African countries*”, Kigali, Rwanda 22nd – 25th July 2019.
6. National Consultant in developing the training agenda, facilitation and developing the overall training report for *the Sub-Regional Experience-Sharing Workshop on Building and Sustaining National Dialogue and Peace Structures*, 19-20 June 2019, Holiday Inn Hotel in Accra, Ghana. This workshop was technically supported by the Commonwealth Secretariat and jointly implemented with the National Peace Council (NPC) of Ghana.

2018

1. Participated in the 10th African Standby Force Training Implementation Workshop, 23-26 October, 2018, Nairobi, Kenya. The Workshop offered an

- opportunity for participants to exchange views on coordination, harmonization, lessons learnt and inter-regional cooperation related to African Standby Force training.
2. Participated in a “Stakeholders Consultation Meetings to discuss the Draft Roadmap on Fostering Labour Mobility within and from Africa”, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration, 24-27 September, 2018. Our observations and inputs influenced the position of the Government of Ghana, which were subsequently transmitted to the African Union Commission.
 3. Participated in a workshop on “Facilitating Migration through Supporting the Rollout of Nigeria’s National Biometric Identity Card (NBIC) for Intra-ECOWAS Travel, and Biometric Registration of Foreign Nationals”. This organised by the International Organisation for Migration, Immigration and Border Management Unit of Nigeria and Nigerian Immigration Service, 14-16 August, 2018, Swiss Spirit Hotel, Accra, Ghana.
 4. Facilitated training on ‘Conflict Analysis’ and ‘Emerging Critical Issues in Peace Support Operations (PSOs)’ during the Information Management in Peace Operations Course (CIM), Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre, 9-30 July, 2018.
 5. Participated in a workshop to validate the Comparative Study of Laws, Policies and Practices Migration in Central Africa to identify Opportunities for Legislative and Policy Reforms. It was organised by the Regional Office for the Open Society Africa (OSIWA), in collaboration with the International Relations Institute of Cameroon (IRIC), 30-31 July, 2018, La Falaise in Yaounde, Cameroon.
 6. Appiah, J. & Yakohene, A. B. A paper presented on *Monarch, Autocracy or Democracy? Rethinking Term Limits towards Peace, Stability and Development*

in Central Africa, 4th School of Social Sciences International Conference, University of Ghana, Legon, 11-12 April, 2018.

2017

1. Participated in the 9th Annual Training Implementation Workshop of the African Standby Force (of the African Union) as a representative of LECIAD, Libreville, Gabon, 24 – 27 October 2017.
2. Yakohene, A. B. Delivered a paper on “Working for Peace and Security in Ghana: The Role of Civil Society in Ghana’s 2016 General Elections” at a LECIAD Staff Seminar, 19 October, 2017.
3. Reviewed and taught modules on ‘Conflict Analysis’ and ‘Emerging Critical Issues in Peace Support Operations (PSOs)’ at the Crisis Information Management Course (CIM), Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre, 29 May, 2017.

2016

1. Participated in the Election Situation Room (ESR) organised by WANEP with sponsorship from USAID and others. The ESR was partnered by the National Peace Council, LECIAD, KAIPTC, Commission of Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ), Blogging Ghana, Transform Ghana and Transform Ghana Network, at the Golden Tulip Hotel. The ESR specifically monitored, reported and analysed violent threats to the peaceful conduct of the elections during and after the general elections. I performed the following roles:
The LECIAD Coordinator for collating the names and contact details of interested domestic observers for the ESR, 9-16 November, 2016.
Participated in the Training-of-Trainers Workshop for domestic election observers, Achimota, Accra, 29 November, 2016.

Trained domestic election observers for the Greater Accra Region, Crystal Palm Hotel, Tesano, 5 December, 2016.

Participated as data analysis personnel, 6-10 December, 2016

2. Coordinated a Training Course on Election Management for Field Managers (90 participants), 10-11 and 13 – 14 October, 2016, Mensvic Grand Hotel, East Legon. This course was partnered by UNDP, the Canadian High Commission, Electoral Commission, LECIAD and KAIPTC. The aim of the course was to train 90 participants working in ‘hotspots’ in Ghana by giving them the requisite skills to effectively manage and reduce conflicts within their area of operation for credible elections.
3. I was a Member and subsequently the representative of LECIAD on the National Election Early Warning and Response Group (NEEWARG), October – December 2016. The NEEWARG is made up of all Members of the Board of National Peace Council, Electoral Commission, Ghana Police Service, some Government Ministries, National House of Chiefs, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), WANEP, LECIAD and others. The NEEWARG was to discuss, develop and recommend response strategies to violent threats to the December 2016 general elections in Ghana. It ensured that, the response strategies are in tandem with electoral laws, sensitive to human security, and adhere to ethics and best practices. It is expected to be a source of information on the impact and progress of the National Early Warning System (NEWS) in Ghana.
4. Participated in the Stakeholders Colloquium on the theme “Reducing the Incidence of Violence in Election 2016 and Beyond” held at KAIPTC, Accra, 20 September, 2016.
5. A member of the initial Planning Committee of the Women’s Situation Room Ghana for the 2016 Presidential and Parliamentary elections.

6. Participated in a Consultative Meeting on the Establishment of a Women's Situation Room in Ghana for the November 2016 elections. The meeting was organised by the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), was supported by UNDP and in partnership with the Angie Brook Institute, Sunlodge Hotel, Accra, 10 May, 2016.
7. Participated in the Fifth Annual African Standby Force (ASF) Civilian Focal Points Retreat, Abuja, Nigeria. This retreat was organised on behalf of the African Union (AU) by the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD) in South Africa, 7-8 March 2016.
8. Participated in a Workshop on the Development of an African Union Comprehensive Protection of Civilians (PoC) Training Standards Framework and a Strategy for the Dissemination and Utilisation of the African Union PoC Aide Memoire, Nairobi, Kenya, 15th to 17th, February, 2016.

2015

1. Upon the invitation of the African Union Commission through the African Peace Support Trainers Association (APSTA), I was invited to participate in the Amani Africa Field Training Exercise (AAII FTX) as a Gender Officer, 19 October - 7 November 2015, Army Combat Training Centre, Lohalta, South Africa.

2012

1. Academic Visitor at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, London, and was affiliated to the Politics and International Studies Department, March to June 2012.

2011

1. Participated in a workshop on Alternative Dispute Resolution Models in China and Western Countries Practice. It was organised by Scuola Superiore Sant'

Anna, LIDER-LAB of Scuola Superiore Sant' Anna and the Istituto Confucio di Pisa at Scuola Superiore Sant' Anna, Pisa, Italy, November 25 and 26, 2011.

2. Participated in a Summer School at the European Inter-University Course of the Venice School of Human Rights on “Human Rights, Our Responsibility”, Venice, Italy, June 30 to July 9, 2011.

2008

1. Participated in the African Union Senior Mission Leaders Course, Gaborone, Botswana, September 1-12, 2008.

2007

1. Participated in a workshop on Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution, University for Peace Africa Programme, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, May 28- June 1, 2007.

October 2022