

AFUA BOATEMAA YAKOHENE (PhD)

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.

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 (GAF CSC), 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.

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.

Publications

Books

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

Book Chapters

2. **Yakohene, A. B.** & Appiah, J. A. (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 ed., pp. 193-210). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003287018-17>
3. 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). Routledge.
4. 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). Black Mask Limited.
5. Yakohene, A. B. (2009). Overview of regional integration in Ghana. In Kumado, C. E. K. (Ed.), *Ghana in Search of Regional Integration Agenda* (pp. 1-22). Friedrich Ebert Stiftung.

Journal Articles

6. Tiekou, T. K. & **Yakohene, A. B.** (2023). Analyzing the African Continental Free Trade Area (the AfCFTA) from an Informality Perspective: A Beautiful House in the Wrong Neighborhood. *Global Studies Quarterly*, 3(3).
<https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1093/isagsq/ksad043>
7. **Yakohene, A. B.**, Appiah, J. A., & Mawuli-Kwawu, E. (2023). Monarch, autocracy or democracy? Rethinking term limits towards peace, stability and development in Central Africa. *Legon Journal for International Affairs and Diplomacy*, 12(1), 1-28.
8. Kipo-Sunyehzi, D. D. & **Yakohene, A. B.** (2022). Policy Design and Implementation Nexus in Africa: The Experience of National Health Insurance Scheme in Sawla-Tuna-Kalba District of Ghana. *Journal of Management Research*, 29(1), pp. 41-57.
<https://dx.doi.org/10.4314/ajmr.v29i1.4>
9. Yakohene, A. B. (2009). Ghanaian citizen and foreign policy: Awareness and participation. *Legon Journal of International Affairs and Diplomacy*, 6(2), 107-120.

OTHERS (Report/Commentary)

1. Yakohene, A. B. (2021). "The impact of COVID-19 on governance for the peace and security of Africa". (4th ed., Rapport Annuel sur la Géopolitique de l'Afrique Issue). Policy Center for the New South, 65-77.
2. 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 Commentary, XIII(39), July. <http://www.itpcm.dirpolis.sssup.it/files/2014/12/39-RECENT-CHALLENGES-TO-THE-INTERNATIONAL-COMMUNITY-July-2015.pdf>
3. 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

http://www.itpcm.dirpolis.sssup.it/files/2013/12/COMMENTARY_RESEARCH_ISS_UE_JULY_2013_FINAL.pdf

Other (Academic / Professional) Activities: Conferences, Workshops, Trainings, Speaking Engagements etc

2023

1. Participant, Seminar on “Impact of Disinformation on Electoral Integrity, Peace and Security in Africa”. Organised by Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration and Ministry of Information Ghana in collaboration with International IDEA and Ghana’s Cyber Security Authority, Accra International Conference Centre, 19 October, 2023.
2. 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, 22 May, 2023.

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.

2021

1. 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.

2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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".

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. 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 *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.
4. 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. 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. 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.
2. 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.

December 2023