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Curriculum Vitae

Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy (LECIAD)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

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

EDUCATION

Awarded full fellowship from the Italian Government to undertake doctoral studies at the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna di Studi Universitari e di Perfezionamento, Pisa, Italy in Politics, Human Rights and Sustainability. The degree was awarded on 13 February 2016.

University of Ghana

M.Phil in International Affairs, 2005.

University of Ghana

B.A. (Hons) in English and Theatre Arts, 2001.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Darkwa L., Attuquayefio P., & **Yakohene, A. B.**, (2012) *Peacemaking in Ghana: Lessons Learnt, Options for the Future*. Accra: Imagine Communications Limited.

Book Chapters

Yakohene, A. B., & Appiah J., The Shining Black Star of Africa: The Tale of Ghana in Conflict Resolution. In Delgado, J., (Ed.). *Regional Conflict Resolution Initiatives and its*

Impact on the Global Positioning of Emerging Powers from the Global South. This is a project of the Centre for Research and Special Projects (CIPE) at the University Externado de Colombia, its Observatory for the Analysis of International Systems (OASIS) and the African Studies Group (Forthcoming).

Yakohene, A. B., Manoeuvring the Pangs of COVID-19 on Governance for the Peace and Security of Africa. In *Rapport Annuel sur la Géopolitique de l'Afrique*, Fourth Edition of the Annual Report on Africa's Geopolitics, Policy Center for the New South, Rabat, Morocco.

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 and New York: Routledge.

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.

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

Journal Refereed Article

Yakohene, A. B. (2009). Ghanaian Citizen and Foreign Policy: Awareness and Participation. *Legon Journal of International Affairs and Diplomacy*, 6 (2), 107-120.

Others

Online Briefs

Yakohene, A. B. (2015). Rising Insecurity in West Africa: Boko Haram in Focus. In *Recent Challenges to the International Community: Innovative Ideas on how to Deal with*

Them, International Training Programme for Conflict Management Commentary, Vol. XIII No. 39, accessible <http://www.itpcm.dirpolis.sssup.it/files/2014/12/39-RECENT-CHALLENGES-TO-THE-INTERNATIONAL-COMMUNITY-July-2015.pdf>.

Yakohene, A. B. (2013). What Education for Liberia's (Human) Development. In *Research Outputs as Policy Inputs: Human Rights, Democracy and Development Promotion*, International Training Programme for Conflict Management Commentary, Vol. IX, No. 33, accessible <http://www.itpcm.dirpolis.sssup.it/files/2013/12/COMMENTARY_RESEARCH_ISSUE_JULY_2013_FINAL.pdf>.

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, accessible <<http://www.apsta-africa.org/posts/peacekeeping-this-month-june-2007>>.

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

2021

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Yakohene, A. B. & Appiah, J. A. online presentation on "Managing the Challenges of Multi-Ethnic Dissimilarities in Post-Colonial Africa: The Case of Ghana", 7th School of Social Sciences (SSS) International Conference on *Addressing Africa's Challenges in the 21st Century*, University of Ghana, Legon, 3-4 November, 2021.

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.

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.

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.

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".

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.

Yakohene, A. B. A paper presented on ‘*Towards a Global Agenda for Gender Equality: State and Non-State Actors in the UN HeForShe Campaign in Ghana*’. Virtual International Studies Association (ISA) Conference, 5-9 April, 2021.

Panelist on a virtual and in-person programme to celebrate International Women’s Day. The theme was “MFARI-8: Celebrating Women in Leadership – 8 years of Female Leadership at the MFARI”, 18 March, 2021. It was organized by the Institute of International Affairs, Ghana (GhIIA).

Participated in the maiden edition of the private sector Stakeholder Dialogue Series (SDS) under the theme, “The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and the Private Sector: Towards Effective Development and Sustainable Peace”, 10 March, 2021, via Zoom Webinar. It was organised the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) in collaboration with the Association of Ghana Industries (AGI), the Federal Government of Germany and the Government of Norway.

Participated as a Guest Panelist in a symposium themed, “Global Reform On Diplomacy, Inclusion and Empowerment for the Modern Woman Amidst Covid-19” and spoke on

“Diplomacy – Education and Careers”. This symposium was to mark International Women’s Day and was organized by the B-HeCK Africa NGOs Alliance, 8 March, 2021 via Zoom, Facebook live and YouTube.

Serving as a monthly resource person on issues of Gender and International Relations and Governance on HitzAfrik Radio, United Kingdom on a myriad of issues from March to 2020 to April 2021. The programme is telecasted live on Facebook and YouTube.

2020

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).

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.

Participated in an “Election Security Course” organised by the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), December 1 – 3, 2020, Coconut Grove Hotel, Accra.

I 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

I undertook Election Observation training organised by the Ghana National Peace Council of Ghana and facilitated by the Electoral Commission of Ghana, November 21, 2020.

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.

Participated in facilitating a 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 via Zoom.

Facilitated training on “Diplomatic Etiquette and Careers in Diplomacy” for the Young Diplomats of Ghana, September 26, 2020, New Horizons Offices Ghana, One Airport Square, Airport City, Accra.

Course Tutor, 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, August to December, 2020.

Participated in an “Expert Cluster Consultation and Indicators Validation Meeting” organised by the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), funded by the European Union, July 28-29, 2020, Mensvic Hotel, Accra.

Participated in an e-meeting (Zoom) on “Public Safety and Security in Ghana” as part of the “Engagement with Key Stakeholders on Draft Paper on Public Safety and Security in Ghana”. It was organized by Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana) and the Ghana office of the Department for International Development-UK (DFID), May 13, 2020 .

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.

Served as a monthly resource person on issues of Gender and International Relations and Governance on HitzAfrik Radio, United Kingdom on a myriad of issues from March 2020 to present. The programme is telecasted live on Facebook.

Participated in the launch of the second Ghana National Action Plan (GHANAP II) as part of the 2020 International Women’s Day (IWD) celebration. It was is jointly organized by the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection, the Women, Peace and Security Institute (WPSI) of the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training

Centre (KAIPTC) in collaboration with the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), the United Nations Development Programme under the auspices of the Working Group on Women, Youth Peace and Security-Ghana. The theme was: “Generation Equality-Advancing Women and Girl’s Rights in Ghana” and the event was held on March 5, 2020 at the KAIPTC Auditorium.

Facilitated training on Diplomatic Etiquette and Careers in Diplomacy for the Young Diplomats of Ghana, January 31, 2020, World Bank Ghana Office, Accra.

2019

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 on December 4, 2019 at Best Western Premier Hotel, Accra.

Panelist^[1] on the theme “*Towards a Peaceful and Secure Africa through Quality Higher Education*” at the 2019 African Universities Week Vice Chancellors Forum, November 12, 2019, AAU Secretariat, East Legon, Accra.

Participated in the Ministry of Communications and the National Cyber Security Centre’s National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. Under the theme “Demonstrating Ghana’s Cybersecurity Readiness”, it featured an informative and engaging programme of activities including thought leadership sessions, panel discussions, lectures, demonstrations, exhibitions and training sessions, at Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC), Accra, October 21-25, 2019.

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.

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.

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 the Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy (LECIAD), University of Ghana, Accra 2019, 1-3 August 2019.

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.

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.

A Participant in the first ever Researcher Connect Workshop organized by the British Council Ghana in Ghana, 13-15 March, 2019, Accra City Hotel. This professional skills development platform is to encourage consistent engagement in academic writing, writing and delivering of persuasive proposals, and how to plan and collaborate academically with other colleagues and institutions.

2018

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. I made a presentation on what LECIAD does in terms of teaching, research and training. A report was sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration on how best LECIAD can increase its presence and relevance in the international arena.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Yakohene, A. B. A paper presented on *Investigating the efficacy of Interventions in Promoting Gender Balance within Christian-Moslem Leadership Space*, an international conference organised by the Department for the Study Of Religions, University of Ghana, Legon, 20-22 June, 2018.

Yakohene, A. B. A paper presented on *Leveraging Science and Technology for Development: Reducing Human Interventions and Inefficiency in Ghana*, College of Basic and Applied Sciences Science and Development Platform, 25-27 April, 2018.

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.

Yakohene, A. B. A paper presented on *Rethinking Citizen Participation towards Development*, University of Ghana Carnegie Scholars Network Conference, University of Ghana, Legon, 1 February 2018.

Extension Activities

- Member - Greater Accra Regional Peace Council, November 2018 to present.
- 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.
- Dissertation Supervisor and Examiner - Master of Science in Defence and International Politics programme, Ghana Armed Forces Command and Staff College (GAFSC), Teshie, 2015 to present.

14 December, 2021



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