

7TH INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE & POPULATION CONFERENCE ON AFRICA

University of Ghana, Legon, Accra, Ghana

OPENING CEREMONY—12th November 2019, from 10 AM

VENUE

**Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) Office Complex, Accra
12th—14th November, 2019**

SPEAKERS

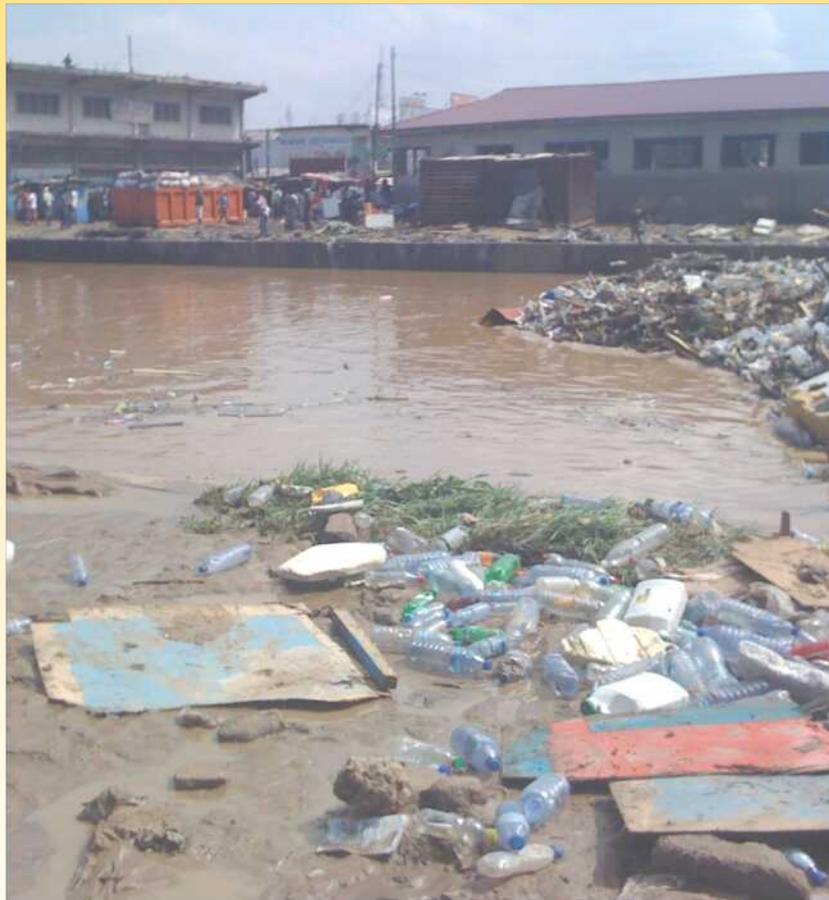
Mad. Cecilia Dapaah
(Hon. Minister,
Sanitation & Water
Resources, Ghana)

Hon. M. Adjei Sowah
(Mayor of Accra and
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H.E. Heather Cameron
(High Commissioner of
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**Mad. Edith Ofwona
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Africa Program, Kenya)

Prof. Joseph Yaro
(Director, RIPS,
University of Ghana)



THEME

“Transforming Cities' Resilience to Climate Change”



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OPENING CEREMONY— ORDER OF PRESENTATION

09:00 AM Arrival and Registration of Participants

10:00 AM All Seated

Opening Prayer & Presentation

Rev. Dr. Elias Asiana, *University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana*

Introduction of Chairperson - Deputy Coordinating Director, AMA
Acceptance & Welcome Remarks

Hon. Mohammed Adjei Sowah, *Mayor of Accra & Mayoral
Conference Co-Host*

Purpose of Conference & Introductions

Dr. Benjamin Delali Dovie, *Conference Convener, Regional Institute
for Population Studies, University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana*

Host Address

Prof. Joseph Yaro, *Director, Regional Institute for population
Studies, University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana*

Goodwill Message

Madam Edith Ofwona Adera, *Senior Program Specialist, Climate
Change, International Development Research Centre-Canada, Kenya*

Goodwill Message

Her Excellency Heather Cameron, *High Commissioner of Canada
to Ghana*

Keynote Address

Interlude

Guest of Honour Address and Official Opening

Madam Cecilia Dapaah, *Honourable Minister of Sanitation & Water
Resources, Republic of Ghana*

Chairman's Response / Closing Remarks

Announcements & Updates

Vote of Thanks / Closing Prayer, **Rev. Dr. Elias Asiana**,
University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana

12:00 AM Group Photograph and Lunch

The 7th CCPOP-Ghana Conference Message

Climatic hazards are increasingly becoming common features of society globally amidst heightened demographic and social change, as well as spatial development. These have resulted in tensions in human-dominated landscapes such as cities because climate change policy regimes often failed to relevantly integrate climate change actions into local governance, putting several populations at risk of disease, hunger, migration and poverty to mention a few. The United Nations estimates that the world's population that will live in urban landscapes will hit 2.4 billion people in cities alone by the year 2040.

Cities contribute close to 70% of the global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and also, centers of most global changes such as population growth. Yet, cities continuously incur huge climate change related annual losses and damages that include major energy and transport infrastructure, and critical ecosystem services. Flood losses in 136 largest coastal cities, was estimated to account for US\$6 billion per year of average global flood losses in 2005, reaching US\$52 billion by 2050. In addition, over 20% in excess loss totaling US\$63 billion attributed to climate change has been projected over the same period. Most of these major hotspots of loss and damage are in the coastal urban areas of the developing world and having highest populations at risk of coastal flooding. Thus climate change could aggravate such risks, resulting in reduced quantum, quality and distribution of key resources of cities with increased poverty and internal displacement. The conference seeks to:

- To bring stakeholders across academia, policy and practice, civil society, industry and business together, having shared values to fight climate change.
- To demonstrate the interdependence of population issues and climate change across the African continent.
- To learn from best lessons on climate change science, policy and practice globally having positive outcomes for Africa.

Benjamin Delali Dovie

University of Ghana

Convener and Chair of the Local Organising Team

APPRECIATION

We wish to Extend a Special Gratitude to you for Supporting Mother Earth to Better Respond to Climate Change.

We are Grateful to the International Development Research Centre of Canada (IDRC) for their Immense Support that Finally Culminated in this Dissemination Conference on Cities and Climate Change.

The Support of all Seven District Assemblies that Participated in the Cities and climate Change Project is Appreciated, especially the Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) for Co-Sponsoring this Conference.

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Previous Years of CCPOP-Ghana Conference in Pictures



TOP LEFT: Mayor of the City of Accra, Hon. Adjei Sowah delivering Keynote Address at the **2018** Conference. **RIGHT:** Section of Participants with The Moroccan Ambassador to Ghana, H.E. Madam Nezha Alaoui M, Hammdi at the **2016** Meeting



UPPER MIDDLE LEFT: Head of the European Union in Ghana, Vice Chancellor, University of Ghana and Ghana's Environment Minister **2015**. **RIGHT:** The Chief of Mission of the UN IMiO in Ghana (Left) engages Prof Audrey Gadzekpo in **2015**



LOWER MIDDLE LEFT: Members of Uganda's Parliament (front row) led by Hon. John Bagoole. **RIGHT:** Prof Akosua Adomako-Ampofo, Chair of the Opening Ceremony in **2013** and Dr. Joe Oteng Adjei (right), Ghana's Environment Minister.



BOTTOM LEFT: The Maiden Event showing Brazilian Ambassador to Ghana Madam Vida Gala, Vice Chancellor of University of Ghana & others in **2012**. **RIGHT:** Ms Joyce Aryeh, a Politician, Industrialist & Entrepreneur delivering a Plenary Address in **2012**