

## ERTEP 2007

### First International Conference on Environment Research, Technology and Policy

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Dear Colleagues and Friends:

The First International Conference on Environmental Research, Technology and Policy, ERTEP 2007, was held in Accra, Ghana, during July 17-19, 2007.

In addition to the conference, three workshops were held on

- ⇒ [Biogas Technology](#)
- ⇒ [Good Practice Guidance for Mining and Biodiversity \(ICMM Workshop\)](#)
- ⇒ [Municipal Solid Waste Management and Landfill Design](#)

About 250 delegates and invited guests from 15 countries attended the conference. The following were the Plenary and Keynote lectures:

#### **Tuesday, July 17, 2007**

Hon. Mr. S. Asamoah-Boateng, Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Environment, Ghana, also Chief Host of ERTEP 2007 **“Ghana Government’s environmental protection initiatives.”**

Osagyefuo Amoatia Ofori Panin, Okyenhene, Paramount Chief of the Akyem Abuakwa Traditional Area, Ghana, also Chair of Opening Ceremony, ERTEP 2007 **“The link between economic development, sound environmental management and poverty reduction.”**

Hon. J.H. Mensah, Senior Minister, Chair, National Planning Development Commission, Ghana **“The search for solutions to environmental problems: the Case of Africa.”**

Ms. Joyce R. Aryee, Chief Executive Officer, Ghana Chamber of Mines, Ghana **“The role of mining in Ghana’s socio-economic development.”**

#### **Evening Banquet Keynote Speaker Tuesday, July 17, 2007**

Mr. Charles Darku, Director of Power Sales, Volta River Authority, Ghana. **“The role of electrical power generation and distribution in Ghana’s socio-economic development.”**

#### **Special Forum on Waste Management: Tuesday, July 17, 2007**

Mr. Peter Steblin, City Engineer, City of London, Ontario, Canada **“Solid waste management: Perspectives from Canada, Europe and Sri Lanka.”**

Dr. Wanda Günther Risso, Faculty of Public Health, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil **“Integrated solid waste management in Brazil.”**

### Wednesday, July 18, 2007

Hon. Ms. Hajia Mahama, Minister for Women and Children's Affairs, Ghana **"Strategies for mainstreaming gender in environmental policies and for greater involvement of women at policy level."**

Dr. Ulf D. Jaeckel, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Berlin, Germany **"Sustainable consumption and production: a governmental approach."**

Mr. Jonathan Allotey, Executive Director, Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana **"Challenges facing environmental monitoring institutions in developing countries."**

Prof. Clement Dorm-Adzobu, Environmental Consultant, Ghana. **"Waste stock exchange management system (WSEMS) as the Ghana National Demonstration Project in the UNIDO-sponsored large marine eco-system project (GCLME): Implications for environmental research, technology and policy."**

Mr. Lars-Åke Lindahl, Director, Environmental Affairs, Swedish Mining Association, Sweden. **"European mining policy: Struggling to find the balance between environmental protection and resource development."**

### Special Forum on Tertiary Education in Ghana, Wednesday July 18, 2007

**Facilitator:** Dr. Charles B. Hutchison, College of Education (MDSK Dept.), The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, U.S.A. The report **"Funding Ghana's Tertiary Institutions: A Report Sponsored by the ERTEP Conference"** prepared by Dr. Hutchison is available and will be submitted to Government and stakeholders of tertiary education in Ghana very shortly.

### Thursday, July 19, 2007

Hon. Prof. Dominic Fobih, Minister for Lands, Forestry and Mines, Ghana. **"The state of mining and forestry in Ghana."**

Mr. Y.B. Amponsah, Manager of Sustainable Development, AngloGold Ashanti Ghana. **"AngloGold Ashanti's environmental sustainability programme."**

Dr. Chris Anderson, Director of External Affairs, Newmont Gold Ghana. **"Mining and indigenous peoples' issues."**

Mr. P. Acquah, Environmental Policy Consultant and Principal, Biogas Technologies West Africa Limited, Ghana. **"Integrated sewage and health care waste-to-energy for greening health care institutions in developing countries: The case of BTWAL waste-to-energy application in Ghana."**

Dr. G.T.Z. Chada, Executive Director, Scientific and Industrial Research and Development Centre, Zimbabwe **"Sustainable finance: financing of environmental research and technology- a case study of Zimbabwe."**

Professor George Nakhla, The University of Western Ontario, Canada. **"Municipal wastewater treatment challenges and research needs."**

In addition to the above keynote lectures, approximately 145 papers were presented in four concurrent technical sessions each day for the three days. These papers are published at the conference website: <http://www.ertep2007.uwo.ca/publications.html>. We are also planning to release a DVD of all the plenary and keynote lectures delivered at ERTEP 2007.

For those of you who were not able to attend ERTEP 2007, we have provided a summary of feedback and testimonials at the conference website <http://www.ertep2007.uwo.ca/feedback.html>.

Over the next few weeks, we will be occupied with a number of post-conference activities, including the following:

- Complete the processing of re-funds and re-imbusement of expenses for sponsored delegates;
- Distribute list of participants to conference attendees;
- Finalize decisions on possible publication of conference papers in Springer Book Series and selected refereed journals. List of selected journal(s) will be issued in due course;
- Discuss Action Items agreed to at ERTEP 2007 (at Closing Banquet) with potential sponsors and stakeholders;
- Finalize press releases in Canadian (both local and national) and international media; and
- Continue discussion on the venue for ERTTP 2009.

Thank you all for the great interest you showed in ERTEP 2007. I am greatly indebted to the conference co-chairs, keynote and plenary speakers, the session chairs, member of the Local Organizing Committee, and those of you who reviewed papers for the conference publication.

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