

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-imburement 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 ERTP 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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