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PROFESSIONAL GOAL & PROFILE

Goal:

- To contribute to knowledge building and policy making in sustainable urban and regional development in Africa through teaching, research and community service.

Profile and Attributes:

- An innovative and creative development planning professional with extensive experience in training, teaching and consulting in Planning;
- An effective facilitator with excellent team building skills and ability to work well with other professionals at both individual and team levels;
- An effective communicator with excellent planning, organizational, and negotiation strengths as well as the ability to lead, reach consensus, establish and attain goals.

Consultancy, Teaching and Research Interests:

- Regional, Urban and Peri-Urban Development;
- Rural-Urban Linkages;
- Settlement Growth and Land Use Management;
- GIS-Based Spatial Analysis;
- Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

1. 2011 – Date: Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

Position: Senior Lecturer/Director of SPRING Programme, Department of Planning

Duties: Teaching, research and community service

2. 2010-2011: Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, USA:

Position: Visiting Lecturer (2010-2011)

Duties: Teaching, research and supervision of students

3. 2002 – 2006: Nkum Associates, Accra, Ghana

Position: Development Planning Consultant

Duties:

- Planning, project management and project evaluation;
- Facilitating the preparation of district development plans;
- Designing and facilitating training workshops;
- Designing planning and related methodologies;

Major clients:

- Ministry of Food & Agriculture (MOFA);

- Ministry of Local Government & Rural Development (MLRD);
- National Development Planning Commission (NDPC);
- Social Investment Fund (SIF);
- German Development Cooperation (GTZ);
- CHF International
- District Assemblies;
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs);
- Other government, bilateral, and non-governmental development agencies.

4. 1999-2000: Village Aid-Ghana, Tamale/Odumasi, Ghana:

Position: Field Co-ordinator

Duties: Managing a *Rural Livelihoods* project in Manya and Yilo-Krobo Districts; duties included:

- Baseline research and project inception;
- Community sensitization & mobilization;
- Training of community volunteers;
- Supervision of project staff;
- Coordination of project activities;
- Preparation of monthly and quarterly progress and financial reports; etc.

5. 1998-1999: Nkum Associates, Accra, Ghana

Position: Assistant Planning Consultant/Facilitator

Duties: Adult training and facilitating planning workshops

6. 1997-1998: Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

Position: Teaching/Research Assistant

Duties: Assisting with research, teaching, grading and organizing field trips

EDUCATION

1. 2006-2010:

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, USA

Degree earned: Ph.D. (Urban & Regional Planning)

2. 2001-2002:

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

Degree earned: M.Sc. (Development Planning & Management)

3. 2000-2001:

Universität Dortmund, Dortmund, Germany

Degree earned: First part above M.Sc. degree

4. 1992-1997:

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

Degree: B.Sc. (Planning)

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

1. Member, Ghana Institute of Planners (GIP)
2. Member, SPRING International Association of Development Planners (SIADP)
3. Project Management Institute (PMI)

PUBLISHED RESEARCH ARTICLES

1. **Oduro, C.Y.**, Appiah-Effah, E. and Nyarko, KB (2020). Assessing policymaker and taxpayer attitudes towards public finance for urban sanitation: The case of sanitation surcharges in two Ghanaian municipalities. *International Journal of Urban Sustainable Development, Volume 13, 2021 - Issue 1.* <https://doi.org/10.1080/19463138.2020.1827410>
2. Peprah, C., Amponsah, O. & **Oduro, C. Y.** (2019): A system view of smart mobility and its implications for Ghanaian cities. *Sustainable Cities and Society, Vol. 44, pp. 739–747.*
3. Adamtey, R., **Oduro, C. Y.** & Braimah, I. (2018): Implementation challenges of social protection policies in four districts in Ghana: The case of the District Assembly Common Fund meant for persons with disabilities. *Legon Journal of the Humanities, Vol. 29, No.1.* <https://dx.doi.org/10.4314/ljh.v29i1.2>
4. **Oduro, C. Y.** and Adamtey, R. (2017). The Vulnerability Of Peri-Urban Farm Households with the Emergence of Land Markets in Accra. *Journal of Science and Technology, Vol. 37, No. 1, pp 85-100.*
5. **Oduro, C. Y.**, Adamtey, R. and Ocloo, K. A. (2015): Urban Growth and Livelihood Transformations on the Fringes of African Cities: A Case Study of Changing Livelihoods in Peri-Urban Accra. *Environment and Natural Resources Research, Vol. 5, No. 2, pp 81- 98.*
6. Adamtey, R., Yajalin, J. E. and **Oduro, C. Y.** (2015): The Socio-Economic Well-Being of Internal Migrants in Agbogbloshie, Ghana. *African Sociological Review, Vol. 19, No. 2, pp. 132-148*
7. Ocloo, K. A., **Oduro, C. Y.** and Adamtey, R. (2015): Bringing Institutional Economics to Bear in Understanding Ghana’s Performance on Multi-Stakeholder Interventions. *Journal of Sustainable Development, Vol. 8, No. 9, pp. 157-168*
8. Ocloo, K. A., Adamtey, R., **Oduro, C. Y.** and Braimah, I. (2015): The Nexus between Communication and Development Planning. Exploring the Communication Methods Used by Development Planners in Ghana. *Developing Country Studies, Vol. 5, No. 2, pp. 59-69.*
9. Adamtey, R., Ocloo, K. A. and **Oduro, C. Y.** (2015): Religion and Condoms: Lessons from Informal Ties between Health Workers and Non-Governmental Organisations for Healthcare Planning to address HIV and AIDS in Africa. *International Journal of Current Research, Vol. 7, No. 2, pp. 12696-12704*
10. **Oduro, C. Y.**, Ocloo, K. A. and Peprah, C. (2014): Analysing Growth Patterns of Greater Kumasi Metropolitan Area Using GIS and Multiple Regression Techniques. *Journal of Sustainable Development, Vol. 7(5), pp. 13-31*
11. **Oduro, C. Y.**, Peprah, C. and Adamtey, R. (2014): Analysis of the Determinants of Spatial Inequality in Ghana Using Two-Stage Least-Square Regression. *Developing Country Studies, Vol. 4(20), pp. 28-44*

12. Adamtey, R., **Oduro, C. Y.** and Ocloo, K. A. (2015): The Importance of Traditional Healers in the Planning of Rural Healthcare Delivery in Ghana: the Case of Bone-Setting Services in Loagri and Wungu. *Journal of Science and Technology*, Vol. 34, No. 3 December 2014
13. **Oduro, C. Y.**, Afrane, S. K. and Braimah, I. (2014). The Future of Human Settlements in Ghana. In Adarkwa K. K. (ed), *Human Settlements and Service Delivery in Ghana*. Kumasi: University Press.
14. Amoako, C., **Oduro, C. Y.** and Adamtey, R. (2014). Eastern Region. In Adarkwa K. K. (ed), *Human Settlements and service delivery in Ghana*. Kumasi: University Press
15. Doan, P. and **Oduro, C. Y.** (2012): Patterns of Population Growth in Peri-Urban Accra, Ghana. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. Vol. 36(6), pp. 1306–25.

SAMPLES OF PREVIOUS AND ON-GOING ASSIGNMENTS

1. 2019 Evaluation of User Experience of Clean Team Ghana’s Container-Based Sanitation Services in Kumasi (on-going).
2. Research around Sanitation Surcharges Included in Property Rates in Ghana. Client: Water & Sanitation for the Urban Poor (WSUP) (June 2018 – February, 2019).
3. Facilitation of a Workshop on Improving Sanitation Delivery and Reporting in the Greater Accra Metropolitan Area through the new District Performance Assessment Tool (DPAT). Client: TRUST Training Ltd (January 2019).
4. Facilitation of a Workshop on Proactive and Resilient Management of Urban / Municipal Sanitation and Flood Systems. Client: TRUST Training Ltd (November 2018).
5. Beneficiary Assessment of Phase Two of the Decentralized Service Delivery Project (DSDP II). Client: Ministry of Local Government & Rural Development, Republic of Sierra Leone (January-April, 2016).
6. End-of-Programme Evaluation of the West Africa Agricultural Productivity Programme—Sierra Leone (WAAPP-SL) in 13 Agricultural Districts of Sierra Leone. Client: Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security And Forestry, Republic of Sierra Leone (May – August, 2016)
7. Training of District Development Planners and Budget Officers on the incorporation of population issues into planning. Client: National Population Council, Ghana (December, 2015 – January, 2016)
8. An Assessment of the Social Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (SPEFA) Project. Client: Ghana’s Ministry of Local Government & Rural Development (MLRD). (July – August 2015)
9. Socio-Economic Baseline Survey in Communities within and around the Sierra Leone River Estuary and the Mamunta-Mayosso Wildlife Sanctuary, Sierra Leone. Client: Sierra Leone Wetlands Conservation Project/Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food Security, Republic of Sierra Leone (June-August, 2014)
10. Interim Evaluation of World Vision Ghana’s Bawku West Area Development Programme (ADP) (Programme number: 03149; Phase 1: FY 2010 to FY 2014). Client: World Vision Ghana (July-August, 2013)
11. Assessment of the Impact of the Activities of Gold Fields Ghana Ltd on the Livelihoods of Abekoase Community. Client: Gold Fields Ghana Ltd. (October – November, 2012)

12. Training of MMDA staff on the Preparation and Use of Accessibility Maps in Planning for Improved Service Provision. Client: USAID/Western Regional Directorate of Ghana Health Service. (September – November, 2012)
13. Assisting CHF International and Sekondi-Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly (STMA) to prepare a citizens' report card (CRC) for Sekondi-Takoradi. Client: CHF International. (September, 2012)
14. Impact Assessment of Infrastructure Projects Undertaken by Gold Fields Ghana Ltd at its Damang and Tarkwa Sites in the Western Region of Ghana. Client: Gold Fields Ghana Ltd. (May-June, 2012)
15. Mapping the distribution of and physical accessibility to health facilities in the Western Region using GIS and GPS technology. Clients: USAID/Western Regional Directorate of Ghana Health Service. (January – April, 2012)
16. Evaluation of five expired agricultural development projects in Nigeria funded by the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) under its Program for African Seed System (PASS). Client: AGRA (August-October, 2011)
17. Expert review of poverty mapping for Accra undertaken by Accra Metropolitan Assembly in collaboration with CHF International. Client: CHF International. (August 2009)
18. Beneficiary assessment of the Agricultural Services Sub-Sector Investment Programme (AgSSIP) of the Ministry of Food & Agriculture (MOFA), Ghana. Client: MOFA. (June – August, 2006)
19. Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Partnerships between Plan Ghana and Partner Organisations/Institutions Involved in Implementing its Country Programme in Ghana). Client: Plan Ghana. (April-June 2006)
20. Training and coaching of Planners and other MMDA staff in Greater Accra and Eastern Regions on Poverty Mapping, Profiling and Programming. Clients: the German Development Cooperation (GTZ)/Ghana's Ministry of Local Government & Rural Development (MLRD). (January 2004 – March 2005)
21. Developing a methodology for Poverty Mapping, Profiling and Programming in the preparation of district development plans. Clients: the German Development Cooperation (GTZ)/Ghana's Ministry of Local Government & Rural Development (MLRD). (2004)
22. Developing a methodology and manual on Integrated Development Planning (IDP). Clients: the German Development Cooperation (GTZ)/Ghana's Ministry of Local Government & Rural Development (MLRD). (May – August 2003).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. **Oduro, C. Y.** (2010): Effects of Rapid Urbanization on Livelihoods in the Peri-Urban Areas of Accra, Ghana. Ph.D. dissertation submitted to the Florida State University;
2. **Oduro, C. Y.** (2010): Planning for Sustainable Urban Development in Africa: The Need to Mainstream Peri-Urban Livelihoods. Paper presented at the 51st Annual Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Minneapolis, USA, October 2010;
3. **Oduro, C. Y.** (2010): Effects of Urban Expansion on Livelihood Security in Peri-Urban Accra, Ghana. A policy brief presented at a Conference of Population Policy

Communication Fellows of Population Reference Bureau (PRB), Dallas, TX, USA, April 2010;

4. **Oduro, C. Y.** (2009): Exploring Regional Inequalities in Ghana: Do Urbanization and the Natural Environment Matter? A paper presented at the 50th Anniversary Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) in Crystal City, Virginia, USA, October, 2009;
5. **Oduro, C. Y.** and Doan, P. (2008): Population Growth, Housing and Infrastructure Provision in Peri-Urban Accra. A paper presented at the Fourth Joint International Congress of Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) and Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP) in Chicago, IL, USA, July 2008

REFEREES

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