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Hon. Cassiel Ato Baah Forson (PhD)

Hon. Cassiel Ato Baah Forson (Ph.D) is a lawmaker in the Parliament of Ghana. He is an economist of great repute with deep insight, particularly on the economy of Ghana, a Chartered Accountant and a Tax Practitioner with over 20 years' experience in the public and private sectors. His professional expertise covers macroeconomics, fiscal policy, tax policy and administration, finance and business management.

Dr. Forson is an Oxford-trained tax professional with a Master of Science degree in Taxation from the University of Oxford, UK and a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Taxation, Ghana. He also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from London South Bank University and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Ghana (ICAG). He obtained a Ph.D in Finance and a Master of Science degree in Economics from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Ghana.

Dr. Forson has represented the people of Ajumako Enyan Essiam Constituency in the Central Region as their Member of Parliament since 2009. In January 2023, Dr. Forson assumed office as the Minority Leader in Parliament and later became the Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business in the 9th Parliament, a role he held until January 23, 2025.

Prior to this, he was the Ranking Member of the Finance Committee of Parliament for six years. From 2009 to 2013, he was a member of the Finance Committee of Parliament and also served as the Vice Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs from 2009 to 2011. Dr. Forson served as the Deputy Minister for Finance of the Republic of Ghana from April 2013 to January 2017, overseeing Budget Preparation and Implementation, Medium-Term Expenditure Framework

(MTEF), Treasury and Debt Management, External Resource Mobilisation and Tax Policy and Administration. As a Deputy Minister for Finance, Dr. Forson also served as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Ghana and Ghana Cocoa Board (COCOBOD), a member of Ghana's Economic Management Team and Ghana's Alternate Governor to the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Dr. Forson was instrumental in negotiating the Ghana-IMF Extended Credit Facility (ECF) Programme in 2015. He also championed the introduction of Ghana's model Public Financial Management Act 2016 (Act 921). He is currently the Minister for Finance of the Republic of Ghana.



Mr. Augustus Obuadum Goosie Tanoh

Mr. Augustus Obuadum Goosie Tanoh, the Presidential Candidate of the National Reform Party (NRP) in the 2000 elections, was born on February 7, 1956. He is a Ghanaian politician and businessman who holds the Bachelor of Law (LLB) and Master of Law degrees from the University of Ghana and Northwestern University Law School, Chicago, USA, respectively.

He was the leader of the National Reform Party, a breakaway group from the National Democratic Congress between 1999 and 2007 and represented this party in the 2000 presidential election, where he garnered 1.1% of the national vote. He returned to the National Democratic Congress with his colleagues from the National Reform Party at the behest and upon appeals made by President John Atta Mills in 2007/2008. Mr. Tanoh is originally a founding member of the National Democratic Congress. He served on various finance and economic boards in Ghana,

particularly as the executive director of Finance and Administration of the Ghana National Petroleum Corporation from 1989 to 1992.

He was a lecturer of law at the University of Ghana between 1982 and 1983. In 1983 he left the university to become the Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Provisional National Defence Council (PNDC) and Head of State of Ghana, Flight Lieutenant Jerry John Rawlings. Later in 1983, he was appointed as a Member of the National Defence Committee (the Principal Political Organ of the PNDC) and its Standing Committee. In this position, Mr. Tanoh was responsible for the Projects and Programs of a two million strong national, political and economic organization existing in all communities in Ghana responsible for primary health care, community shops and local infrastructure projects among the many developmental activities initiated during this period. In 1985 in addition to these duties, Mr. Tanoh was appointed to the Ghana Government Committee on Petroleum and Contract Negotiations responsible for restructuring the laws and structure of the Ghana Petroleum Industry and for the negotiation of Exploration and Production Sharing Agreements with International Oil Companies (IOCs). In 1986 with the election of Ghana to the United Nations Security Council, Mr. Tanoh was appointed by the Government of Ghana to serve as Advisor/ Counsellor and delegate of Ghana to the Security Council. In this role he was very active in formulating the positions of Ghana and the Non Aligned Group on major international issues such as ending the Iran/ Iraq War, the Nicaragua/ Contra standoff involving the United States, the security situation in Southern Africa (in particular the incursions of South African Defence forces in to the front line States in violation of International law) and many more of the complex issues facing the Council not least the question of peace and security in the Middle East. During this period he was also appointed a member of the Ghana Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly representing Ghana on the Special Political Committee, the Fourth and Sixth Committees of the General Assembly. He served in these capacities until July 1989. He served as a member of Ghana's diplomatic delegation to the UN from 1986 to 1989.

During his tenure at the United Nations, Mr. Tanoh was the Principal Negotiator for Ghana and the Spokesperson for the Group of 77 on the Mining Code for the Law of the Sea. He was elected Chairman of the Africa Group during the 1988/ 89 annual meeting of the Law of the Sea in Kingston, Jamaica. He was also invited by the Aspen Institute in Colorado to participate in the Group of Experts Meeting preparatory to the World Environment Conference (Brazil) to prepare the initial indicative draft convention on Climate Change. He was appointed Rapporteur for a similar conference hosted by the Canadian Government in Ottawa in 1988/ 89. Mr. Tanoh remained active in the setting up of Ghana's new institutions for the Petroleum Industry and acted as the North American Representative of the newly formed national oil company, Ghana National Petroleum Corporation (GNPC). In this position he initiated contacts with many North American companies who had shown an interest in doing business in Ghana. Some of these companies would eventually work and drill in Ghana. On his return to Ghana, he took up the offer to become the executive director (Finance and Administration) of GNPC, Ghana's third

largest company with an annual turnover at that time in excess of \$300million. He served on its board of directors and Executive Management until 1992.

Mr. Tanoh played an important part in planning and executing the Government's strategy for its oil exploration activities as the Contract and Principal Tax negotiator for Petroleum Exploration Agreements with companies such as Amoco, Shell, Atlantic Richfield, Unocal and Diamond Shamrock. Mr. Tanoh was also one of the principal authors of the Ghana Petroleum Income Tax Law and contributed to the drafting of The Petroleum Exploration and Production Law (PNDCL BF 84) and the GNPC Establishment Law (PNDCL 64). During his stint at GNPC, Mr. Tanoh supervised the public corporations pioneering efforts to provide affordable public housing to its employees using local material inputs. The project in the order of \$26million was successfully completed and to date, 95% of the 1200 units is now in the ownership of the corporation's employees. Mr. Tanoh was also part of the team that negotiated Ghana's first syndicated loans: one for \$75million in 1991 with Bankers Trust, and subsequently with ANZ Bank for \$110million in 1992, with the proceeds of both loans going to GNPC. Since the pioneering role of GNPC in leveraging on Ghana's cocoa proceeds to enter the International Debt Market, several billion dollars have been raised in this fashion in a series of annual borrowings exceeding \$1billion at a stretch.

Mr. Tanoh was a front-seat participant in the evolution of banking services in the West African region by virtue of his stint as a director of Ecobank Ghana Limited (1990–1992), a pioneering West African-owned bank and now authentically a continent-wide African Bank. He served in the assembly which wrote Ghana's 1992 constitution, as a representative of the grassroots based Committee for the Defence of the Revolution. Mr. Tanoh after successfully assisting in the formation of the National Democratic Congress and working for its victory at the 1992 polls as Secretary of the Campaign Committee and one of its Principal Strategists, entered the private sector. Among his projects he pioneered non-traditional commodity exports from West Africa to the European Union in particular Cassava Chips, Groundnuts, Robusta Coffee, Hibiscus Flower, Red Sorghum, and Coarse Grain Cassava Flour (meal). Taking advantage of the free trade area established by ECOWAS he also established a trade in Palm Kernels exports from Ghana to Nigeria. He has served as Director for Volta Aluminium Company, a two hundred thousand ton a year aluminium smelter in Tema-Ghana. He has also served on the Board of Organic Potash Corporation (OPC), a listed Canadian Company using a unique patented technology to produce potassium carbonate (K_2CO_3) from cocoa husks free from heavy metals contamination. This product is used widely for alkalisation in the food and beverage industry, the pharmaceutical and related industries. He is a shareholder and Executive Vice President for OPC and country head for Ghana. He has represented several international and local companies in negotiations with Government as Project Advisor/ Negotiator for Water Infrastructure, Solar Power Generation (155MW) and Software Development projects (Application to Government Accounting and Budgetary Operations).

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He currently served as the Presidential Advisor on the 24-hour economy.



John Karani, MBS

Chairman of the Council

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Mr. John Karani is a seasoned Pan African Supply Chain professional with over 30 years' experience in major blue-chip multinationals, among them Coca-Cola Africa, Wrigley's East Africa, Glaxo-Smithkline, Diageo, Kenya Cooperative Creameries and Kenya Meat Commission. He is a Board Member/Chairman of several public & private sector

organisations. He has a BA-Economics, MBA, MKISM, MCIPS, C-MILT, AoEC and is currently a Supply Chain Consultant with several Regional & International organisations. He is also the Chairman of the Council.



Simon Annan (PhD)

Dr. Simon Annan holds a Doctorate Degree from Cranfield University, UK. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS), UK, Ghana Institute of Procurement and Supply, and the Institute of Project Management Professionals, and a Chartered member of the Institute of Logistics and Transport (CMILT), UK. He also holds an MBA in Strategic and Project Management. Furthermore, He has provided consulting services to numerous organizations worldwide and currently serves as an independent procurement advisor for both multinational and regional companies.

He is a Procurement and Supply Chain Management expert with over twenty-five years of experience in the banking, telecommunication, construction, manufacturing, and services sectors. He has held several senior management positions, including Head of Procurement and Supply Chain, with organisations such as Standard Chartered Bank Ghana, Ecobank Group, and Heritage Bank Ghana Limited. He has been a procurement consultant for many donor-funded projects in Ghana and across the continent. Notably, the Ghana National Household Registry, Public Financial Management Reform Project (PFMRP), Ghana Digital Acceleration Project (GDAP), etc., have a total cumulative project spend of approximately **USD310m**.

Dr. Annan serves on Entity Tender Committees for several public and private organizations as a Technical and Independent Advisor. He is a member of the Faculty Advisory Board of the Business School at Koforidua Technical University, a director of membership at the Institute of Project Management Professionals (IPMP), a Board Member of KENT International School, and the board chair of Optimal Change Partnership (NGO). He has developed and presented over 130 topics on procurement and supply chain management at training workshops, seminars, and conferences within and outside Ghana.

Dr. Annan is currently the President of the Ghana Institute of Procurement and Supply (GIPS), Vice President of the African Institute of Supply Chain Research (AISCR), West African Region and the CEO of SourceOne Management Services, Ghana.