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## PPA's 10th Annual Public Forum Held



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## PPA's 10TH ANNUAL PUBLIC FORUM HELD



The Public Procurement Authority (PPA) held its 10th Annual Public Forum on 17th November 2021 at the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences in Accra.

The theme this year's Public Forum centred on ***“Public Procurement: Propelling the wheels of the private sector to deliver the Ghana Beyond Aid Agenda”***

Delivering the keynote address, Hon. Dr. John Ampontuah Kumah, the Deputy Minister of Finance stated that, the Ghana Beyond Aid vision calls for a shift in mindset, attitudes, and behaviours to reduce dependence on foreign aid and to instead, encourage Ghanaian citizens and businesses to focus on building our industries to reduce poverty. He added that the government is committed to realizing the Ghana Beyond Aid agenda by actively assisting the PPA to achieve its goal in section 3(t) of the Public Procurement Act, 2003 (Act 663) as amended which mandates the Authority to assist the local business community to become competitive and effective in the public procurement system.

The Board chairman of PPA and the former Minister of Education, Prof. Ameyaw-Akumfi also highlighted that, the strategy to propel the wheels of the private sector is to promote effective, responsible, and accountable state machinery with improved capacity to engage the productive private sector and civil society in formulating policies and strategies for accelerated growth and poverty reduction.

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## Online Procurement Planning Submissions As At 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2021

Ablekuma North Municipal Assembly  
 Accra Polytechnic  
 Accra Psychiatric Hospital  
 Afadzato south District Assembly  
 Afigya Kwabre North District Assembly  
 Agona Dist. Hospital  
 Agona West Manucipal Assembly  
 Ahafo Ano South-East District Assembly  
 Ahafo-Ano South District Assembly  
 Ahanta West District Assembly  
 Achantaman Senior High School  
 Ajumako/ Enyan/ Esiam District Assembly  
 Akatsi College of Education  
 Akatsi District Hospital  
 Akatsi South District Assembly  
 Akim Oda Government Hospital  
 Akrofuom District Assembly  
 Akuse Government Hospital  
 Akyemansa District Assembly  
 Ankaful Psychiatric Nursing Training College  
 Anloga District Assembly  
 Asamankese Government Hospital  
 Asante Akim Central Municipal Assembly  
 Asante Akim North Municipal Assembly  
 Asante Akim South District Assembly  
 Asikuma Odoben Brakwa District Assembly  
 Asokore Mampong Municipal  
 Asonomaso district Hospital  
 Assin South District Assembly  
 Asunafo North Municipal  
 Asutifi North District Assembly  
 Awutu Senya District Assembly  
 Axim Hospital  
 Bagabaga College of Education  
 Banda District Assembly  
 Bank of Ghana  
 Bawku West District Assembly  
 Bechem Government Hospital  
 Bekwai district Hospital  
 Berekum Municipal Assembly  
 Bia East District Assembly  
 Bimbilla District Hospital  
 Bole Nursing and Midwifery Training College  
 Bolga General Hospital  
 Bolgatanga Municipal Assembly  
 Bolgatanga Nursing Training College  
 Bolgatanga Polytechnic  
 Bono Regional Health Directorate  
 Bosome-Freho District Assembly  
 Bulk Oil Storage and Transportation  
 Cape Coast Nursing and Midwifery Training College  
 Central Gonja District Assembly  
 Central Regional Health Directorate  
 Central Tongu District Assembly  
 Centre for Plant Medicine Research - Mampong  
 Civil Service Training Centre  
 Cocoa Marketing Company (Ghana) Limited  
 Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice

Community Health Nurses Training School - Tamale  
 Community Health Nursing Training School - Akim Oda  
 Controller And Accountant General Dept  
 Copyright Administration  
 COVID-19 Trust Fund  
 Dambai College of Education  
 Dormaa East District Assembly  
 Dormaa Municipal Assembly  
 Ear Nose And Throat Training School  
 Eastern- Regional Co-ordinating Council  
 Economic and Organised Crime Office  
 Effia Kwesimintsim Municipal Assembly  
 Effutu Municipal Assembly  
 Ejisu Government Hospital  
 Electoral Commission  
 Enchi District Hospital  
 Energy Commission  
 Environmental Protection Agency  
 Enyeresi Government Hospital  
 Fanteakwa North District Assembly  
 Fisheries Commission  
 Foods and Drugs Authority  
 Forestry Commission  
 Foso College of Education  
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 Ga Central Municipal Assembly  
 Ga North Municipal Assembly  
 Ga West Municipal Hospital  
 Gaming Commission of Ghana  
 Garu Tempane District Assembly  
 Ghana Aids Commission  
 Ghana Airports Company Limited  
 Ghana Atomic Energy Commission  
 Ghana Audit Service  
 Ghana Broadcasting Corporation  
 Ghana Civil Aviation Authority  
 Ghana Cocoa Board - Quality Control Division  
 Ghana College of Nurses and Midwives  
 Ghana College of Pharmacists  
 Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons  
 Ghana Deposit Protection Corporation  
 Ghana Export Promotion Authority  
 Ghana Grid Co. Ltd. (GRIDCO)  
 Ghana Highway Authority  
 Ghana Institute of Journalism (GIJ)  
 Ghana Institute of languages  
 Ghana Institute of Management And Public Administration  
 Ghana Irrigation Development Authority - Accra  
 Ghana Law School  
 Ghana Library Board  
 Ghana Maritime Authority  
 Ghana Metrological Agency  
 Ghana National Gas Company Limited  
 Ghana National Petroleum Corporation  
 Ghana News Agency  
 Ghana Railway Development Authority  
 Ghana Reinsurance Company Ltd

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Ghana Revenue Authority  
 Ghana Shippers Authority  
 Ghana Standards Authority  
 Ghana Statistical Service  
 Ghana Technology University College  
 Ghana Water Company Limited  
 Ghana-India Kofi Annan Center of Excellence  
 Gomoa Central District Assembly  
 Gomoa East District Assembly  
 Gomoa West District Assembly  
 Government Technical Training Centre  
 Gushiegu District Hospital  
 Ho Municipal Assembly Dist. Hospital  
 Ho Polyclinic  
 Ho Polytechnic  
 Ho Technical University  
 Hohoe Municipal Assembly  
 Information Service Department  
 Internal Audit Agency  
 Jaman North District Assembly  
 Jaman South (Jaman ) District Assembly  
 Jasikan District Hospital  
 Juaben Municipal Assembly  
 Kedjebi  
 Keta District Hospital  
 Ketu North District Assembly  
 Ketu South Municipal Hospital  
 Kintampo College of Health and Well Being  
 Kintampo North Municipal Assembly  
 Kintampo South District Assembly  
 Koforidua General Hospital  
 Koforidua Technical University  
 Koforidua Training Centre  
 Kokofu Gen. Hospital  
 Komenda Edina Eguafo Abirem Municipal Assembly  
 Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital  
 Konongo District Hospital  
 Korle- Bu Teaching Hospital  
 Krachi East District Assembly  
 Krachi West District Assembly  
 Krachi West District Hospital  
 Kumasi High Sch  
 Kumasi south Hospital  
 Kumasi Technical University  
 Kumawu Polyclinic  
 Kumbungu District Assembly  
 Kwabere East Municipal Assembly  
 Kwaebiirem District Assembly  
 Kwahu Afram Plains South District Assembly  
 La Polyclinic  
 Lawra Municipal Hospital  
 Maamobi General Hospital  
 Mampong General Hospital  
 Mampong Municipal Assembly  
 Management Development And Productivity Institute  
 Mankranso Hospital  
 Methodist College of Education - Akim Oda  
 Metro Mass Transport Ltd

Midwifery Training School - Goaso  
 Minerals Commission  
 Ministry for the Interior  
 MINISTRY OF AVIATION  
 Ministry of Chieftaincy and Traditional Affairs  
 Ministry of Communications  
 Ministry of Defence  
 Ministry of Education  
 Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations  
 Ministry of Finance  
 Ministry Of Fisheries And Aquaculture Development  
 Ministry of Food and Agriculture  
 Ministry of Gender, Children and Social protection  
 Ministry of Information  
 Ministry of Justice And Attorney General  
 Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development  
 Ministry of Roads and Highways  
 Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources  
 Ministry of Trade and Industry  
 Ministry of Transport  
 Ministry of Works and Housing  
 Ministry Of Youth And Sports  
 Mpasatia Senior High Tech. Sch.  
 Nadowli District Hospital  
 Nanumba North (Nanumba)  
 National Board for Small Scale Industries  
 National Commission for Civic Education  
 National Commission on Small Arms and Light Weapons  
 National Development Planning Commission  
 National Film and Television Institute  
 National Identification Authority  
 National Information Technology Agency (NITA)  
 National Insurance Commission  
 National Lotteries Authority  
 National Pensions Regulatory Authority  
 National Petroleum Authority  
 National Road Safety Commission  
 National Service Secretariat  
 National Sports College  
 New Edubiase District Hospital  
 New Juaben South Municipal Assembly  
 Ngleshie Amanfro Polyclinic  
 Nkawie - Toase Government Hospital  
 Nkwanta North District Assembly  
 North East Regional Coordinating Council  
 North Gonja District Assembly  
 North Tongu District Assembly  
 Northern Electricity Distribution Company (NEDCo)  
 Northern- Regional Co-ordinating Council  
 Nsawam Adoagyiri Municipal Assembly  
 Nsawam Government Hospital  
 Nurses and Midwifery Training College - Nalerigu  
 Nurses and Midwifery Training College - Sekondi  
 Nursing and Midwifery Council of Ghana  
 Nursing and Midwifery Training College - Asankragwa  
 Nursing and Midwifery Training College - Assinman  
 Nursing and Midwifery Training College - Dunkwa  
 Nursing and Midwifery Training College - Koforidua

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Nursing and Midwifery Training College - Mampong	Suhum Government Hospital
Nursing and Midwifery Training College - Sampa	Suhum Municipal Assembly
Nursing and Midwifery Training College - Twifo Praso	Suntreso District Hospital
Nursing and Midwifery Training College -Korle Bu	Sunyani General Hospital
Nursing and Midwifery Training College-Kumasi	Sunyani Polytechnic
Nursing Training College - Kwapong	Tainã District Assembly
Nursing Training College - Wa	Takoradi district Hospital
Obuasi East District Assembly	Takoradi Technical University
Obuasi Government Hospital	Tamale Central Hospital
Obuasi Municipal Assembly	Tamale College of Education
Office of Administrator of Stool Lands	Tamale Teaching Hospital
Office of President	Tamale Technical University
Office of the Administrator General	Tamale West Hospital
Office of the Head of Civil Service	Tano North District Assembly
Office of the Regional Health Directorate â€œ Ashanti Region	Tano South District Assembly
Office of the Regional Health Directorate â€œ Eastern Region	Tarkwa District Hospital
Office of the Regional Health Directorate â€œ Greater Accra Region	Tarkwa Nsuaem Municipal Assembly
Office of the Regional Health Directorate â€œ Northern Region	Techiman Minicipal Assembly
Office of the Regional Health Directorate â€œ Upper East Region	Tema Development Corporation
Office of the Regional Health Directorate â€œ Volta Region	Tema Shipyard Ltd
Offinso	Tepa District Hospital
Offinso College of Education	Tetteh Quarshie Memorial Hospital
Oforikrom Municipal Assembly	University For Development Studies
Okere District Assembly	University Of Cape Coast (UCC)
Old Tafo Municipal Assembly	University Of Education Winneba (UCEW)
Peki College of Education	University of Energy and Natural Resources
Peki Government Hospital	University of Ghana - College of Basic and Applied Sciences
Pharmacy Council	University of Ghana - College of Education
Presby College of Education - Akropong	University of Ghana - College of Health Sciences
Prestea Huni Valley District Assembly	University of Ghana - College of Humanities
Pru District Assembly	University Of Ghana (UG)
Pru West District Assembly	University of Ghana Health Services
Public Interest and Accountability Committee (PIAC)	University of Professional Studies, Accra
Public Procurement Authority	Upper Denkyira East Municipal Assembly
Public Utilities Regulatory Commission	Upper Denkyira West District Assembly
Public Works Department	Upper East- Regional Co-ordinating Council
Registrar Generals Department	Upper West- Regional Co-ordinating Council
Ridge Hospital	Upper West Regional Hospital
Scholarships Secretariat	Volta Lake Transport Company Limited
School of Anesthesia - Ridge Regional Hospital	Volta- Regional Coordinating Council
School of Dispensing Optics	Volta River Authority
Securities and Exchange Commission	Wa General Hospital
Sekondi-Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly	Wasa Akropong Hospital
Sekyere Afram Plains District Assembly	Wassa Amenfi East District Assembly
Sekyere South District Assembly	Wassa Amenfi West District Assembly
Sene Dist. Hospital	Wassa East District Assembly
Sissala West District Assembly	Wesley College of Education - Kumasi
Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT)	Western- Regional Co-ordinating Council
Sogakope District Hospital	Winneba Municipal Hospital
South Dayi District Assembly	
South Tongu District Assembly	
St. Francis College of Education	
St. Joseph College Of Education-Bechem	
St. Monicas College of Education	
St. Patricks Nursing and Midwifery Training college	
St. Theresas College of Education	
State Interests and Governance Authority	
Suaman District Assembly	
Suame Municipal Assembly	

## PPA's 10TH ANNUAL PUBLIC FORUM HELD



In his welcome address, Mr. Frank Mante, the AG. CEO of PPA stated that, the influence of good procurement on the effectiveness of public spending is seen by its impact on the development of the private sector. He highlighted that, the government's most direct impact on the private sector is through its procurement behavior and the way the government manages its commercial relations with the business community will have a profound influence and consequently affect the dynamism of the private sector.

Lawyer Kwame Jantuah Rerepresentative of the Association of Ghana Industries (AGI), Mr. Micheal Akurang Opoku representing the Ministry of Industry and Trade as well as Mr. William Obeng of the Ghana EximBank constituted the panel members that deliberated of the them.

In attendance were the Deputy Attorney General Hon. Diana Asona Dapah, the Central Tender Committee, Heads of State Owned Institutions, Heads of Public Enterprises, Heads of Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies as well as Civil Society Organizations.

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*Officer - Corporate Affairs and Facilities Management*

## PPA's 10TH ANNUAL PUBLIC FORUM HELD - PHOTO STORY



**Hon. Dr. John Ampontuah Kumah, Deputy Minister of Finance**



**Board chairman of PPA and the former Minister of Education ,Prof. Ameyaw-Akumfi**



**Deputy Attorney General Hon. Diana Asona Dapah**



**Mr. Frank Mante, the AG. CEO of PPA**



**Mr. Kwame Prempeh - Deputy CEO of PPA**



**Panel Members - Mr. Frank Mante, Lawyer Kwame Jantuah, Lawyer Kwame Jantuah, Mr. William Obeng**

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*Mr. William Obeng of the Ghana EximBank*



*Lawyer Kwame Jantuah Rerepresentative of the Association of Ghana Industries (AGI)*



*Mr. Micheal Akurang Opoku representing the Ministry of Industry and Trade*



*Head of Central Tender Review Board - Mr. Charles Taylor*



*Students - University of Professional Studies (UPSA)*

## PPA's 10TH ANNUAL PUBLIC FORUM HELD - PHOTO STORY



*Board Members, Management and Staff of PPA*

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM AG.CEO OF PPA



All too soon, it's that time of the year. It's the end of the year – a time to reflect on the achievements and challenges throughout the year. I am especially proud of what the Authority has achieved this year.

Firstly, I would like to thank the Board, Management, and Staff of the Public Procurement Authority (PPA) for the efforts they put in to make sure that our core mandates were achieved. Thank you for giving off your best to make yet another challenging year a successful one. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

Also, I would also like to use this opportunity to thank our stakeholders - Public Entities, Private Sector, Civil Society Organizations, and the Media for their great contributions and cooperation with the Authority. I thank you all for your support and I hope that this relationship continues as we achieve greater success together. The Authority will continue to execute its mandates with your cooperation and support to improve on the fairness and transparency in the Public Procurement processes in Ghana.

This Christmas is time to connect with our families and friends in a loving and happy way. I wish you a very happy, harmonious, and safe holiday season and let us look forward to a positive new year in 2022.

Merry Christmas! Please keep safe by adhering to the established COVID-19 protocols.

***FRANK MANTE***

***AG. CEO OF PPA***

## END OF YEAR MESSAGE FROM CHAIRPERSON OF THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE



As 2021 draws to a close, I want to thank and offer my holiday wishes and reflections on what we have done together over this year.

The Editorial Committee wrote and published five editions this year namely on the following themes; Global Trends In Public Procurement: What Will Procurement Look Like In 2030 (January-February 2021), Ensuring Compliance To Public Procurement Act (March-April 2021), Framework Agreements: New Dimensions and Emerging Trends (May-June 2021), Open Contracting and Transparency in Public Procurement: A Conversation with Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition GACC (September-October, 2021), and The 10th Annual Public Forum (November-December, 2021)

Firstly, I would like to thank the Editorial Committee of PPA for the writing and publishing 5 editions of the bi-monthly eBulletin. Thank you for your hard work.

I would also like to use this opportunity to thank our contributors for researching and writing feature articles for our editions. I hope that this relationship continues.

Last but not the least, thank you to all our readers. Thank you for downloading and reading each edition and sending in your feedback. Thanks for your patronage.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas. May this Christmas be full of celebrations and good times for you all. Enjoy the season.

**THE CHAIRPERSON**

**THOMAS K. BONDZI**

**EDITORIAL COMMITTEE**

## MAJOR NEWS HEADLINES - 10TH PUBLIC FORUM

### PPA saves over GH¢2.2bn in single source deals

By Wisdom JONNY NUKPE

The Public Procurement Authority (PPA) has made a record saving on public expenditure to the tune of over GH¢2.2 billion (GH¢2,292,827,351) in 24 months.

The amount, according to Acting Chief Executive of the PPA, Frank Mante, accumulated from 2019 to August 2021, and was achieved through innovative measures employed by the authority in vetting and reviewing processes of applications - with enormous scrutiny for Single Source and Restricted Tendering contracts.

Mr. Mante was speaking at the 10th Annual Public Forum by the PPA, and said a chunk of the amount was saved at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, when public entities had to quickly procure Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) among other requirements, for their operations. "Through these earnest efforts, the authority has made notable inroads in safeguarding the public purse - ensuring value for money and efficiency in public procurement processes," he said.

The PPA has indicated that it will not consider or approve requests from entities in respect to single sourcing or restricted tendering, when that particular

procurement activity has not been captured in the entity's approved procurement plan. The authority, however, indicated that it will continue giving priority to requests for single source and restricted tenders only in line with section 40(1) and 38(2) of the PPA's mandate.

#### Late submission of procurement plans

The authority has certainly been expressing worries over delays in submission of procurement plans by entities to the PPA's procurement portal.

Mr. Mante revealed that as at the close of November 17, 2021, only 343 out of the estimated 1,000 procurement entities had submitted their annual approved procurement plans on the authority's procurement planning portal. "The lack of adherence to this very important requirement of the law is unacceptable. Any public institution that has been declared a procurement entity is required to submit its plans," he said.

#### Digitisation of procurement processes

Deputy Finance Minister, John Kumah - speaking at the forum, said the introduction and implementation of an e-procurement system for Ghana, which started in 2019, dubbed the Ghana Electronic Procurement System (GHANEPS), will be fully digitalised by October 2022, when the final phase is completed.

GHANEPS, he indicated, is expected to fully automate tendering for public projects in Ghana, adding "Entities that are live on the GHANEP platform can utilise the system for procurement activities, thus encouraging new entities to get enrolled on the platform".

Concerning regulations for the PPA Act, Mr. Kumah said the draft regulations are being prepared in consultation with various stakeholders and are nearly ready for presentation to Parliament. Presentation to the legislature will ensure enactment of the requisite legislative instrument to that effect.

The forum was on the theme: Public Procurement: Propelling the wheels of the private sector to deliver the Ghana Beyond Aid Agenda.

### Farmers under subsidy input programme lose supplies

...as fertilizer price skyrockets by 200 percent

By Rabah Ibrahim

Supplies of fertilizer that were due farmers registered under the subsidy input programme were not forthcoming due to the sharp rise in fertilizer prices on the international market, Minister for Food and Agriculture, Dr. Owusu Afiyie Akoto has stated.

According to the Agric Minister, importing companies of fertilizer were unable to supply required quantities for the crop season due to the price hikes, but instead, sold their supplies on the open market at the mercy of farmers under the subsidy programme. This accounted for the shortages experienced in the subsidy market in the country," the Minister stated.

Dr. Afiyie Akoto made this known when he appeared in Parliament to answer questions on the unavailability and access of fertilizer to farmers, and what steps the Ministry is taking to address the rising cost of fertilizers in the 2022 crop season.

As regards pricing, the minister submitted that government has very little to do, as prices are determined by the world market, stressing however, that some measures are in place to offer some reliefs in the payment of import duties on some agro inputs and machinery. He noted: "with the exception of some few

quantities of organic fertilizers that are produced in the country, Ghana imports all its fertilizer requirements. The prices of fertilizer are determined on the international market. Therefore, there is very little the ministry of food and agriculture can do to reduce the cost.

However, there is an exemption regime for agro inputs and agro machinery in place where all agro inputs including fertilizers are exempted from payment of import duties and VAT. The objective of the exemptions is to make those inputs affordable. Notwithstanding this, the ministry is putting measures in place to ensure that the enough fertilizers are procured for the 2022 cropping season to enhance accessibility," the minister said.

He also noted the Ministry's commitment to working closely with the Ministry of Finance to ensure prompt payment to participating companies in the subsidy programme, adding that government in the long term, intends to take advantage of the new discoveries of off-shore natural gas to manufacture fertilizers in the country, as the Ministry, since 2018, has been engaging with some selected foreign companies to invest in a multi-billion dollar fertilizer manufacturing plant at Jomoro in the Western Region.

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## Public Procurement Authority organises 10th annual forum

BY JOYCELINE NATALLY CUDJOE AND ANITA ANKRAH

THE 10th Public Procurement Authority (PPA) annual forum was organised in Accra on Wednesday, with a call on the citizenry and businesses to focus on building the country's industry to propel the economy.

It was organised under the theme: "Public Procurement: Propelling the wheels of the private sector to deliver the Ghana Beyond Aid Agenda."

Speaking at the forum, the Minister of Finance, Ken Ofori-Atta, in a speech read on his behalf by the Deputy Sector Minister, Dr. John Kumah, stated that the move would reinforce a long term policy commitment to sustainable growth, inclusion and self-reliance.

The roadmap prepared to implement this agenda, he said, emphasised key areas namely, industrialisation, agriculture, improving education and reducing corruption.

Mr Ofori-Atta noted that the ability for political leaders to meet their promises of economic and social improvements was closely related to how well public procurement functions.

He commended the PPA for collaborating with the Ministry of Finance on several fronts to ensure value for money and efficiency in public procurement processes.

Mr Ofori-Atta expressed the government's commitment in realising the agenda to regulate the Public Procurement Act.

"Draft regulations have been prepared in consultation with various stakeholders and are ready for presentation to Parliament for the enactment of the requisite legislative instrument," he added.

The Finance Minister underscored the need for the country to access high-quality jobs and opportunities and charged the people to continue focusing on raising labour productivity and building human capital.

Touching on how to propel the private sector, Mr Frank Mante, the Acting Chief Executive Officer of the PPA, stated that there should be capacity building while creating more enabling environment for



• Mr John Kumah (inset) speaking at the forum Photo: Michael Ayeh

private businesses to strive in the industry.

The strategy to achieve the objective, the chairman of the Governing Board of PPA, Professor Ameyaw Akumfi, said was to promote effective, responsible and accountable state machinery with improved capacity to engage the private sector.

"Harnessing the critical par-

ticipation of the private sector to deliver on the long term goals of the Ghana Beyond Aid Agenda in the concerted efforts to pave the way for self actualisation and to minimise dependence on external financial support," he added.

Mr Kwame Jantuah, the Chairman of Oil and Gas Sector, Association of Ghana Industries (AGI), called on the government

to formulate policies which would help the private sector to thrive.

"The Ministry of Trade and Industry must ensure producers improve on the quality and packaging of goods in order for it to meet international standards. This will help the country to earn more to propel our economy while meeting the Ghana Beyond Aid Agenda," he added.

# MAJOR NEWS HEADLINES - 10TH PUBLIC FORUM

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2021



## PPA blows whistle on rise in document forgery for public contracts

By Wisdom JONNY NUEKPE

There are rising incidents of using fraudulent documents by service providers in their quest to win public contracts, Chief Executive of the Public Procurement Authority (PPA) Frank Mante has revealed.

Mr. Mante, speaking to

the B&FT at the 10th PPA Forum in Accra, said fraudulent documents such as forging signatures of Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) officials and submission of fake certificates - Tax and Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT) - are on the rise among some prospective public contract seekers.

The authority has disclosed that it will blacklist

and suspend fraudulent companies in the coming months, in line with section 22A of the PPA Act, if the phenomenon persists.

The PPA said over 20 investigations have been completed to assist in the ratification requests received by the authority from procurement entities, as investigations are currently ongoing for six other entities that are yet to supply the

required information. The authority, as part of its due diligence, is periodically instructed by the board to investigate and submit reports to assist in contract decisions.

It explained that it is the responsibility of public entities and other actors in the public procurement space to ensure that submission of the required statutory documents for contracts as expressed under Section 22 (1) d of the Public Procurement Act,

2003 (Act 663) is adhered to.

The section, according to Mr. Mante, among other things makes it mandatory for service providers to fulfil their tax obligations and SSNIT contributions further tasking public entities to scrutinise documents to check for authenticity as part of the tender evaluation process.

Indeed, according to the PPA, a company was recently blacklisted from participating

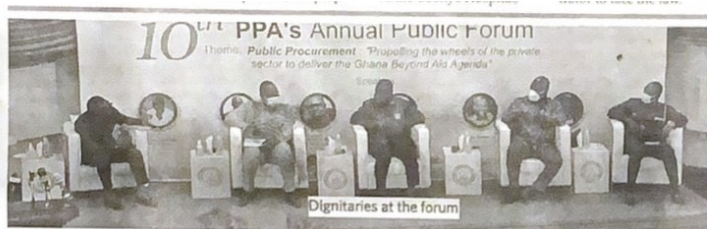
in any government project in Ghana for submitting a fake Supplier Certificate in a tender by the Department of Tender Roads. "This is a fraudulent act and infringes provisions of the PPA Act, 2003 (Act 663) as amended. Entities which do business with this company does so at their own risk," Mr. Mante said.

He asked all entities applying for single source and restricted tendering approvals from the PPA to confirm in their application letters that the service provider they propose to engage has complied with all the statutory obligations stated as required by the laws of Ghana.

"Violations in relation to this are punishable by sanctions in section 92 (1) of the PPA Act, 2003 (Act 663) on a summary conviction to a fine not exceeding 2,000 penalty units, or a term imprisonment not exceeding five years or both," Mr. Mante indicated.

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## PPA To Descend Upon Bad Players

BY Nii Adjie Mensahfio

THE ACTING Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Public Procurement Authority (PPA), Frank Mante, has expressed concern about non-adherence with the Authority's directives, and warned that his outfit in collaboration with the Economic and Organised Crime Office (EOCO), the Auditor-General and the Special Prosecutor would descend upon sector players who did not conform to regulations contained in the Public Procurement Act, 2003 (Act 663).

He served this notice when he addressed the 10th annual public forum organised by the PPA last Thursday in Accra.

Themed: "Public Procurement: Propelling the Wheels of the Private Sector to Deliver the Ghana Beyond Aid Agenda," the

forum sought to solicit the views of key stakeholders and industry players towards repositioning the Authority to deliver on its mandate of ensuring a transparent public procurement system in Ghana among others.

Frank Mante bemoaned the lack of adequate funds as a major challenge to the Authority's quest to improve efficiency and transparency in Ghana's public procurement system.

According to him, the situation also hindered the Authority's ability to effectively contribute to national development as well as government's agenda of a 'Ghana Beyond Aid'.

"As part of our functions, the PPA is mandated to periodically assess the conduct of public procurement activities in Ghana. Due to lack of funds, the Authority could not undertake this assignment for

three years (2016-19)," he disclosed.

With the needed funding and logistics, the Authority, Mr. Mante noted, would put in place a procurement system that would ensure effective public spending which would impact development in the private sector.

"A government's most direct impact on the private sector is through its procurement behaviour considering the fact that the government is often the largest investor in and purchaser of services, especially in poorer nations."

"The way it [the government] manages its commercial relations with the business community has profound influence on whether acceptable business practices will evolve or not, and on the dynamism of the private sector which is the engine of growth of the economy,"

he remarked.

Chairman of the Governing Board of PPA, Professor Ameyaw Akumfi, also intimated that with the Authority being subverted organisation, it faced a challenge of limited funding, a situation he said "doesn't make it possible for them [PPA] to do all the things that they want to do."

"The current budget cycle is almost over and we are beginning anew so we hope that in the course of the year we will be able to sit down to see what request we can send to Parliament to enable them to work efficiently," he said.

On the issue of non-compliance, he called for reforms in regulations to extend the suspension period from one year to at least four years, noting that it would make the companies competitive and offer quality services.

BY Nii Adjie Mensahfio

DEPUTY MINISTER for Transport, Frederick Obeng Adom, has disclosed that despite the huge potential of the Volta Lake for the socio-economic development of communities within its catchment area, transportation on the lake is fraught with challenges.

According to him, the existing vessels and landing stages were in poor conditions or non-existent in areas where informal boat operations abound.

Delivering an address at the opening of a stakeholder consultative workshop on the feasibility study for the development of the Volta Lake Inland Water Transport System (VLWITS) in Accra last Friday, the Deputy Minister noted that "Port operations are poorly equipped to handle existing shipments and several unregulated boats provide services for passengers and goods around the lake with a consistently poor record of safety and increasing death toll of passengers."

The workshop was to enable consultants of the study to present the key findings of the assignment as well as recommendations for the best options and practices to be adopted by the government.

It also sought to provide an opportunity for individuals, groups, associations, persons with disabilities, professionals and traditional leaders, market women, boat owners and operators,

fisher folks etc. to make inputs and suggestions into the Draft Feasibility Report.

Mr. Adom said with the Volta Lake being a key part of Ghana's transportation system and a major transport link within the Eastern Multimodal Transport Corridor, the inland water transport system had been identified as a key component of an integrated, multimodal transport network to provide cost-effective transportation for socio-economic development as well as provide strategic, cost-effective long-distance transportation of bulk wet and dry cargoes in Ghana.

"Unfortunately, transportation on the lake and its surrounding regions, both formal and informal remains underdeveloped," he bemoaned.

The Volta Lake Transport Company Ltd (VLTC) incorporated in 1970 is currently the main institution responsible for the operation of transport on the lake and provides a range of cross-lake ferry services, long north-south services and supplemented by an increasing number of private boat operators.

He said the ministry with support from the World Bank under the Transport Sector Improvement Project had engaged Messrs Viscon Consult in joint venture with KPMG Ghana to undertake a comprehensive assessment study for the development of the VLWITS.

Consultative sessions, he revealed, had already been held in Tamale in the

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## PPA'S BOARD INAUGURATED



On 28th September 2021, a nine-member board of the Public Procurement Authority (PPA) was sworn into office by the Deputy Minister of Finance Dr. Ampontuah Kumah.

The board is chaired by Prof. Ameyaw-Akumfi, the former Minister of Education, Mr. Frank Mante, Hon. Diana Asona Dapah, Mr. Hayford Amoah, Madam Ernestina Swatson, Dr. Alhassan Iddrisu, Mr. Samuel Richard Nee Baidoo, Mr. Isaac Kofi Amoah and Mad. Patricia Safo as members.

In a speech, the deputy minister urged the newly appointed board to work assiduously to positively improve the image of procurement in our country. He went ahead to entreat the board to deliver their core mandate in a way that strives for innovation and sustainability during their tenure in office. He also charged the nine-member board to work towards improving greater accountability and transparency in the conduct of procurement in Ghana.

In response, the newly appointed Board Chairman, Prof Ameyaw-Akumfi promised that all procurement processes will be conducted in a free and fair manner to achieve Value for Money (VFM) and protect the public purse. He added that the board will be open and transparent as well as bring their professional experience in executing their core mandate.

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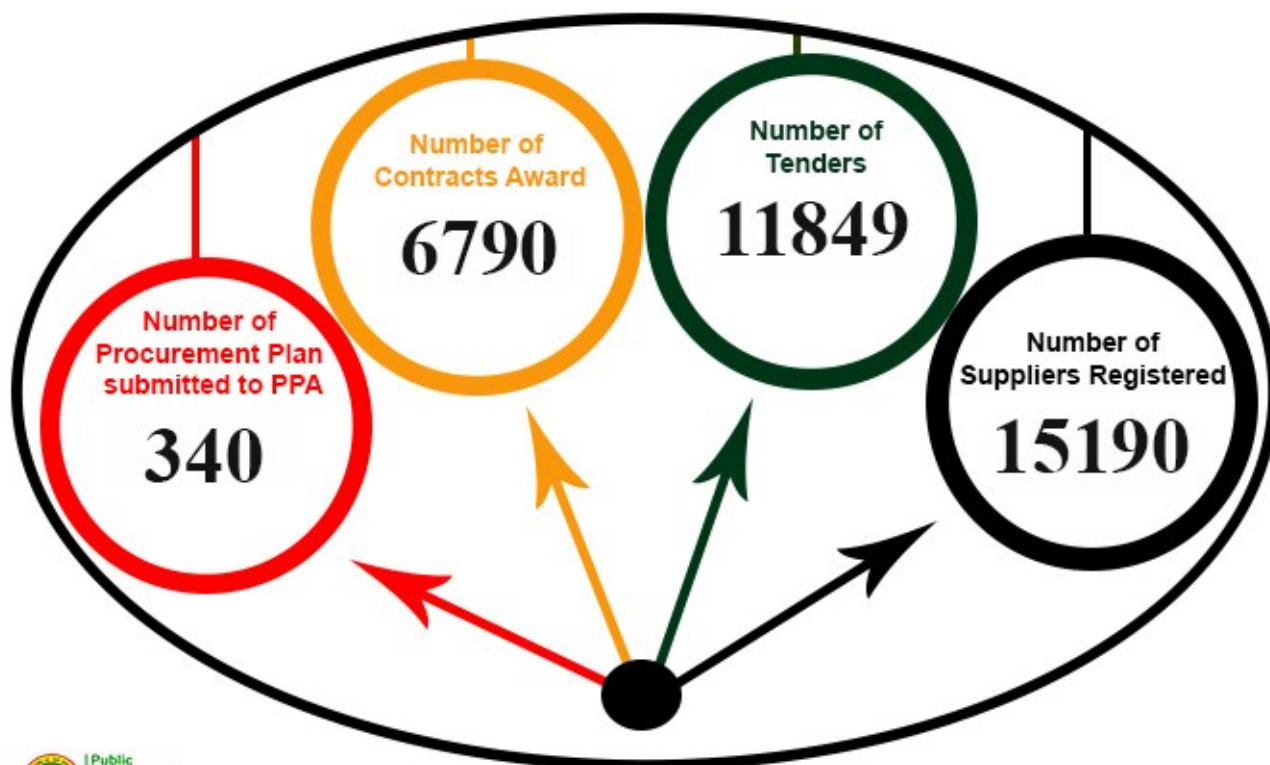
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