

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## KWABENA ATAKORA

### PERSONAL DATA

DATE OF BIRTH: 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1976 NATIONALITY: GHANAIAN

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### PERSONAL STATEMENT

Seek to offer extensive support in the pursuit and achievement of institutional goals and objectives through innovation, initiative, excellent communication /interpersonal skills and team work. Believe in hard work, team work and self-belongingness. Works under little or no supervision and respond to instructions promptly. Time consciousness is a hallmark since it drives both institutions and industry. As an innovator and team player, reaching out to different fields that are closely related to area of specialization in industry, research and school is adhered to since no discipline is entirely isolated.

### EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2015-2020**                      **Doctor of Philosophy (AGRONOMY): University of Education, Winneba.**  
**TOPIC: GENOTYPE BY ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION AND YIELD STABILITY OF COWPEA VARIETIES RELEASED OVER TWO DECADES, FROM 1990-2015.**
- 2008-2011**                      Master of Philosophy in Agronomy  
**Thesis Topic: Influence of Grasscutter, Chicken manure and NPK Amendments on soil characteristics, growth and yield response of Carrot (*Daucus carota*)**
- 2003-2007**                      Bachelor of Education (Agriculture)  
University of Education, Winneba  
**Thesis Topic: Concentration of Heavy Metals in Refuse Damp Soils**
- 1995-1998**                      3-Year Post Secondary Teacher's Certificate "A"  
Ofinso Training College
- 1991-1994:**                      Senior Secondary School Certificate  
Adu Gyamfi Secondary School

## WORKING EXPERIENCE & ACHIEVEMENT

- 2021- University of Energy and Natural Resources-Sunyani  
Duties: Teaching, Research and Supervision of students Thesis
- 2018- University of Cape Coast-Course Lecturer, BPF; CoDE (Agric Option)
- Duties**  
Teaching Bachelor of Psychology Foundations students offering Agric. Conducting Teacher Made Test (TMT). On-Campus and Off –Campus Teaching Practice
- 2012- 2021 Wesley College of Education-Kumasi
- Duties**  
Teaching and conducting field research/practical work for Diploma and Degree students.  
Organising field trips to enhance their knowledge in agriculture.  
Supervising students' project/thesis leading to the award of Diploma and Degree  
Offering counselling services for students to make good decisions.  
Running affairs for the welfare of students in my hall as Hall Tutor.
- Teaching Practice Coordinator:** Coordinating professional training for students. Posting of student teachers, allocating staff for supervision, organising workshops for 80 partner schools involved in the internship programme in six (6) districts in Ashanti-Region.
- Supported Teaching in Schools Coordinator:** Organising Workshops for over 50 basic schools head teachers and teachers (**Lead Mentors and Mentors**).
- Organising training sessions for Metropolitan circuit supervisors for effective supervision in the current BEd curricula and Supported Teaching in Schools (STS).
- 2010-2012 St. Joseph Seminary Senior High School  
**Duties:** Teaching and conducting field work.  
Supervising students field work  
Have helped students to cultivate vegetables (farming) as a source of income
- 2009 Collection of Data on Soil Health and Good Farming Practices in Africa for Sene, Pru, Techiman and Nkoranza North Districts in Brong-Ahafo Region; Ghana - For: Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA): December, 2009
- 2000 – 2003 Subject Teacher (Mathematics &Science)  
Agona Methodist J.H.S
- 1999 – 2000 Class Teacher  
Konya L/A Primary School
- 1998 – 1999 Subject Teacher (Mathematics &Science)  
Denase L/A Junior High School

## **AWARDS**

Dean's Day Award Winner - Recognition of Outstanding Academic Performance- M.Phil Category, University of Education, Winneba: 2008

Best Hardworking Executive (S.R.C) – University of Education, Winneba. Mampong- Campus: 2007

Outstanding Special Duties- Coordinator- University of Education, Winneba. Mampong-Campus- Chaplaincy Board: 2007

## **POSITIONS/ OFFICES/RESPONSIBILITIES**

Wesley College of Education, Teaching Practice Coordinator 2019-

Wesley College of Education, Deputy Teaching Practice Coordinator-2017

Wesley College of Education, Teaching Practice Committee Member 2015-

Wesley College of Education, Kumasi: Dunwell Hall Master/Tutor, 2016-2019

Wesley College of Education, Kumasi: Brew Hall Master/Tutor, 2014-2016

Wesley College of Education, Kumasi: Academic Councillor, 2013-2015

University of Education Winneba-Mampong Campus: S R C Financial Secretary 2005/2006.

University of Education, Winneba-Mampong Campus-Member Student Staff Consultative Committee-2005/2006

University of Education, Winneba-Mampong Campus-Member; Local and General Assembly-2005/2006

University of Education, Winneba, Mampong Campus-Member; SRC Week Planning Committee 2006

Universities Association of Ghana (USAG) Congress- Media Liaison Officer and Finance Committee Secretary- 2005

Ghana Methodist Students Union (GHAMSU, UEW-M)- Special Duties Coordinator-Effiduase Diocese (2005) and Organizing Secretary (2006)

Association of Methodist Church Choirs- Kona Circuit: Financial Secretary-2002-2004

Afigya Sekyere Methodist Teachers Association- Secretary: 2001-2003

Electoral Commission, Presidential and Parliamentary Elections-Polling Assistant, 2000 and 2008

Offinso Training College –Financial Secretary: Sawyer House 1998

## **COURSES/ WORKSHOP/SEMINARS ATTENDED**

Participant: Liaoning Technical University-China and Tias Group West Africa Workshop on setting up Luban Workshop Studies in Ghana. 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.

Participant: Aligning of course outcomes, instruction and assessment in higher education. University of Energy and Natural Resources Auditorium-Sunyani. 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.

Participant: Workshop on Innovative Teaching in Higher Education. University of Energy and Natural Resources. Sunyani. 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.

Facilitator: Course Lecturers Training on Course manuals for Colleges of Education Tutors in Ghana under Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology at the Faculty of Arts Conference Room, KNUST. 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

Participant: Training of College Course Leads on Course Manual and Professional Development Guide for Colleges of Education under KNUST. 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2020.

Participant: Short course on using virtual means on teaching for both Synchronous and Asynchronous lessons organised by The Digital Society of Amsterdam University on March, 2020. On-line short course

Participant: Ph. D Short course on Cocoa in a Changing Climate under the programme; **Climate Smart Cocoa Systems for Ghana (CLIMCOCOA) Project** at University of Ghana from 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> November, 2018, Under the partnership of University of Copenhagen, Roskilde University, University of Ghana, IITA and ICRAF.

Participant: Effective supervision of the new BEd Programme for Teaching Practice Coordinators organised by University of Cape Coast and sponsored by Transforming Teacher Education and Learning (T-TEL)-UKAID, at Pempamsie Hotel , Cape Coast, 2019.

Participant: Effective supervision of the new BEd Programme for Teaching Practice Coordinators organised Transforming Teacher Education and Learning (T-TEL)-UKAID, at Blue Royal Hotel, Larteh. January, 2019.

- Facilitator: Effective supervision of the new BEd Programme Organised by Teaching Practice Committee for Wesley College of Education Tutors and Circuit Supervisors. Sponsored by T-TEL, UKAID and Wesley College of Education. March, 2019.
- Participant: Workshop on research article writing, information retrieval and data management using Minitab software for Senior Members and Graduate Students at University of Education, Winneba. College of Agriculture Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.
- Participant: Workshop on guidelines of Action Research for effective supervision of college of education students' at Wesley College of Education Conference Room, 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.
- Participant: Workshop on Supervision of students offering Bachelor of Psychology Foundations (BPF) and Diploma in Basic Education (DBE) Students offering Agriculture, organised by College of Distance Education (CoDE), University of Cape Coast (UCC) 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.
- Facilitator: Mentor and Lead Mentor Training for Selected Teachers in Eisu-Juaben, Kwabre East, Kumasi Metro Districts in Ashanti Region organised by Transforming Teacher Education and Learning (T-TEL) and UKAID. October, 2016-February, 2017. 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.
- Facilitator: Effective supervision of Teacher Trainees in Colleges of Education. Organised by Teaching Practice Committee for Wesley College of Education Tutors. Sponsored by T-TEL and Wesley College of Education. November, 2017.
- Participant: Workshop for Mentors and Lead Mentors at Royal Lamerta Hotel, Kumasi. Organised by Transforming Teacher Education and Learning (T-TEL)-UKAID, September, 2016
- Participant: Workshop on Food safety, soil health and good farming practices in Africa by Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) – Tamale; Northern Region, Ghana 2009
- Participant: The use of Grasscutter Manure on Crops by Western Regional Grasscutter Farmers Association (WREGFA) and HIV Campaign-By German Technical Corporation (GTZ), July, 2009 Takoradi, Western Region.
- Participant: The National Consultation of the Ghana Poverty Reduction Strategy (GPRS II) BY The National Development Planning Committee. Flag Staff House Accra-11<sup>th</sup> July, 2005.
- Participant: Career Workshop-Entrepreneurship and Business Plan Development by Prof John B.K. Aheto (Board Chairman, GBC)- 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2007
- Participant: Leadership Workshop by Office of the Dean of Students Affairs November, 2005

Participant: Workshop on Violence Free Election by The Electoral Commission- Ghana Afigya Sekyere District- Agona. December, 2008.

## PROJECT(S) UNDERTAKING

**Project Lead:** Establishment of Ghana Agricultural Luban Workshop. A collaboration between Liaoning Technical University, Tiast Group West Africa, University of Energy and Natural Resources and Ghana Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

## RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

A. J. Baayim, H. K. Dapaah, K. Agyarko, **K. Atakora**, K. Kyere, B. Y. Osei and I. Boateng (2020).

*Assessment of growth and yield of watermelon and soil physical properties in response to different tillage methods.*

International Journal of Plant & Soil Science 32(4):79-88. Article No. IJPSS.56216  
<https://doi.org/10.9734/ijpss/2020/v32i430274>

**K. Atakora**, K. Agyarko, E. K. Asiedu, H. K. Dapaah, A. J. Baayim, B. Y. Osei and K. Kyere (2019)

*The combine effect of Grasscutter (*Thryonomys swinderianus*) manure and NPK Fertilizer on soil properties, growth and yield of carrot (*Daucus carota*).*

Journal of Experimental Agriculture International. 40(1) 2019; Article no. JEAI. 50242.  
<https://doi.org/10.9734/jeai/2019/v40i130357>

Benette Yaw Osei, Kofi Agyarko, Emmanuel Kwasi Aseidu, Martha Agyiri, Kwabena Kyere, Emmanuel, Kofi Amponsah and **Kwabena Atakora** (2018).

*Influence of Different Soil Application Methods of *Mucuna puriens* on Soil Chemical Properties and Maize Yield in Ghana.*

International Journal of Plant & Soil Science 24(6): 1-9, 2018; Article No. IJPSS 43186 ISSN: 2320-7035. <https://doi.org/10.9734/IJPSS/2018/43186>

**K. Atakora**, Kofi Agyarko and Emmanuel K. Asiedu (2014)

*Influence of grasscutter, chicken manure and NPK fertilizer on the physical properties of a Chromic Luvisol, growth and yield of carrot (*Daucus carota*).*

International Journal of Plant and Soil Science 3(2):197-204, 2014; Article No. IJPSS.2014.007. <http://www.sciencedomain.org/issue.php?iid=363&id=24>

**K. Atakora**, K. Agyarko, E. K. Asiedu, H. K. Dapaah and S.Y. Annor (2014)

*Influence of grasscutter manure, chicken manure and NPK fertilizer on the growth and yield of carrot and chemical properties of soil.*

International Journal of Innovation and Applied Studies ISSN 2028-9324 Vol.9 No.2014, pp.412-420.

<http://www.ijias.issrjournals.org/abstract.php?article=IJIAS-14-245-09>

Kofi Agyarko (Prof.), Harrison K. Dapaah (Prof.), **Kwabena Atakora**, Ibrahim Mohammed: Crop Husbandry Text Book for Senior High Schools in Ghana- Ghana Education Service. Samwood Publications (In Press)

**Genotype × Environment Interaction and Yield Stability of Cowpea Varieties Released over Two Decades, from 1990-2015. Ph.D Thesis**

**Influence of Grasscutter, Chicken manure and NPK Amendments on soil characteristics, growth and yield response of Carrot (*Daucus carota*) : MPhil Thesis**

**Concentration of Heavy Metals in Refuse Damp Soils (First Degree Dissertation, 2007; Unpublished)**

### **ARTICLES IN PROGRESS**

*Additive Main Effects and Multiplicative Interactions Analysis of Grain yield performance in cowpea genotypes across environments.*

*Comparison of statistical methods to assess yield stability in eight cowpea varieties in selected agro-ecological zones of Ghana.*

*Characterization of cowpea varieties on growth and yield in forest and transitional zones of Ghana.*

*Performance of growth indices (analysis) of eight cowpea varieties in two agro-ecological zones in Ashanti region.*

**REVIEWER:** Journal of Experimental Agriculture International  
Journal of Advances in Biology & Biotechnological  
International Journal of Plant & Soil Science  
Asian Research Journal of Agriculture  
African Journal of Agricultural Research

### **LANGUAGE SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES**

Fluent in English and Twi

Excellent Communication, Interpersonal and Presentation Skills, Computer Proficiency, Power Point Presentations at Seminars and Workshops, Inputting Data and Analysis of Field Work and Interpretation, Team Player, Work under little or no Supervision. Using virtual methods to teach students on-line.

**HOBBIES** Reading, Sports, computing and gardening

**REFEREES**

1. Prof. Harrison K. Dapaah  
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