

# Dr. Edna Agyepong

## Project Planning and Management Expert

With over seven years of professional experience in rural and urban planning in Ghana, including community development and relations, project planning, implementation, and management, Edna offers remarkable skills in relevant fields that are tailored to organizational needs. Also tenders great leadership and strategic skills, versatility, and commitment to ethics.



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## • WORK EXPERIENCE

### Temporary Consultant

Nurai Global

**09/2023**

Dubai, UAE

- Worked as a case study writer
- Analyzed transcripts and used them for the case study.
- Reviewed available grey literature and social media on the topic to support key findings.

### Consultant

HDF Consult

**07/2023 – 09/2023**

Sunyani, Ghana

- Designed and conducted 5 No. training and public education fora in communities and institutions on behalf of the Sunyani Municipal Assembly to sensitize the public on disaster prevention and climate change as part of the World Bank funded Ghana Secondary Cities Support Program.

### Postgraduate Coordinator

Dep. of Geography and Sustainability Science, UENR

**06/2022 – Date**

Sunyani, Ghana

- Coordinate all postgraduate programs in the department in collaboration with the School Postgraduate Coordinator.

### Lecturer

Dep. of Geography and Sustainability Science, UENR

**09/2022 – Date**

Sunyani, Ghana

- Teach undergraduate courses in participatory planning, local governance and development, tools for development, public services and infrastructure planning, and project planning and management.
- Teach a graduate course in protected area planning and management
- Supervise undergraduate and graduate researchers.

**Assistant Lecturer**

Dep. of Geography and Sustainability Science, UENR

**11/2021- 08/2022**

Sunyani, Ghana

- Taught undergraduate courses in participatory planning, local governance and development, tools for development, public services and infrastructure planning, and project planning and management.
- Supervised undergraduate researchers.

**Development Planning Officer**

Local Government Service, Ghana

**01/ 2016- 08/ 2017**

Kintampo, Ghana

- Initiated and coordinated the process of planning, programming, budgeting and implementation of district development plans, programs and projects.
- Carried out studies on development planning matters in the district including the mobilization of resources for development.
- Integrated sector and spatial policies, plans and programs/projects to ensure compatibility with each other and national development objectives as issued by the National Development Planning Commission.
- Synthesized policy proposals on development planning in the district into a comprehensive framework.
- Monitored and evaluated development policies, programs and projects in the district.

**Ag. Business Development Officer**

University of Energy and Natural Resources (UENR)

**06/ 2015- 08/ 2015**

Sunyani, Ghana

- Developed a proposal for setting up the Business Development Office.
- Assisted in marketing some of the University's academic and non-academic products.

**Community Development Officer**

Asanko Gold Ghana Limited (AGGL)

**10/ 2011- 11/ 2014**

Sunyani, Ghana

- Coordinated the plan and implementation of sustainable community development policies and procedures in line with the District Development Plans and the company's social responsibility policies.
- Worked with internal (other staff and affected people) and external stakeholders (local government departments) towards sustainable development planning and implementation.
- Established the Women's Consultative Committee (WCC) to encourage women's participation in the resettlement negotiation process.
- Facilitated capacity building of committees, including the WCC.
- Coordinated the livelihood and vocational training programs.
- Coordinated contracting processes for community development projects.

**Sub-consultant**

MAPLE Consult

**09/ 2013- 11/ 2013**

Accra, Ghana

- Assisted two team facilitators to provide technical assistance and consultancy services on Public-Private Partnership for water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) for the Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands as part of the implementation strategies of the Ghana-Netherlands WASH Program (GNWP).

## **Intern**

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Int. Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

**02/2009 – 05/2009**

Sunyani, Ghana

- Followed up on local entrepreneurs in the Berekum and Techiman Municipalities who benefited from the Competency based Economies through Formation of Entrepreneurs (CEFE) training.
- Supported local entrepreneurs to formulate action plans and business plans.
- Identified and created a database of micro-finance institutions in the municipalities for use by the beneficiaries.

## **Micro-enterprise Development Officer**

Opportunities Industrialization Centers International (OICI)

**09/2008 – 01/2009**

Sunyani, Ghana

- Coordinated all enterprise development and income generating activities of beneficiary clients in five target communities.
- Identified opportunities for small-scale income generating activities in other needy communities.
- Developed packages/project profile of needs and monitored and evaluated the performance of existing beneficiaries.
- Identified appropriate technology for value-added processing and provided technical assistance to beneficiaries.
- Supervised and monitored activities of field officers and collated data/ field reports.
- Facilitated money and financial management training of landowners and land users due for compensation by Newmont Ghana Gold Limited for land lost to the mining operations.

## **Assistant Community Development Officer**

Newmont Ghana Gold Limited (NGGL)

**09/2007 – 08/2008**

Kenyasi, Ghana

- Assisted in planning and implementing community development programs including the gender main-streaming program, community and workplace health program, and the community infrastructural development program.



## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

### **Volunteer, Side Events and Exhibitions at COP23**

United Nations Climate Change

**11/ 2017 – 11/ 2017**

Bonn, Germany

- Supported the media team to manage presentations and exhibitions.



## **EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATES**

### **PhD Natural Science**

University of Bonn

**10/ 2017 – 05/ 2022**

Bonn, Germany

*Dissertation: Displacement, 'Land scarcity', and processes of societal transformation: Social constructions and dynamics of 'land access' around Ghana's Bui Dam*

### **Certificate in Disaster Risk Management**

Humboldt-Universitaet zu Berlin

**07/ 2016 – 07/ 2016**

Berlin, Germany

**Certificate in Implementing Green Economy through  
Regional Planning – Rio+20**

TU- Dortmund

**11/ 2012 – 11/ 2012**

Dortmund, Germany

**MSc. Regional Development Planning and Management**

TU-Dortmund & Universidad Austral de Chile

**10/ 2009 – 12/ 2011**

Dortmund, Germany & Valdivia, Chile

***Dissertation:** Securing Land Tenure in Ethnically-Diverse Societies: A comparative study of the laws and land policies of Chile and Ghana*

**BSc. Planning**

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

**08/ 2003 – 06/ 2007**

Kumasi, Ghana

***Project work:** The Role of NGOs in Basic Education Development in Ghana: A case study of ISODEC's Girl-Child Education Project (GCEP) in the Jaman South District*



## SKILLS

- Skilled in conducting training needs assessment, developing and implementing/ delivering engaging and responsive training materials for diverse stakeholders obtained from my work as a Community Development Officer, sub-Consultant and a Lecturer.
- Adept in facilitating interactive lectures and workshops that promote knowledge retention and skill development acquired from my roles Community Development Officer, Micro-Enterprise Development Officer, sub-Consultant, and a Lecturer.
- Expert in using various training techniques including visual aids, multimedia presentations, virtual classrooms, group activities, and hands-on exercises among others gained from my work as a Community Development Officer, sub-Consultant, and a Lecturer.
- Competent in Microsoft Office Suite.
- Written and spoken English (C2 – full professional proficiency).
- Spoken and written German (A2- Basic user)
- Spoken Spanish (A1-Basic user)



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