

Official Launch of The Local Governance Practitioners Forum (LGPF)

The Institute of Local Government Studies (ILGS) launched its flagship “Think and Do Tank”, the Local Governance Practitioners’ Forum (LGPF) Platform on Thursday, 30th July 2020 at the Accra campus of the Institute. The LGPF is a broad-based membership platform that comprises key institutions of Ghana’s local governance system.

The platform, made up of seventy-two (72) members, provides an inclusive space for diverse policy actors (researchers, central and local policy makers, local governments, private enterprises, bureaucrats, civil society organisations (CSOs), development partners, politicians and political parties, and the media) to share research and practice evidence on democratic and developmental local governance.

The event was attended by fifty-seven (57) participants; forty eight (48) attended physically and nine (9) joined online (via Zoom).

Participants constituted a cross section of Local Governance stakeholders from Ghana and beyond, particularly members from partner Ministry, Agencies, and Departments, Civil Society Organisations, Traditional Authorities and the Media. **Contd. on next page**

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Notable organisations and personalities present were:

- § Hon. O. B. Amoah, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development who represented Hon. Hajia Alima Mahama, the Minister for Local Government and Rural Development
- § National Association of Local Governments of Ghana (NALAG);
- § Local Government Network (LOGNet);
- § The German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ);
- § The Inter-Ministerial Coordinating Committee on Decentralisation (IMCCoD);
- § Star Ghana Foundation and
- § Head of Local Government Service

Dr. Nicholas Awortwi welcomed participants to the launch and made a presentation the Platform. He also made a second presentation on 'A Shift Towards Democratic Developmental Local Governance'. The Keynote Address was delivered on behalf of the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development by Hon. Osei Bonsu Amoah, Deputy Minister of Local Government and Rural Development. Solidarity messages were presented by representatives of partners and sponsors of LGPF. The Open Forum was led by Mr. Stephen Osei-Yeboah, Head of Local and Regional Economic Development Department, ILGS and the launch was moderated by Mr. David Osei-Wusu, the Registrar.

From the discussions at the Open Forum, the way forward to actualise Democratic Developmental Local Governments in Ghana outlined were as follows:

1. Legal Reforms. Amendment of Article 55 (3); Article 243
2. Passing of Municipal Finance Bill to allow LGs new finance options
3. A shift in approach towards LED: It is the business of LGs to do business in order to promote Local Economic Development, employment creation and income growth
4. Developing a blue print on democratic developmental LG for consultation with key stakeholders
5. Reinvent LGs with a focus on managerialism
6. LGs bureaucrats manage LGs as a business using entrepreneurial culture

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Official Launch of the LOCAL GOVERNANCE PRACTITIONERS' FORUM (LGPF)

July 23, 2020



Dr. Nicholas Awortwi making a presentation on the LGPF Platform



Mr. David Osei-Wusu moderating the event



Hon. O. B. Amoah giving the Keynote address



Mad. Teiko Sabah and Ing. Salifu Mahama giving statements as partners



Mr. Felix Agyel Amakye giving the opening prayer



Hon. Amoah cutting the inaugural cake



Mr. Stephen Osei-Yeboah facilitating the Open Forum session



Mr. Francis Anderson contributing to the discussions



A group photograph of participants and partners

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Advancing Democratic Local Governance



Profile of The Local Governance Practitioners Forum (LGPF)

The Local Governance Practitioners Forum (LGPF) is a broad based membership platform that comprises key institutions of Ghana's local governance system. The platform provides an inclusive space for diverse policy actors (researchers, central and local policy makers, local governments, private enterprises, bureaucrats, civil society organizations (CSOs), development partners, politicians and political parties, and the media) to share research and practice evidence on democratic and developmental local governance. The platform is hosted by the Institute of Local Government Studies (ILGS) and supported by the Dutch Knowledge Platform on Inclusive Development (INCLUDE), STAR Ghana Foundation and the Inter-Ministerial Coordinating Committee on Decentralization (IMCCoD).

The key objective of the platform is to use research and practice evidence to inform Ghana's quest for democratic and developmental local governance. The objectives of the platform resonate with two major government policies:

- a. Local economic development
- b. Deepening of democratic decentralization (devolution).

These two policies have the potential to structurally alter local governance system, local economic transformation and inclusiveness in Ghana but can also go wrong if the design and programme implementation are not informed by research evidence on what works and what does not and why. The LGPF platform aims to bring both intellectual and policy discussions back to national agenda, promote new elite and grassroots consensus on democratic and developmental local governance and build policy dialogue towards making their implementations effective.

Through series of high quality research, public seminars, engagements, policy debate and dialogues, the platform provides key stakeholders in the local governance landscape a better understanding and knowledge to inform local governance practices in Ghana.

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THE DUTCH KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM ON INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT

INCLUDE is a Dutch-African platform that promotes evidence-based policy making on inclusive development in Africa through research, knowledge sharing and policy dialogue. INCLUDE supports research for evidence-based policymaking with the aim to promote inclusive development in Africa. It brings together researchers from African countries, the Netherlands and many other countries around the world. It also makes existing knowledge 'work' for policymakers and practitioners. It focuses on the themes of productive employment and social protection, and seeks to find strategic actors to support these. INCLUDE is one of the five knowledge platforms established by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs to promote research for policy.

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Website: <http://www.includeplatform.net>

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Call for Articles

We invite articles for future additions of the Newsletters. Interested organisations and individuals can consider providing a short item of news or an in depth article related to the objectives of the LGPF or any current issue of interest for the next edition of the newsletters.

The articles can be submitted in the following structure:

- Current and news oriented
- Articles should be submitted in Word format.

All articles which are selected for publication will be proof read for content, spelling and grammatical errors.

Word count:

- News items – 50 to 200 words.

Articles should include section headings.

Pictures, Illustrations, tables, sidebars are encouraged to illustrate and emphasize the message.

Submission

Please send your contributions to lgpf@gmail.com or 0596060212

Submission deadlines

- Monthly—by the end of the 3rd week in EVERY Month

We are looking forward to receiving your submissions.

Thank you

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PUBLICATIONS

Newsletters

The Newsletters Will be published monthly which will feature events, articles and a gallery of events that promotes the objectives of the LGPF in Ghana.

Policy Briefs

The LGPF Policy and Practice Briefs aims to provide high quality analysis and practical recommendations for varied policy actors on decentralisation, local governance and development issues

News articles

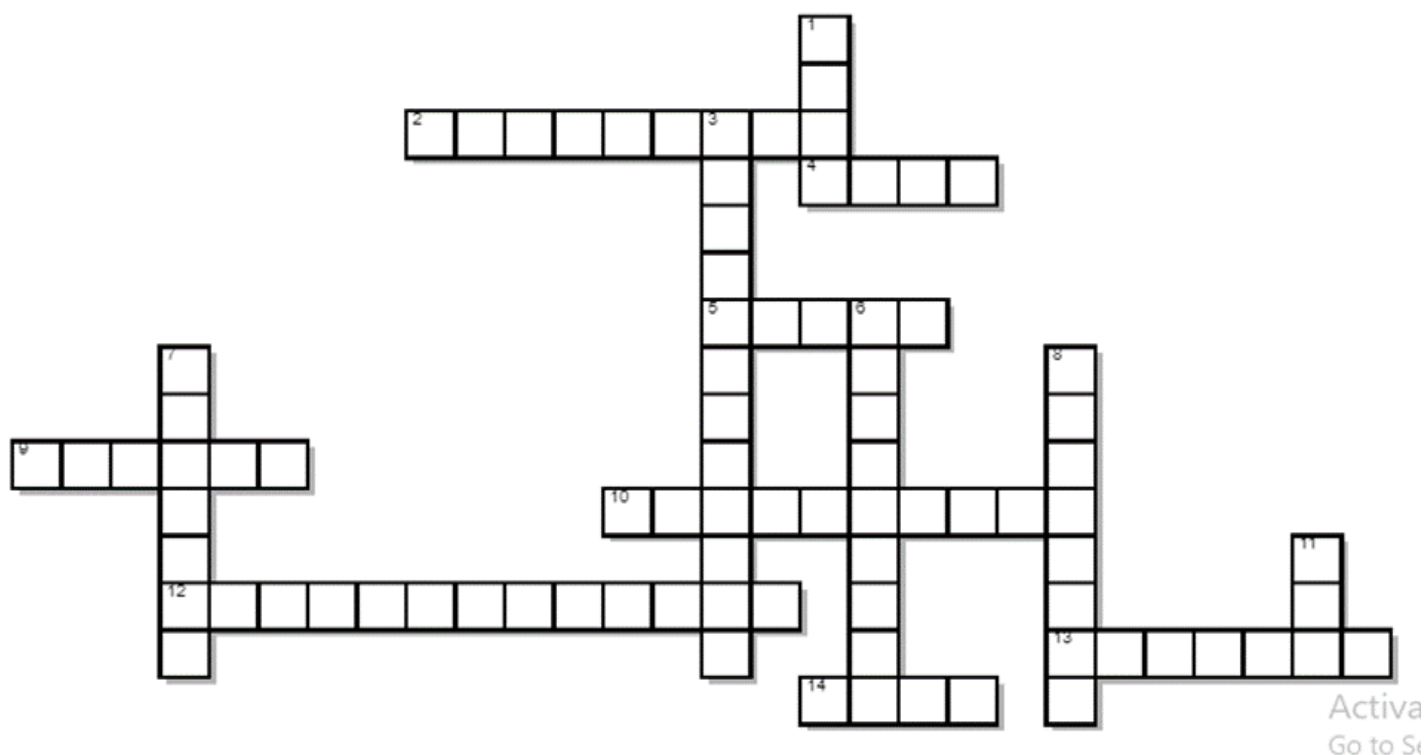
News articles on LGPF and issues on local governance will be featured in the newsletters.

Events & Publications

POLICY BRIEFS available on www.ilgs-edu.org/ddlgghana

- ⇒ *Issue No.1, March 2020: A Bubble Up Approach to Local Governance Reforms in Ghana*
- ⇒ *Issue No. 2, April 2020: Fixing the Challenges of Ghana's Local Governments: Democratic Developmentalism May Offer Solutions*
- ⇒ *Issue No. 3, May 2020: Industrial Policy for Economic Transformation and Development in Ghana*

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2. One other major policy isof democratic decentralisation (devolution)
4. LGPF is supported by.....Ghana Foundation
5. One major policy is..... economic development
9. LGPF is supported by.....
10. On 17th December, 2019, areferendum would have been conducted
12.democratic decentralisation
- 13.....Poll
14. Acronym for Local Governance Practitioners Forum.....

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1. LGPF is hosted by.....
3. The LGPF platform aims to bring both..... and policy discussions back to national agenda
6.Democratic Local Governance
7. LGPF is supported by.....
8.of ILGS, Dr. Nicholas Awortwi
11. The objectives of the platform resonate with..... major government policies

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