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CDD-Ghana International Desk Convenes High-Level Briefing on Foreign Influence





On April 21, 2026, the CDD-Ghana International Desk hosted a high-level briefing in Accra, bringing together representatives from embassies, high commissions, and development partners.

The session focused on the growing impact of foreign influence and geopolitical competition on democratic governance in West Africa and the Sahel. Participants engaged with key insights from the Desk's ongoing research, including findings from its baseline study on external actors and their role in shaping governance and development outcomes in the region.

The briefing also highlighted CDD-Ghana and the International Desk's expanding regional work and provided a platform for dialogue, knowledge-sharing, and exploring opportunities for collaboration to support democratic resilience.

E4D Project Trains District Planning Officers in Oti Region



From April 9 to 10, the Evidence for Development (E4D) project of the Center, with support from the Hewlett Foundation, successfully conducted a 2-day intensive capacity-building training in Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) for District Assembly Planning Officers from all nine districts in the Oti Region.

The workshop strengthened participants' M&E competencies, sharpened their data collection and reporting practices, and enhanced their ability to effectively track development projects from inception through to impact.

By equipping frontline planning officers with the right tools and frameworks, E4D continues to invest in the people responsible for translating development plans into tangible, measurable outcomes at the district level.

Community Health Committee Members Trained in Adaklu District



From April 8 to 10, the I Am Aware (IAA) project completed a 3-day capacity-building training for Community Health Management Committee (CHMC) members from five (5) selected communities within the Tordzenu Area Council in the Adaklu District, Volta Region.

Facilitated by the District Health Directorate, the training was aimed at strengthening participants' understanding of the Community-Based Health Planning and Services (CHPS) concept and promoting the use of community scorecards to enhance accountability and improve the quality of healthcare delivery at the local level.

The I Am Aware project is funded by the Hewlett Foundation.

CDD-Ghana Disseminates Local Government Reform Research Findings



From April 13 to 24, 2026, the Center, with support from the British High Commission (BHC), organized a nationwide regional dissemination of findings from its research report,

"Resetting Ghana's Local Governance System for Enhanced Effectiveness." The initiative aimed to deepen stakeholder engagement and promote evidence-based dialogue on strengthening Ghana's decentralization system.

The regional engagements followed the National Stakeholder Workshop on Local Government Reforms held in Accra on April 2, 2026, where the study's findings were first presented and validated by policymakers, civil society actors, development partners, and governance experts. Building on the momentum from the national dialogue, the regional dissemination aimed to localize the conversation, ensuring that the perspectives of grassroots actors and subnational stakeholders inform ongoing reform efforts.

The dissemination fora were held across nine (9) regions: Volta, Eastern, Ashanti, Bono, Central, Western, Upper East, Northern, and Upper West, bringing together a diverse range of stakeholders, including youth groups, women's organizations, political parties, traditional authorities such as chiefs and queen mothers, civil society organizations, private sector leaders, and Members of Parliament.

CDD-Ghana Senior Fellow Delivers Public Lecture on Ghana's Learning Crisis

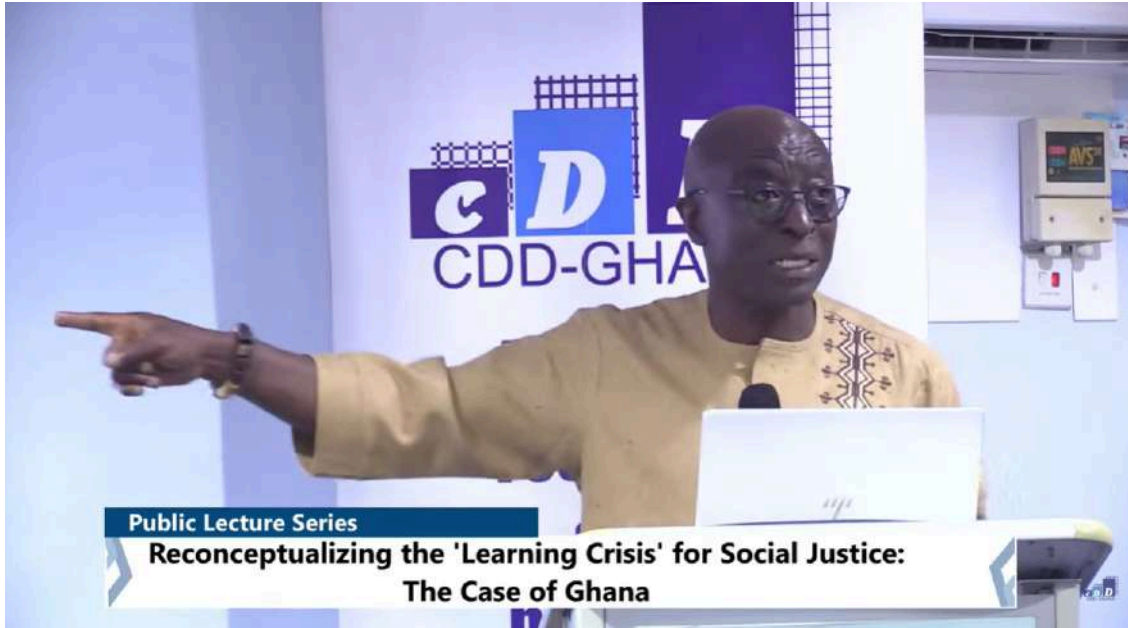


On Thursday, April 23, the Center hosted a public lecture by Prof. Kwame Akyeampong, Senior Fellow, on "Reconceptualizing the 'Learning Crisis' for Social Justice: The Case of Ghana," bringing together policymakers, education experts, and civil society actors to reflect on the state of education in Ghana.

In his presentation, Prof. Akyeampong indicated that while access to schooling has expanded significantly, learning outcomes remain weak. He noted that the system has placed greater emphasis on increasing enrollment and infrastructure, with insufficient attention to the quality of learning, particularly at the foundational level.

To address these challenges, Prof. Akyeampong called for a shift in focus towards equity in education policy. He underscored the need to strengthen teaching and learning conditions,

support and empower teachers, and promote the use of local languages in early-grade instruction.



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Regional Engagements on OSP Concluded Across Ghana



The Center concluded a series of regional engagements on the Office of the Special Prosecutor (OSP), building on insights from an earlier National Dialogue and ongoing efforts to strengthen accountability and anti-corruption reforms in Ghana.

Held across Tamale, Bolgatanga, Wa, Koforidua, Ho, Takoradi, Cape Coast, Ada, Sunyani, and Kumasi from April 21–30, 2026, the engagements created space for discussions on the OSP’s mandate, gathered regional perspectives, and supported the validation of findings from CDD-Ghana’s 8-year assessment of the OSP.

The dialogues were organized with support from the Participation, Accountability, and Integrity for a Resilient Democracy (PAIReD) program, commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), co-financed by the European Union (EU) and the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), and implemented by GIZ in partnership with the Ministry of Finance.

IAA Regional Convening Focuses on Citizen Action and Public Accountability



From April 16 to 17, the I Am Aware (IAA) project facilitated a two-day Regional Convening on Pro-Poor Analysis and Advocacy in the Northern Region.

The workshop brought together partners and associates of the IAA project from Tamale, Gushegu, Karaga, Dormaa, Kumasi, and Adansi North, creating a space for shared learning, reflection, and practical engagement focused on demanding improved service delivery at the local level.

Over the two days, participants explored how to better track public projects, strengthen their use of data, and engage more effectively in advocacy and media work.

CDD-Ghana International Desk Hosts Regional Media Training on Geopolitics, Foreign Influence, and Democratic Resilience



CDD-Ghana, through its International Desk, and with support from the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), hosted a two-day regional media training in Accra focused on strengthening media capacity to report on geopolitics, foreign influence, disinformation, and democratic resilience in West Africa and the Sahel.

The training brought together journalists and media practitioners from across Africa for discussions on evolving geopolitical dynamics, peace and security in the Sahel and West Africa, governance and democratic accountability, disinformation and information warfare, as well as investigative and cross-border reporting.

The engagement ended with breakout dialogues and interactive presentations on the future role of the media in a changing global environment, highlighting the importance of collaboration, credibility, and resilience in journalism across the region.

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