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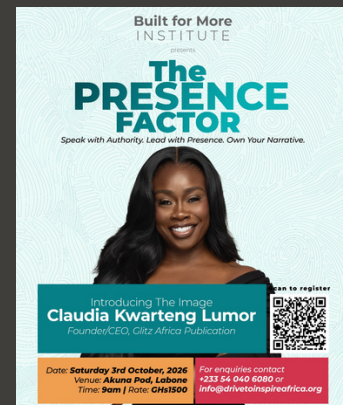
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DRIVE TO INSPIRE – AFRICA ENGAGES UESD STUDENTS ON CAREER GROWTH, WELLBEING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Career development, mental wellbeing, financial literacy and sustainable development took centre stage as Drive to Inspire-Africa engaged students at the University of Environment and Sustainable Development (UESD) in Somanya, Eastern Region.

The outreach brought together students for meaningful conversations on some of the issues that shape their personal and professional lives, while encouraging them to take intentional steps towards building their futures and contributing to their communities.

Speaking on career development, Neil Oku, Founder and C.E.O of Golden Coast Developers, encouraged students to remain informed about local and international developments and to set clear goals for their personal and professional growth.

He emphasised the importance of starting small, taking achievable steps and building gradually as experience is gained.

Beyond traditional competition, Mr. Oku challenged students to look closely at the challenges within their communities and consider how innovative solutions to these problems could create both social and economic value.

Under the theme “Money Moves, Secure Your Future,” Elvis Dan-Sekyi, Head of Distribution and Channels at United Bank for Africa Ghana Limited (UBA), engaged students on the importance of developing healthy financial habits early.

The session highlighted that financial success is not simply about how much a person earns, but also about how effectively they manage their income.

Students were introduced to the principle of “pay yourself first”; setting aside a portion of one’s income for saving and investing before spending what remains. The conversation also emphasised that building financial discipline does not require starting big. Consistency, even with small amounts, can help establish sustainable saving habits over time.

The conversation also turned to mental health and the role of mindset in personal development.

Dr. Masha Bashiru, Senior Clinical and Health Psychologist, explained that mindset influences how people think, perceive themselves and understand the world around them. Students were introduced to the concepts of fixed and growth mindsets, with emphasis on the importance of remaining open to change, learning and continuous self-improvement.

She also drew attention to the fact that everyday interactions do not always reveal how someone is truly feeling. Her session encouraged students to look beyond routine greetings and create spaces where conversations about mental wellbeing can happen openly and without judgement.

As students of the University of Environment and Sustainable Development, the conversation on sustainability was particularly relevant.

Sustainability professional Christian Adjei Domphe encouraged students to see themselves not only as future professionals but also as active contributors to the development of their communities and Ghana.

He explored the three pillars of sustainable development and highlighted key issues including resource management, climate change, inclusion, natural resource governance and renewable energy. He also drew attention to the growing opportunities emerging from the transition towards green jobs.

Beyond the main sessions, students had the opportunity to engage with volunteers of Drive to Inspire – Africa during a breakout session, offering guidance on career paths and helping attendees explore how their interests, skills and aspirations could translate into potential career opportunities.

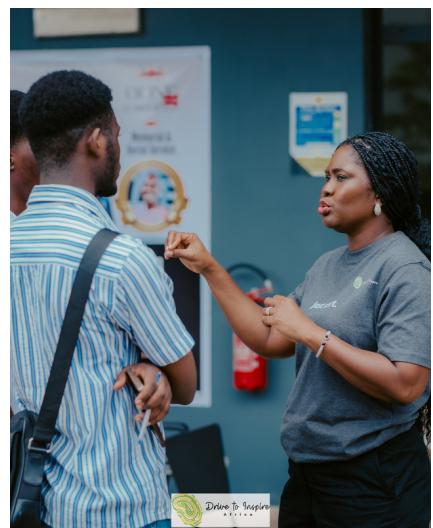
We are grateful to the management and students of the University of Environment and Sustainable Development (UESD) for welcoming us and making the engagement possible, as well as to the speakers who shared their knowledge and perspectives with the students.



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IMPACT SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Obiageli Ezekwesili's story of impact, leadership & courage

What does it mean to truly invest in yourself?

For Dr. Obiageli Ezekwesili, investing in oneself appears to have never been simply about building a successful career. It has been about acquiring knowledge, developing expertise and using both to contribute to something bigger.

A chartered accountant by training, Madam Ezekwesili has built an influential career spanning business, government, international development and civic advocacy. Her professional journey has taken her from accounting and management consulting to public service, where she served as Nigeria's Minister of Solid Minerals and later as Minister of Education. She also served as Vice President of the World Bank's Africa Region, overseeing operations across Sub-Saharan Africa.

Yet, what makes her journey particularly remarkable is not just the number of positions she has held, but the purpose she has brought to each of them.

Her academic journey laid an important foundation. After earning her first degree from the University of Nigeria, she went on to obtain a master's degree in International Law and Diplomacy from the University of Lagos and later a Master of Public Policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Her education equipped her with knowledge that she would go on to apply to some of the complex economic and governance challenges facing Nigeria and Africa.

As a public servant, she became known for her work on transparency and public procurement reforms, earning the nickname "Madam Due Process." Her subsequent work in education and international development further demonstrated her belief in strengthening systems and creating opportunities for people to thrive.

But her impact has extended beyond formal positions and institutions.

A STORY OF IMPACT, LEADERSHIP & COURAGE



She has consistently used her voice to advocate for accountability, good governance and the rights and opportunities of citizens. Her involvement in the #BringBackOurGirls movement brought renewed international attention to the plight of the Chibok schoolgirls and demonstrated another dimension of her leadership: the willingness to speak up and demand action when it matters.

Her story offers a powerful reflection for young people navigating their own futures.

Investing in yourself is not only about collecting qualifications or building an impressive CV. It is about becoming equipped to solve problems, take responsibility and create value wherever you find yourself. It is about remaining curious enough to keep learning, courageous enough to use your voice and intentional enough to ensure that your growth benefits more than just you.

Madam Ezekwesili's career also reminds us that our paths do not have to be linear. A background in accounting can lead to public policy. Public service can lead to international development. Professional expertise can become a platform for advocacy. The different chapters of a career can come together to create a much larger story of impact.

For young people, there is something particularly valuable in looking at a journey like hers. It reminds us that a career does not have to follow a perfectly straight path. The skills we develop in one season can prepare us for opportunities in another. The knowledge we gain can become a tool for solving problems, and our experiences can position us to create opportunities for others.

Perhaps most importantly, her journey challenges us to think beyond "What do I want to become?" and consider "What difference do I want to make?"

Because success is not only about the positions we attain or the recognition we receive. It is also about how we use our knowledge, opportunities and influence to leave things better than we found them.

COMING UP: YOUR MONEY CAN DO MORE THAN SIT IN YOUR ACCOUNT.

What if you could better understand how to make your money work for you?

Join us on 17 September for our upcoming webinar, "Building Wealth Made Simple"

From understanding the basics of savings to learning what it really means to invest, this session is designed to make financial concepts easier to understand and help you make more informed decisions about your money.

Whether you're taking your first steps into investing or simply want to improve your financial knowledge, this is a conversation you don't want to miss.

Ready to learn more about your money and how it can grow?

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Building Wealth Made Simple

with
Juliana Asare
Chief Finance Officer
UBA Ghana.

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GMT
Thursday 17
September
2026

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DTI-A'S BUILT FOR MORE INSTITUTE TO HOLD MAIDEN TRAINING PROGRAMME

Drive to Inspire — Africa (DTI-A), through its Built For More Institute, is set to host its maiden training programme dubbed “Command the Room”, a premier communication, personal branding, and leadership training designed to equip participants with the skills needed to excel in today’s professional landscape.

With the tagline “Speak with Authority. Lead with Presence. Own Your Narrative.”, the programme seeks to help participants communicate with confidence, build strong personal brands, and develop the professional presence required to thrive in leadership roles.

The maiden edition will feature three distinguished Ghanaian professionals whose expertise spans media, branding, law, and corporate governance.

Renowned broadcaster, communication trainer and author Kafui Dey will lead a session titled “**The Voice: Public Speaking A-Z**,” focusing on public speaking, storytelling, presentation skills, media engagement, confidence building, and effective audience communication.

Founder and CEO of Glitz Africa, Claudia Lumor, will facilitate “**The Image: Personal Brand, Style and Visual Authority**,” where participants will learn how to intentionally shape their personal brand, build influence, strengthen professional networks, and align their image with their career aspirations.

Completing the lineup is respected corporate governance expert and former Bank of Ghana General Counsel, Sandra Thompson, who will lead “**A Seat at the Table**.” Her session will focus on professional presence, workplace etiquette, leadership readiness, strategic networking and navigating formal corporate environments with confidence.

The programme is designed for corporate professionals, entrepreneurs, executives, students, emerging professionals and individuals seeking to strengthen their communication and leadership capabilities. Participants will gain practical skills to speak with clarity, communicate with authority, build compelling personal brands, and effectively navigate high-pressure professional situations.

Interested participants are encouraged to secure their spots via www.drivetoinspireafrica.org and take advantage of what promises to be a transformative learning experience led by some of Ghana’s most respected professionals.

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Introducing The Voice
Kafui Dey
Broadcaster, MC and Communication Trainer

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Time: **9am** | Rate: **GH\$1500**

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*Publisher, Fashion CEO
and Brand Strategist*



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Own a DTI-A merch, support the education of a brilliant student

Supporting the education of young people across Africa has never been easier following the launch of DTI-A's Built for More campaign, which is aimed at raising funds to support our scholarship programme through the sale of souvenirs.

The campaign provides an accessible way for individuals and organisations to contribute directly to the educational journeys of young people, while also becoming part of a growing community committed to youth development. For more information or to support the campaign, please contact us at info@drivetoinspireafrica.org or call +233535183274



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