



# INDUCTION

**Prof. Haruna Yakubu**  
as 3rd Vice-Chancellor

of

**UNIVERSITY FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

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Venue: Academic Chamber

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# PROFILE of University for Development Studies

**T**he University for Development Studies (UDS) was established in May 1992 by PNDC Law 279 to blend the academic world with that of the community in order to provide constructive and meaningful interaction between the two for the total development of Northern Ghana, in particular, and the country as whole. It started academic work in September 1993 with the first batch of thirty-nine (39) students admitted into the Faculty of Agriculture. Although the University is still in need of physical infrastructure and teaching aids, it has steadily grown over the years, and now operates four (4) satellite campuses spread out in the three (3) Northern Regions of Ghana.

## VISION

The University envisages a home of world class pro-poor scholarship. This is reflected in its motto: Knowledge for Service as well as its methodology of teaching, research and outreach programmes.

## MISSION

The UDS seeks to achieve its vision by:

- Promoting equitable and socio-economic transformation of communities through practically oriented, community-based, problem-solving, gender sensitive and interactive research, teaching, learning and outreach activities.
- Providing higher education to persons suitably qualified for and capable of benefiting from it.
- Positioning itself as a national asset in the facilitation of life long learning
- Developing its information and communication technology

infrastructure as the driving force for the education of more people, more rapidly and the improvement of efficiency and academic quality in order to advance community and national development.

## **UDS CAMPUSES**

The UDS has four campuses namely:

- 1. Tamale Campus**
- 2. Nyankpala Campus near Tamale**
- 3. Navrongo Campus**
- 4. Wa Campus and**
- 5. Central Administration in Tamale**

## **FACULTIES**

There are eight (8) Faculties, one Medical School and three Centres in the University as indicated below:

### **FACULTIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCES (NYANKPALA)**

The Faculties of Agriculture and Renewable Natural Resources are located at the Nyankpala Campus. The Faculty of Agriculture is the first Faculty of the University established in 1993, offering a four-year degree programme in BSc Agri Technology and others. The Faculty of Renewable Natural Resources was recently established to award a BSc degree in Renewable Natural Resources with options in Eco-tourism, Range Management and Fisheries.



## **DEPARTMENTS**

The campus has ten departments. These include:

- Agricultural Economics and Extension
- Agricultural Mechanization and Irrigation Technology
- Agronomy
- Animal Science
- Bio-technology
- Horticulture
- Renewable Natural Resources
- Agribusiness Management and Finance
- Rural Sociology
- Agricultural Law and Gender Studies

## **FACULTIES OF INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (IDS), PLANNING AND LAND MANAGEMENT AND EDUCATION, LAW AND BUSINESS STUDIES (WA)**

The departments in the three Faculties include:

- African and General Studies
- Economics and Entrepreneurship Development
- Environment and Resource Studies
- Planning and Land Economy
- Real Estate and Land Development
- Socio-Political and Historical Studies
- Integrated Management Studies
- Integrated Business Studies
- Agricultural Science
- Social Science
- Physical Science
- Mathematics and Health Science

## **FACULTIES OF APPLIED SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES (NAVRONGO)**

The Faculty of Applied Science is a centre of excellence for the sciences stationed at the Navrongo Campus in the Upper East Region. It offers courses in Biological Science, Physical Science, Chemical Science, and Environmental Science.

### **DEPARTMENTS**

The departments include:

- Applied Biology
- Applied Chemistry and Bio-Chemistry
- Applied Mathematics and Computer Science
- Applied Physics
- Earth and Environmental Science
- Applied and Business Mathematics
- Statistics and Biometry
- Computer and Information Technology

## **SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES (TAMALE)**

The School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS) is located at the Tamale Campus and offers courses in Medicine (MB ChB), BSc. Community Nutrition, BSc Nurse Practitioner, and BSc Nursing. The School adopts the Problem-Based Learning approach, placing students at the centre stage in the process of teaching and learning.

### **DEPARTMENTS**

There are five (5) departments in the School as follows:

- Human Biology
- Allied Health Sciences



- Laboratory Sciences
- Medical Clinical Sciences
- Surgical Clinical Sciences

### **FRENCH LANGUAGE CENTRE**

There are two French Language Centres situated at Navrongo and Wa Campuses to help students who are interested in learning the French Language.

### **ICT—CENTRE**

The UDS Central Administration has a local Area Network (LAN) with network points in all the offices and the other campuses. The internet access is VIA VSAT-Satellite connectivity through a GATEWAY SERVER and the service provider is NETPLUX LTD. Additionally, the University has a website: <http://www.uds.edu.gh> which is currently hosted by Myghanaonline.com. The website is regularly updated.

### **CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION AND INTER-DISCIPLINARY RESEARCH (CCEIR)**

The Centre for Continuing Education and Inter-Disciplinary Research exists primarily to undertake inter-disciplinary research, facilitates and coordinates research activities in the Faculties and creates platforms for policy dialogue and engagement on research findings. Under the CCEIR is a Gender Studies Unit responsible for sensitizing the University community on gender issues as well as ensuring that gender issues are mainstreamed into the University's policies and curriculum in line with its strategic plan. The CCEIR is located at the Navrongo Campus.

### **THIRD TRIMESTER FIELD PRACTICAL PROGRAMME(TTFPP)**

The University for Development Studies runs a community technical interface programme, a unique combination of the academic and community-based field practical work called the Third Trimester field Practical Programme (TTFPP). It covers a trimester in each academic year for three consecutive years and cuts across all Faculties, ensuring that students live and work closely in communities to identify, plan and formulate specific interventions to address specific challenges.

### **GRADUATE SCHOOL**

The Graduate School runs Postgraduate Programmes leading to the award of PhD, MPhil/MSc. MA and Post Graduate Certificate in the Faculties of Applied Sciences, Agriculture and Integrated Development Studies.

### **FULL-TIME GRADUATE PROGRAMMES**

#### **1. GRADUATE SCHOOL BUILDING, TAMALE:**

- PhD Endogenous Development

#### **2. NYANKPALA CAMPUS:**

- MSc./MPhil/PhD Post Harvest Technology
- MSc./MPhil/PhD Soil & Water Conservation & Management
- MSc./MPhil/PhD Innovation Communication
- MSc./MPhil/PhD Meat Science
- MSc./MPhil/PhD Biotechnology

#### **3. WA CAMPUS:**

- MSc./MPhil Development

#### **4. NAVRONGO CAMPUS:**

- MSc./PhD Applied Statistics/Statistics
- MSc./PhD Mathematics/Computational Mathematics
- MSc./PhD Biometry



# **SANDWICH PROGRAMME**

1. MPhil Development Studies

## **CAREER-ORIENTED MA SANDWICH PROGRAMMES**

MA in Environmental Security and Livelihood Change (ELC)

## **CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION**

The University has a new ultra - modern Administration Block situated on the Tamale campus. This building houses almost all the administrative works of the University and also houses the modern Academic Board Chamber.

## **LIBRARY FACILITY**

The University has a new ultra-modern library on the Nyankpala Campus and library facilities on the remaining campuses.

## **UDS ACCRA OFFICE**

The UDS Accra Office serves as a liaison centre between Accra and Central Administration as well as the four campuses of the University. The office works closely with the office of Vice Chancellors Ghana and National Council for Tertiary Education (NCTE). Enquires and information about UDS courses can be obtained from the Accra Office.

The Accra Office also facilitates travel arrangements for staff and visiting guests of the University.

## **UDS ACCRA GUEST HOUSE**

The UDS Accra Guest House started its operation in 2009. It is a 2– story block with a basement. It has thirteen (13) double self-contained rooms and two(2) suits. Services provided include: Restaurant, Conference Hall for up to twenty-four (24) participants, an Office Accommodation, a Laundry, Common Room, a Bar and an Internet Facility.

## **DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF UDS**

UDS is unique from the other Africa Universities in the following ways:

- Its location and multi campuses are spread out in rural Northern Ghana where the incidence and depth of poverty is high.
- Its vision is pro-poor aimed at addressing the conditions and structural causes that chain people into poverty.
- The Third Trimester Field Practical Programme ran by the University as integral part of the curriculum ensures that both students and staff work closely with disadvantaged, marginalized and hard to reach people in the communities
- It has an innovative admission policy geared towards solving gender unbalance and general inequity of access to tertiary education.
- The curriculum and pedagogical style are structured in a manner that provide students with the requisite academic and practical knowledge, tools and skills to effectively deal with development and poverty-related issues at the grassroots level.



# PROCESSION

Mace Bearer

Assistant Registrars

Senior Assistant Registrars

Heads of Departments

Deputy Registrar

Deans and Directors

Acting Registrar

Registrars of Sister Universities

Pro-Vice-Chancellor

Vice-Chancellors of Sister Universities

Ministers of State

Members of the University Council

Former Acting Vice-Chancellor

In-coming Vice-Chancellor

Chairman of Council

# ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

10:30am

Guests Seated / Music by Army Band

10:50am

Convocation Procession

11:00am

Council Procession

Opening Prayer- Christian and Muslim Prayers

Welcome Address: **Dr. A. B. Salifu**  
**Chairman of Council**

Short Cultural Display

Remarks by the Immediate Past Ag. Vice-Chancellor

**Prof. Kaku Sagary Nokoe**

Chairman of Council introduces Vice-Chancellor

Handing Over

Cultural Display

Chairman of Council administers Oath of Office  
to Vice-Chancellor

Robing of Vice Chancellor

Fanfare by Army Band

Address by Vice-Chancellor:

**Prof. Haruna Yakubu**

Vote of Thanks

Dissolution of Induction Ceremony

Recession





**Dr. Abdulai B. Salifu**  
**Chairman of Council**





**Professor Haruna Yakubu**  
**3rd Vice - Chancellor**



## Profile

### HARUNA YAKUBU

Prof. Haruna Yakubu, the new Vice Chancellor of the University for Development Studies(UDS), is a Semiconductor Physicist. Prior to his appointment as Vice-Chancellor, he was the immediate past Pro Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Coast (2006-2010).

Prof. Yakubu attended Jijiadeyiri Primary School in Wa, Aningazanga Experimental Primary School in Bolgatanga and Kalpohin Middle School in Tamale before proceeding to T. I. Ahmadiyya Secondary School in Kumasi for his secondary education in 1968. He was awarded a Ghana Government Scholarship to study at Kishinev State University, Kishinev in the former Soviet Union where he graduated with a Master of Science (M.Sc) degree in Physics and Mathematics in 1984. After returning to Ghana to lecture at the University of Cape Coast for four (4) years, he entered Moldova State University again in Kishinev, from where he obtained his Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) degree in Semiconductor Physics in 1992. That same year, he returned to the University of Cape Coast as a lecturer in Physics.

At the University of Cape Coast (UCC), Prof. Yakubu did not only teach Physics, he was also actively involved in the administration of the University and occupied various positions including Head of the Department of Physics (2002-2003), Head of the Department of Optometry(2002-2003), Chairman of the ICT Committee (2001-2010) and



Dean of Students (2002-2006). He was also elected the Professorial Representative of convocation on the UCC Governing Council for three (3) years before becoming the Pro-Vice-Chancellor. He has been lecturing at UCC for the last twenty six (26) years.

Between 1997 and 1999, Prof. Yakubu worked as a Research Fellow at the Italian National Agency for New Technology, Energy and Environment-ENEA (Department of Energy - Portici) where he researched extensively into solar cell fabrication techniques and alternative sources of energy. Particularly, he worked on the optical characterization of semiconductor materials and solar modules under Standard Test Conditions (STC) and Real Operating Conditions (ROC). He is well known for his works on “non-destructive optical characterization of solar cells” and dependent reflectance on photovoltaic materials”.

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group of scientists on the climate change technology needs and needs assessment of Ghana (2002). He has published extensively including twenty nine (29) refereed publications, more than forty (40) conference and workshop papers. He has also published a book on energy security in Ghana

He is a member of many national and international associations. He was the President of the Ghana Science Association (1999-2002) and is currently a member of the Governing Council of the Foundation for Security and Development in Africa (FOSDA). He has many honours and awards to his credit and these include: Executive Member of the Ghana Solar Energy Society; Founding Member of the Energy Research Group, Ghana; Member of the International Solar Energy Society; Senior Associate of International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), Trieste, Italy and Member, Ghana Physical Society.

Prof. Yakubu speaks many international languages including English and Russian. He has attended many seminars/workshops on advancement, leadership development and institutional management in higher education.

Prof. Haruna Yakubu is married to Prof. Mansa Prah and they have two children, Kamal Yakubu and Rashid Yakubu.

## UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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| <b>Dr. A. B. Salifu</b>                             | - | Chairman of Council<br>Government Nominee   |
| <b>Prof. Haruna Yakubu</b>                          | - | Vice-Chancellor   |
| <b>Na Alhaji Abu Iddrisu<br/>Kumbun-Naa Yiri II</b> | - | Government Nominee  |
| <b>Dr. Stephen Ayidiya</b>                          | - | Government Nominee  |
| <b>Hajia Fati Seidu</b>                             | - | Government Nominee  |
| <b>Prof. Thomas Bayorbor</b>                        | - | Elected by Convocation  |
| <b>Dr. Al-hassan Seidu</b>                          | - | Elected by Convocation  |
| <b>Mr. T. A. Mahama</b>                             | - | Nominated by Conference of<br>Heads of Assisted Secondary<br>Schools ( <b>CHASS</b> ) |
| <b>Dr. Osumanu I. Kanton</b>                        | - | Nominated by University<br>Teachers' Association of<br>Ghana ( <b>UTAG</b> )          |



**Dr. A. G. Nasser**

Nominated by National Council  
for Tertiary Education (**NCTE**)

**Mr. Michael. K. King**

Nominated by Teachers and  
Educational Workers Union  
(**TEWU**)

**Mr. Felix .K. Abagale**

Nominated by University for  
Development Studies Alumni  
Association

**Mr. John Yaw Akparep**

Nominated by Graduate  
Students Association of Ghana  
(**GRASAG**)

**Mr. Dominic D. Datohe**

Nominated by Students  
Representative Council  
(**SRC President**)

## IN ATTENDANCE

Prof. David Millar	-	Pro-Vice- Chancellor
Mr. S. M. A. Kuu-ire	✓	Acting Registrar/Secretary
Ing. Ambrose .K. Tee	✓	Director of Works and Physical Development
Mr. Ibrahim K. Antwi	✓	University Librarian
Mr. C. A. Otu-Ayeh	✓	Acting Finance Officer
Dr. A. B. T. Zakariah	✓	Recorder

## LIST OF EXECUTIVE HEADS

<b>Prof. R. B. Bening</b>	1993-2001
BA (Ghana),	Foundation Vice-Chancellor
PhD (London)	

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<b>Prof. G. W. K. Mensah</b>	2001-2002
Bsc (Ghana), PhD	Acting Vice-Chancellor

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<b>Prof. J. B. Kaburise</b>	2002-2007	Vice-Chancellor
LLB (Ghana),		
LLM (Penn. Barrister)		
Middle Temple, Barrister and		
Solicitor, Ghana		

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<b>Prof. Kaku Sagary Nokoe</b>	2007-2010
Bsc (Ibadan), MF,	Acting Vice-Chancellor
PhD (Brit. Col)	

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<b>Prof. Haruna Yakubu</b>	2010 -	Vice-Chancellor
Msc (Soviet Union),		
PhD ( Soviet Union)		