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Curriculum Vitae

Joseph Boakye was born in Kumasi, Ghana on October 13, 1967. He had his basic education at Akrodie Roman Catholic School in the Ahafo Region of Ghana and attended Obuasi Secondary Technical School from 1980 to 1987 for his Ordinary and Advanced Levels Certificates. As part of the then post A-level National Service, he taught for one year at Ampabame Junior High School in the Ashanti Region of Ghana. He graduated in Natural Resource Management (Silviculture and forest management option) at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi in 1991. After that, he completed another year of National Service at the then School of Forestry, Sunyani teaching courses in Botany, Geology and Soil, Agroforestry and Social Forestry. He joined the then Forestry Department in October 1992 as an Assistant Conservator of Forests and posted back to School of Forestry to assist with the training of technical level manpower for the Department. In September 1993, he was transferred to Enchi in the Western Region of Ghana as the District Forest Manager for two years and then to Bibiani in the Western North Region as the District Forest Manager.

Meanwhile, in September 1997, he was offered a TEMMPRO grant to study MSc Environmental Science at Turku University, Finland. On successful completion and return to Ghana, he was reassigned to the Regional Forest Office, Takoradi, Western Region in April 1999. After four months, he was transferred to Goaso in the Ahafo Region as the District Forest Manager for a year and then promoted to the grade of an Assistant Regional Manager at the then Brong Ahafo Region. In addition, between 2000 and 2005, he taught courses in Forest Ecology and Environmental Protection as a Part-time lecturer at the then College of Renewable Natural Resources, Sunyani. He graduated with Master's Degree (MA) in Industrial Management at KNUST in 2004. In September 2004, he was transferred to Koforidua in the Eastern Region as Assistant Regional Manager and, in 2005 obtained a Professional Graduate Diploma in Management Studies from the Institute of Professional Managers' Association in England.

He studied Law at the University of Ghana, Legon, graduating with Bachelor of Laws (LLB) in 2006 and continued to the Ghana School of Law to complete the professional law course in 2008. He was called to the Ghana Bar in October 2008. In July 2008, he was promoted to the grade of Operations Manager for the Forest Services Division (Headquarters, Accra). After two years in Accra, he was again transferred to the Ashanti Region as the Regional Forest Manager. In May 2013, he was offered a NUFFIC grant to pursue a PhD research at the Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance

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