



# Workshop on draft tertiary education policy held

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A three-day workshop to deliberate on the draft Tertiary Education Policy Document has ended in Koforidua today.

The draft policy document seeks to serve as a reference material that would be a distillate of key government policies on tertiary education in the country.

Opening the workshop, the Minister of State in charge of Tertiary Education, Prof. Kwesi Yankah stated the whole project forms part of the Ministry of Education's strong desire to transform the face of education in line with the national vision of the government.

He stated that the Ministry of Education was fully committed to improving quality higher education in Ghana, hence the policy document that would ensure institutional compliance with policy and

minimise irregularities and deviations from normal practices.

Prof. Yankah indicated that the document provided an opportunity to reign off occasional inconsistencies between provisions in the national constitution and provisions in university acts, statutes, adding that new and emerging realities were expected to be contained as seen in documentation on technical universities, colleges of education, private universities and associated policies.

He expressed appreciation to the committee that produced the draft policy document and thanked participants for honoring the invitation of the ministry.

Giving an overview of the document, Prof. Jonathan N. Ayerterey stated that themes covered in the draft document included policies on institutional governance, equity and access, quality and relevance, admissions, entry requirements, credit conversion, the issue of relevance and academic programme development, partner-

ship with industry, internationalisation, staff, student ratio, financing tertiary education, gender, among others.

The ministry, in 2018, constituted a nine-member committee chaired by Professor Cliff Tagoe, to deliberate and in consultation with stakeholders, produce a draft policy document by bringing together all relevant existing documentations, distill relevant government policies, regulatory policies and legislative instruments and, taking into consideration, emerging realities on the tertiary landscape, propose appropriate policy guidelines that are consistent with national vision.

The committee was also to "in the face of emerging global realities, propose additional policies and guidelines considered essential in the promotion of national interest and smooth running of tertiary institutions in Ghana".

The committee after several months of deliberations, submitted its draft report to the ministry in November, 2018.

It is upon this that the Ministry of Education, has organised a retreat for stakeholders within the tertiary space to discuss and

fill the gaps in the policy with an attorney to provide legal road guidelines for policy formulation with regard to tertiary education.



•Prof. Yankah