

130 NaBCO recruits assigned to GMA

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY trainees from the Nation Builders Corps (NaBCO) have been assigned to the Ghana Meteorological Agency (GMA) to assist in delivering meteorological services in the country.

The trainees, who were drawn from across the country, were given two weeks' intensive training in basic meteorology to adequately prepare them to undergo graduate training and their work programme for the next three years.

They will be deployed to the various stations of the agency across the country to deliver some basic meteorological services.

The 130 trainees are part of 100,000 young men and women who have been recruited under the NaBCO programme, aimed at engaging the raw talent of young graduates and

equip them with skills through a training process.

Staff shortage

At the closing ceremony of the training programme in Accra last Friday, the Director General of the GMA, Mr Michael Tanu, said the agency had a serious staff depletion challenge.

As a result of the challenge, he said only 136 stations of the agency, out of the total of 441, were active and in full operation.

That, he said, had led to the closure of some stations and the various major weather observation and climate

monitoring meteorological stations in the country, thereby causing the agency to lose critical data.

It is for this reason, Dr Tanu said, the agency solicited for the services of the NaBCO trainees to help resource the various stations across the country.

He said the GMA played a crucial role in the socio-economic development of the country with various organisations such as aviation, marine and agriculture depending heavily on the agency for data.

Dr Tanu urged the trainees to take advantage of the opportunity that had been given them, bearing in mind that they had started the

journey to their career development.

Postings

He also urged them to be mindful of the fact that they had the responsibility as nation builders to contribute their quota to the development of the country.

"Be poised to contribute to the success story of the GMA because it is purely based on your output that management may want to integrate you into the agency when the need arises," Dr Tanu advised.

The Director General also urged the trainees to accept postings to remote areas as that would be key when the time came for the GMA to retain some of them.

Give of your best

In his remarks, the Chief Executive Officer of NaBCO, Dr Anyars Ibrahim, said the government had shown its commitment by investing in the initiative, hence the need for the beneficiaries to also give

of their best.

He said NaBCO was an opportunity that they needed to take seriously, as it would help them choose their careers, pointing out that though not a placement agency, NaBCO helped to develop the skills of young graduates to enhance their employability.

Dr Ibrahim further urged the trainees to uphold the values of the NaBCO which were knowledge, punctuality and integrity.

A representative of the trainees, Mr Moses Kpenye, expressed gratitude to the government and the GMA for the opportunity offered them and pledged their commitment to work.

About NaBCO

President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo launched the initiative in May, 2018. It has six modules, namely Educate Ghana, Revenue Ghana, Heal Ghana, Enterprise Ghana, Digital Ghana, Feed Ghana and Civic Ghana.

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