



# Building a technology economy in Ghana through Space Technology

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# Introduction









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 Ghana is one of the emerging economies in Africa, and for some time now the country has been developing a modern technology economy through various ways. The telecommunications industry is currently the leading drive for technology advancement in the country followed by the recent discovery of crude oil

#### Telecoms and Oil



# The Ghana Space Institute

- Established in 2011
- The Ghana Space Science and Technology Institute (GSSTI) which is coordinating Space activities in Ghana, is making some strides to expand the technology drive through space technology.

#### Operations of GHANASAT

- The joint company has been formed with the MENASAT group which begun with case studies to demonstrate the capability of Radar satellite for the operations of the institutions in Ghana including
  - Environmental Protection Agency
  - Ports and Harbour Authority
  - Forestry Commission
  - Ghana Maritime Authority

#### Roadmap of GHANASAT

- Creating a data centre
- Build a ground receiving station
- Build and launch a SAR Satellite GHANASAT-1 by 2020
- Join in the constellation of SAR satellites in Africa

# **GHANASAT** Project

- The satellite application
  - Wildfire monitoring
  - Landsite and landfill monitoring
  - Climate modelling and impact assessments
    - Climate impact assessment on health
    - Climate impact assessment on extreme weather events: droughts
    - Rainfall Variability and Changes in Ghana: Impacts and Adaptation Measures

# Radio Astronomy training

 The purpose of the training programme is building a human capacity in Ghana towards the Square Kilometer Array (SKA) project.





# Radio Astronomy Outreach

 The purpose of the outreaches to schools and the public is to raise awareness in Space science and technology in Ghana towards the Square Kilometer Array (SKA) project.





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#### **UAV** application

 The Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) of the Institute is currently been used for training purposes. Some agencies that patronised the last training sessions include National security, Ghana Armed Forces, Ghana Air Force, Energy commission, etc.





# African Space Policy

 The Institute has contributed to the African Space policy and strategy that will guide the continent on the peaceful use of space science and also support coordination among space faring nations and emerging ones.

# African Space Policy

- To use space science and technology to derive optimal socio-economic benefits that both improves the quality of life and creates wealth for Africans and in addition contribute to the international body of knowledge and the knowledge economy.
- To develop and maintain indigenous infrastructure, human capital and capabilities that service an African market and that cater for the geospatial and space information needs of the African continent

# Plasma Technology projects with Keshe Foundation

The GSSTI is establishing a collaboration with Keshe Foundation Spaceship (KFSS) Programme Organisation for teaching and research in

- Water treatment
- Health application cancer and wound treatment
- Agriculture crops and animal farming
- Energy production of power unit for domestic use

#### State of river Pra



#### Illegal mining

Dredging: It is the process of removing sediments and debris from the bottom water bodies (e.g. lakes, rivers, harbors, dams).

But these people are not doing for good, but looking for alluvial gold, and making the water turbid, hence destroying the water bodies



#### Keshe water treatment







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Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	210	75	65	105	200	200
Alkalinity	mg/L	45	32	226	4	5	5
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True Colour	Plat Cobalt	15	3	5	0	5	
NUTRIENTS	L. Cont.						
Fluoride	mg/L	0.015	0.011	0.001	0.013	1.5	1.0 - 1.5
Chloride	mg/L	9.99	48.98	596.81	28.99	250-1000	250
Sodium	mg/L	13.2	17.9	85.7	16.8	200	200
Potassium	mg/L	1.5	2.5	6.5	1.0	30	
Total Hardness	mg/L	52	65	48	53	500	500
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Phosphate	mg/L	0.034	0.683	0.012	0.218		
Sulphate	mg/L	2.5101	2.0089	0.014	1.021	250 - 500	250 - 500
TRACE METALS							
Total Iron as (Fe)	mg/L	0.217	0.420	0.203	0.501	0.3	
		0.010	0.031	0.027	0.040	0.5	
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# Future prospects and collaboration

- The Space Institute in Ghana is opened for collaboration in many areas of human space technology applications
- Need for capacity building, training, projects, advice

