

# AWONTIIRIM APPOINTED AG. DCE OF FORESTRY COMMISSION

**H**on. Timothy Ataboadey Awontiirim has been appointed as Ag. Deputy Chief Executive of the Forestry Commission of Ghana

Hon. Timothy Ataboadey Awontiirim is a seasoned public administrator, human rights advocate, and former legislator who currently serves as the Deputy Chief Executive of the Forestry Commission of Ghana. In this national leadership role, he provides strategic support in the formulation and implementation of forest and wildlife policies, ensuring sustainable management of Ghana's forest and wildlife resources.

With over two decades of distinguished service in governance, policy development, and community leadership, Hon. Awontiirim has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to public accountability, constitutional governance, and human rights at both national and local levels. His visionary leadership at the Forestry Commission continues to position the institution as a key player in Ghana's green growth and environmental sustainability agenda.

Prior to his appointment as Deputy Chief Executive, he served as Member of Parliament for the Builsa North Constituency. In Parliament, he played an active role in the legislative process, contributing to national policy deliberations and serving on major committees including Constitutional Review, Health, Defence and Interior, as well as Government Assurance. His tenure was marked by strong advocacy for social justice, education, and equitable development, with a focus on empowering local communities and enhancing citizen participation in governance.

Before entering Parliament, Hon. Awontiirim worked with the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ) in the Upper East Region, specifically Builsa District. There, he investigated cases of human rights violations, corruption, and administrative injustices, led mediation processes, and championed civic education campaigns that promoted transparency and accountability in public administration.

He also contributed to education as a Graduate Teacher at the Chana Christ the King Schhol, Sandema and Nungua Senior High School, teaching Social Studies and Civic Education. He also contributed by mentoring young people in leadership, ethics, and civic responsibility.



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*Ag. Deputy Chief Executive, FC*

Hon. Awontiirim is yet to submit his thesis for the completion of a Master's degree in Public Administration. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Geography and Resource Development from the University of Ghana. He is also certified in Advanced Health Systems Management (Israel), Legislative Drafting, Project Evaluation (UNICEF), and Investigative Techniques and Complaints Handling. These qualifications have strengthened his ability to lead complex public institutions and deliver impactful policy outcomes.

He has held several leadership and political roles, including Secretary of the Upper East Members of Parliament Caucus, member of the Government Communications Team of the NDC Majority Caucus, and Regional Secretary of the CHRAJ Staff Association. His early leadership journey also includes serving as President of the Builsa Students Union and contesting for the presidency of the National Union of Ghana Students (NUGS).

Fluent in English, Hausa, Twi, and Buli, Hon. Timothy Ataboadey Awontiirim brings together diverse skills to embody empathy, integrity, service, and empowerment. His current stewardship at the Forestry Commission reflects his lifelong dedication to good governance, environmental sustainability, and inclusive national development.