

# AGENDA

## Best Practices Conference on Decentralization in Ghana

**Conference Theme:**  
**“Decentralized Management in the Context of GPRS and MDBS”**

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**Organized by:** The Institute of Local Government Studies (ILGS)  
**Sponsored by:** DISCAP

**Dates:** May 8 & 9, 2007

**Venue:** May 8<sup>th</sup> -- Auditorium, ILGS, Legon, Accra  
May 9<sup>th</sup> – Miklin Hotel, Shiashie, East Legon

**Conference Chair:** Dr. E. Ofei-Aboagye, Director, ILGS  
**Rapporteur:** DISCAP

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### **DAY ONE: Tuesday, May 8, 2007 (ILGS-Legon)**

**8:00-9:00** Arrival and Registration

**9:00-11:00** Opening Session  
Conference Keynote Paper: “Reconciling Decentralization with GPRS and MDBS: Challenges, Best Practices and Opportunities”,  
Dr. S. Gariba, DISCAP and Institute for Policy Alternatives and  
Dr. C. Brown, DISCAP and Carleton University

**11:00-11:30** **Tea Break**

**11:30-13:30** Policy Session I: Planning and Institutional Arrangements for Managing Decentralization  
*Session Chair:* Hon. A. Dery, Regional Minister, UWR  
*Presenters:* Ms. L. Essuah, MLGRDE  
Mr. B. Bandie, NDPC  
Mr. P. Wefers, KFW  
*Commentators:* Mr. A. Chenemeh, Executive Secretary, NALAG,  
Dr. T. Jackson, DISCAP and Carleton University

**13:30-14:30** **Lunch**

**14:30-16:30:** Policy Session II: Decentralized Management of Water  
*Session Chair:* Mr. M. Aboagye, Director (Water), MMRWH  
*Presenters:* Mr. R. Nampusuor, DISCAP  
Mr. R.K. Van Ess, CWSA  
Mr. B. Akabang, TREND

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### DAY TWO: Wednesday, May 9, 2007 (Miklin Hotel, Legon)

- 9:00-9:30** Official Opening Speech  
Hon. K. Poku-Adusie, Deputy Minister, MLGRDE
- 9:30-11:30** Policy Session III: Institutionalizing Gender Mainstreaming in a Decentralized Framework  
*Session Chair:* Dr. E. Ofei-Aboagye, ILGS  
*Presenters:* Ms. F. Pobee-Hayford, MOWAC  
Ms. G. Yennah, DISCAP  
Dr. S. Gariba, DISCAP and IPA  
*Commentators:* Hon. R. Pelpuo, MP  
Ms. M. Mpereh, NDPC
- 11:30-12:00** **Tea Break**
- 12:00-13:50** Policy Session IV: Resource Mobilization for Decentralized Development  
*Session Chair:* Mr. K. Dankwa, MLGRDE  
*Presenters:* Mr. K. H. Rijn, Decentralization Secretariat, MLGRDE  
Dr. N. Boachie-Danquah, Chair, Local Government Service Council
- 13:50-14:00** Conference Wrap-Up  
Dr. C. Brown, DISCAP and Carleton University
- 14:00-** **Lunch and Departure**