



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **ACCESS BANK GHANA PLC (ACCESS) –**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

ACCESS announces the appointment of Messrs. Jacob Kwame Kholi, John Bayuo Warisa and Prof. Elikem Nutifafa Kuenyehia as independent Non-Executive Directors of Access Bank (Ghana) Plc.

Attached are their profiles.

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**MR. JACOB KWAME KHOLI**

**Independent Non-Executive Director**

Mr. Jacob Kwame Kholi is a Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of T5 Ghana Advisers Limited, a Securities and Exchange Commission licensed investment adviser.

Prior to founding T5, Jacob was a Partner with the Abraaj Group and previously worked with Aureos Capital, Shell Group and KPMG all in Ghana.

Mr. Kholi has a unique and expensive network of relationships and understanding of business risk across a number of sectors, growth cycles, macro trends as well as experience in adding value to the growth of businesses.

Mr. Kholi is currently the Board Chairman of T5 Ghana Advisors Limited, Quality Insurance Company Limited and a Board member of Mainstream Reinsurance Limited. He has held membership and chairmanship positions on the Audit Committee, Risk Committee, Finance & Credit Committee, and Investment Committee of Banks and other institutions including Republic Bank Ghana Limited (formerly HFC Bank Ghana Limited), Ghana Home Loans, GHL Bank, the Teachers Fund (private voluntary solidarity fund of GNAT), TF Financial Services Limited, and Aureos West Africa Managers (Manager, Aureos West Africa Fund)

He holds an M.Sc. in Finance and Financial Law from the University of London, London, an Executive Master of Business Administration (International Business) Paris Graduate School of Management, Paris, and a -B.Sc. (Administration) Accounting from University of Ghana Business School, Legon, Ghana.

He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Ghana and was appointed to the Board of Access Bank (Ghana) Plc on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022.



**MR. JOHN BAYUO WARISA**

**Independent Non-Executive Director**

John Bayuo Warisa started his career at the Bank of Ghana as Clerk & Senior Clerk with the Human Resource Department and rose through the ranks to hold positions including Assistant Accountant, Officer of the Rural Finance Inspection Department Chief Manager and Deputy Head, Policy and Licensing Office and President of the Banking Supervision Department, Bank of Ghana between 1978 and 2016.

He is a fellow of the Association of Certified Chartered Accountants, a Member Institute of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (Ghana), a Certified Information Security Auditor (Certified by Information System Audit and Control Association), and a Certified Information Security Manager (Certified by Information System Audit and Control Association).

He is currently a Member of the Audit and Finance Committee, and Board Operation and Licensing Committee of the Gaming Commission of Ghana and a Member of the Audit and Finance and Human Resource Committees of Exceed Life Assurance.

He holds a BA in Economics from the University of Ghana, Legon and an MA in Development Economics Williams College Center for Development Economics, Williamstown Massachusetts- MA Development Economics

He was appointed to the Board of Access Bank (Ghana) Plc on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022





**PROF ELIKEM NUTIFAFA KUENYEHIA**

**Independent Non-Executive Director**

Prof. Elikem Nutifafa Kuenyehia is a Corporate Lawyer, Entrepreneur and Business Advisor focused on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Africa with over 15 years' experience of advising international companies in respect of investments in Africa across a multitude of industries including financial services, technology, advertising and telecoms.

He founded Oxford & Beaumont Solicitors (with offices in Accra and London), a globally recognised leading African law firm which merged with ENSAfrica in 2015. He acted as Chairman of ENSAfrica Ghana and a director of ENSAfrica Inc.

Prior to starting the firm, he was part of the start-up team that established United Bank of Africa (then Standard Trust Bank) Ghana where he led four divisions: strategy, brand management, business services and legal/regulatory.

Highlights of his transactional experience include advising on the \$990 million acquisition of Ghana Telecoms by Vodafone, then the single largest privatisation in Ghana's history and the debut \$750M Government of Ghana Eurobond. Earlier in his career, he worked as an International Banking lawyer at the London office of Linklaters LLP and has had stints in strategy and brand management at Diageo- North America.

He currently serves on the board of Ghana's State Interests and Governance Authority as nominee of the President of Ghana. He has held non-executive board positions at Google Ghana, Hollard Insurance Ghana and Chase Petroleum. Legal 500 named him one of only three law firm leaders who clients consider to be 'at the pinnacle of the legal profession in Ghana'.

His other accolades include World Economic Forum's Young Global Leader, Forbes/CNBC West Africa Young Business Leader the Year, Ghana's Most Promising Entrepreneur and is currently shortlisted for the Millennium Excellence Foundation's Entrepreneurship Award. He is the founder of the Kuenyehia Prize for Contemporary African Art which identifies West Africa's most outstanding visual artists and supports them with finance and mentoring.

Considered a thought leader on entrepreneurship in Africa, he has written extensively on the subject and is author of an undergraduate textbook on the subject. He has been an adjunct lecturer in entrepreneurship and delivered speeches (including keynotes and a commencement address) to global audiences of up to 2000 people. He has been quoted or featured in a number of legal and business publications including Forbes Africa, The Financial Times, Africa Report, African Business, Business World, Legal Week and Managing Partner. Radio and television appearances include CNBC, BBC Television, BBC World Service, Joy FM and Citi FM.

Prof. Kuenyehia earned a BA in jurisprudence from the University of Oxford and an MBA in entrepreneurship, marketing and finance from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. He is a Professor of Practice at University of Buckingham

He was appointed to the Board of Access Bank (Ghana) Plc on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022