



NAME: Dr. John Dramani Mahama

DATE OF BIRTH: 29th November 1958

SHORT PROFILE

John Dramani Mahama is the current president of the 4th republic of Ghana. He served as the [Vice President](#) of Ghana from 2009 to 2012 and he took office as President on 24th July 2012 following the death of the Late President and [Professor John Evans Atta Mills](#). He was elected to serve his first term as president in [December 2012 election](#). A communication expert, historian and a writer, Mahama was a Member of Parliament from 1997 to 2009 and Minister of Communications from 1998 to 2001. He was the first member of Member of Parliament for the [West Gonja constituency](#) and the first Regional Commissioner on the Northern Region during the First Republic.

EARLY YEARS

He hails his ethnicity from Gonja Bole in the Northern Region as he was born in the Damongo in [Damonogo-Daboya Constituency](#) of the region. He was born into a political tradition dating back to the country's [first Republic](#). Mahama had his early education at [Achimota School](#) and then proceeded to Ghana Secondary School ([Tamale, Northern region](#)) and the [University of Ghana](#), Legon, receiving a bachelor's degree in history in 1981 and a postgraduate diploma in communication studies in 1986. As a student, he was a member of Commonwealth Hall (Legon). He also studied at the Institute of Social Sciences in [Moscow](#) in the [Soviet Union](#), specializing in social psychology; he obtained a postgraduate degree in 1988.

After completing his undergraduate education, Mahama taught History at the secondary school level for a few years. Upon his return to Ghana after studying in Moscow, he worked as the Information, Culture and Research Officer at the Embassy of Japan in Accra between 1991 and 1995. From there he moved to the anti-poverty non-governmental organisation (NGO) Plan International's Ghana Country Office, where he worked as International Relations, Sponsorship Communications and Grants Manager between 1995 and 1996. In 1993, he participated in a professional training course for Overseas Public Relations Staff, organized by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tokyo. He also participated in a management development course organized by Plan International(RESA) in Nairobi, Kenya. He married to Lordina Mahama and has three children; Farida Mahama, Sharaf Mahama and Jesse Mahama. He is also the Flag bearer for the National Democratic Congress.

HONORS AND AWARDS

John Dramani Mahama received an honorary doctorate in the field of [Public Administration](#), from the Ekiti State University of Nigeria, formerly affiliated to the Obafemi Awolowo University in "recognition of his politico-socio economic development of Ghana and Africa at various stages of his political career. Later the same university passed a resolution to name its Faculty of [Management Science](#) after him.

The Cuban government, recognising his relentless advocacy for the Cuban cause, namely for the lifting of the 50-year economic embargo on the communist country and for the freedom of the detained Cuban five by the United States government, conferred on him the Friendship Medal the General Council of Assemblies of God, Ghana honoured Mahama with its "Daniel Award ". The Graduate School of Governance and Leadership also awarded him the African Servant Leadership Award while the Institute of Public Relations recognized Mahama with a prize for his leadership acumen and technocratic flair In 2013, the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) conferred on Mahama the Africa Award for Excellence in Food Security and Poverty Reduction In March 2016, [University of Aberdeen](#) held a special convocation to confer an honorary degree of Doctors of Laws (LLD) on President John Mahama.

He has also attended numerous conferences and won many fellowships, including a study as a [visiting scholar](#) at [The Johns Hopkins University](#), Baltimore, United States. He is also a [Bill Gates](#) Fellow. He was awarded the Great Cross of the National Order of Benin, the highest award in Benin, by President Yayi Boni.



NAME: Nana Akufo-Addo

DATE OF BIRTH: 29th March 1944

SHORT PROFILE

Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo is a legal luminary, politician and a businessman. He's the Presidential candidate for the New Patriotic Party (NPP) for the 2016 polls in Ghana. He contested and lost in 2008 and 2012. Nana Addo was elected three times between 1996 and 2008 as Member of Parliament for the Abuakwa South constituency in the Eastern region of Ghana. He served his nation from 2001 to 2007 as Cabinet Minister, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, and later as Foreign Minister during the government led by President John Kofi Agyekum Kufuor.

EARLY YEARS

Akufo-Addo received his primary education first at the Government Boys School, Adabraka, and later at the Rowe Road School (now Kimbu), both in Accra Central. He went to England to study for his O-Level and A-Level examinations at Lancing College, Sussex. He returned to Ghana in 1962 to teach at Accra Academy Secondary School, before going to read Economics at the University of Ghana, Legon, in 1964, earning a BSc(Econ) degree in 1967. He subsequently studied law in the UK, and was called to the English Bar (Middle Temple) in July 1971. Akufo-Addo was called to the Ghana bar in July 1975.

Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo was born and raised in Ga-Maami (Accra Central) and in the Nima area of Accra. His father's residence, Betty House at Korle Wokon in Accra, was effectively the headquarters of the country's first political party, the United Gold Coast Convention (UGCC), after it was formed at Saltpond on 4 August 1947. Three of the 'Big Six' – the founding fathers of Ghana were his relatives: J.B. Danquah (grand uncle), William Ofori-Atta (uncle) and Edward Akufo-Addo – the third Chief Justice of Ghana and later ceremonial President of the Republic from 1969 to 197 – his father. Nana Addo is married to Rebecca Akufo-Addo (née Griffiths-Randolph). They have five daughters and five grandchildren.

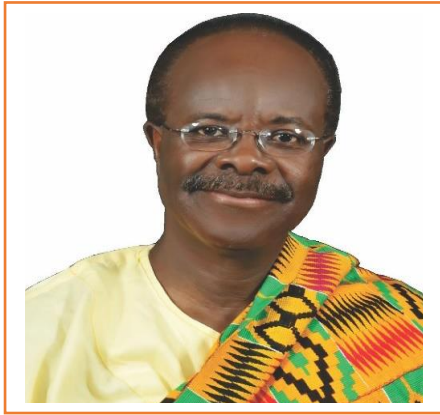
POLITICAL STATUS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

In October 1998, Nana Akufo-Addo competed for the presidential candidacy of the NPP and lost to John Agyekum Kufuor, the man who eventually won the presidential election in Ghana in December

2000 and assumed office as President of Ghana in 2001. Akufo-Addo was the chief campaigner for candidate Kufuor in the 2000 election and became the first Attorney General and Minister for Justice of the Kufuor era. Akufo-Addo resigned from the Kufuor government in July 2007 to contest for the position of presidential candidate of his party, the NPP, the then ruling party of Ghana, for the 2008 elections.

Competing against 16 others, he won 48% of the votes in the first round of that election, but was given a unanimous endorsement in the second round, making him the party's presidential candidate. In the 7 December 2008 presidential race, he received, in the first round, more votes than John Atta Mills, the eventual winner. In the first round, Akufo-Addo received 4,159,439 votes representing 49.13% of the votes cast, placing him first, but not enough for the 50% needed for an outright victory. In the run-off, Mills received 4,521,032 votes, representing 50.23%. Akufo-Addo again contested in the 2012 national elections against the NDC candidate, John Mahama, and lost.

That election generated considerable controversy, and was finally decided by the Supreme Court in a narrow 5/4 decision in favour of John Mahama. In March 2014, Akufo-Addo announced his decision to seek his party's nomination for the third time ahead of the 2016 election. He secured 94.35% of the votes in the party's presidential primary in October, 2014, in a contest of 7 competitors. Akufo-Addo served as Chair of the Commonwealth Observer Mission for the South African elections in 2014.



NAME: Dr. Papa Kwesi Nduom

DATE OF BIRTH: 15th February 1953

SHORT PROFILE

Papa Kwesi Nduom, (born February 15, 1953) is a business consultant and politician. He is the Progressive People's Party's aspiring candidate for president. In 2008, he was the Convention People's Party's nominee to contest the Ghanaian presidential election in December 2008. He was the member of parliament for the Komenda-Edina-Eguafo-Abirem constituency and has served as minister of state in various portfolios in the Kufuor government between 2001 and 2007. He was named after his father as Joseph Hubster Yorke Jr.

EARLY LIFE AND EDUCATION

Papa Kwesi Nduom was born at Elmina in the Central Region of Ghana. He had his secondary education at the St. Augustine's College in Cape Coast, where he obtained both the General Certificate of Education (GCE) Ordinary and Advanced Levels. He proceeded to the United States where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts (Economics) degree at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee in 1975. He subsequently went on to get a Master's degree in Management (1977) and a Ph.D. (Service Delivery Systems) in 1982 at the same university.

Nduom is married to Mrs. Yvonne Nduom, a management specialist and graduate of the University of Cape Coast in Ghana and the University of Wisconsin in the United States. They are married with four children, Nana Kweku Nduom, Edjah Kweku Nduom, Chief Nduom, and Nana Aba Nduom. Nana Kweku is married to Esinam Julia Nduom (née Baeta) and they have a daughter, Maame Adjoa Kakraba Nduom. Edjah is married to Kelley Nduom (née Coleman).

CAREER

Nduom started work as a life insurance underwriter with the North Western Mutual Life Insurance Company between 1975 and 1978. Over the next year, he worked with the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wisconsin. In 1979, he joined the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District as a Budget and Management Analyst. In 1981, he joined Deloitte and Touche as an associate consultant, rising to become a partner in the Milwaukee office of the firm by 1986. In 1992, he helped establish the Deloitte & Touche, West Africa Consulting.

He served as a board member for Fan Milk Ghana Limited, Edinaman Secondary School and the Ghana Heritage and Conservation Trust.

NATIONAL POLITICS

In December 2000, he unsuccessfully contested the Ghanaian parliamentary elections for the Komenda-Edina-Eguafo-Abirem constituency on the ticket of the Convention's People's Party (CPP). He lost to the incumbent MP, Ato Quarshie of the National Democratic Congress by a margin of 2.6% of the valid votes cast. Two months later however, he was appointed by President John Kufuor as the Minister for Energy although he was not a member of the ruling New Patriotic Party. He also served during this period as the Chairman of the National Development Planning Commission. During a cabinet reshuffle in April 2003, Nduom became the Minister for Energy. 18 months later, he again contested the Komenda-Edina-Eguafo-Abirem seat in the Ghanaian parliamentary election in December 2004 and this time around he won by 33.6 points (30981 votes to 15427). At the time, he served as the chairman of the Organising Committee of the CPP. Early in President Kufuor's second term of office, Nduom became the Minister for Public Sector Reform. He continued in this capacity till July 2007 when he resigned from government to seek his party's nomination to stand as the CPP presidential candidate.



NAME: Mr Ivor Kobina GreenStreet

DATE OF BIRTH: 1st June 1966

SHORT PROFILE

Born to two Professors from the University of Ghana, Legon, Mr Greenstreet is the third of four children. Ivor is a lawyer as well as a writer and publisher. He was called to the Ghana Bar and the English Bar (Inner Temple). Mr. Greenstreet contested as a parliamentary candidate in 1996 on the ticket of the CPP but had to withdraw due to the Great Alliance at that time.

EARLY YEARS

In 2004, he again contested as a parliamentary candidate for the CPP in the Ayawaso West Wuogon Constituency and had 4,964 votes for the party (prior to that election the vote for CPP in that constituency had never exceeded 500). He was later elected as General Secretary in 2007 and again in 2011, being the only national officer to be re-elected for a second term. Mr. Greenstreet has been confined to a wheelchair since a horrific accident that occurred one night in Accra, as he returned home from overseeing business at a nightclub he owned. Ivor also served on the Disability Council from 2007-2009. The election of the wheelchair-bound Politician for the CPP flagbearership makes him the first disabled person to run for president in Ghana. He is married to the daughter of late former Vice President Kow Arkaah, who is also a Lawyer with three children, a son and two daughters.

Mr. Greenstreet is an athlete and a member of the Ghana National Rifle Association (GNRA). He is one of the key athletes to represent the Black Snipers at the 2016 Rio Olympics. Ivor Kobina Greenstreet, in October 2015 performed exceptionally well at the 5th International Para Trap Grand Prix, which took place in Milan, Italy. He represented Ghana's Black Snipers and took as the first African to that event.

Mr Greenstreet comes across as a bold and principled politician, who is unafraid to speak his mind. For example, at the governing National Democratic Congress' national delegates congress in Kumasi in December 2014, Mr Greenstreet said directly to President John Mahama and Vice President Kwesi Amissah-Arthur that: "You don't care".

"Nobody is feeling your better Ghana", Greenstreet shouted when he delivered his party's solidarity message to the NDC at the Baba Yara Stadium in the Ashanti regional Capital, Kumasi – stronghold of the main opposition New Patriotic Party (NPP).

In the full glare of the President, Vice President, former President Jerry Rawlings, and thousands of leaders and supporters of the NDC, a defiant Greenstreet said: "...Currently nobody, I mean nobody is feeling your better Ghana."

"Continuous 'dumsor dumsor,' corruption from top to bottom, left, right, inside, out; and all the challenges you are facing [are] suffocating the Ghanaian people."

"We would have thought that perhaps you may have used an occasion like this to discuss policies, programmes and solutions to all the difficulties we are facing as a nation, but no, you chose today to share your Christmas gifts with each other."

"Ghanaians are not happy at all. This 'bronya' is dry. Too too dry," he told the President, adding: "The most painful thing of all is that you don't care."

"NDC continue, we are watching you, Ghana is watching you, do what you want to do, we also know what we'll come and do...make sure you'll elect executives who will be able to steer your party's affairs when you are in opposition. Boys abr3."

The wheelchair-bound politician was subsequently called names and criticised by leaders and supporters of the NDC after his bluntness. While Majority Leader Alban Bagbin said he believed Greenstreet was possessed by some "demons", which caused him to be "so emotional", presidential staffer Sam George wrote on his Facebook wall that: "Ivor Greenstreet apparently needs elevation to see the Better Ghana."



NAME: Jacob Osei Yeboah

DATE OF BIRTH: 28TH October 1968

SHORT PROFILE

Jacob Osei Yeboah Jacob Osei Yeboah is the only Independent Candidate verified by the Electoral Commission to contest the forthcoming election on December 7. He first contested the presidential election in 2012, obtaining less than one per cent of the total valid votes cast. Yeboah is an Engineer and Entrepreneur. He's the founder of Mpontuo Mining and Consulting Services. He is also the founder and West Africa Director of Vital Source Limited (VSL), a procurement and logistics company focused on gold mining and Oil & Gas industry within West Africa.

EARLY LIFE AND EDUCATION

Jacob holds an MBA from Warwick University, UK with Masters in Global Supply Chain Management from Mannheim University, Germany. Jacob holds an Electric/Electronic Engineering degree from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology.

FAMILY

Jacob co-founded United Movement for Change (UMC) in April 2010; a pressure group aimed at bringing political and economic change in Ghana. He was born on the 28th October, 1968, and married to Hilda Osei Yeboah (Mrs.) in 1996, with four children, Jacobel, Janice, Jeremy and Jeffrey.