

## ABOUT US

Community and Entrepreneurial Development Initiative is an NGO that fight poverty and youth unemployment by advocating for jobs and providing free entrepreneurship training, mentorship and funding opportunities. CEDI Ghana as commonly called, set unemployed graduates, underprivileged, street and disabled youth up for employment by starting their own businesses and employing others in their community. Other development areas we promote include maintaining peace and security, promoting human rights and fostering social and economic development.

This NGO was co-founded with university lecturers and top government officials (non-partisan) and we involve other stakeholders in a policy dialogue that encourage entrepreneurship and job creation. Our activities are funded through members contribution, donor support and grant from government.

CEDI Ghana won the 2017 Africa Youth Award Social Enterprise of the year, 40 Under 40 Award Social Enterprise of the Year, Middle East and Africa Business Award and was 2016 Africa Youth Award Civil Society of the Year finalist.

## FOUNDING MEMBERS



1. Founding President: - **Mr. Kingsley Kwaku Pinkrah**

Mr. Kingsley Kwaku Pinkrah is a multi-award winning Social Entrepreneur, public speaker, community advocator, mentor and a researcher.

Kingsley was awarded 2017 Africa's Social Entrepreneur of the Year by Africa Youth Award, 40 Under 40 Most Influential and Outstanding Social Entrepreneur of the Year and Young Professional Role Model Award because of his exemplary leadership and outstanding contribution to global development.

He serves as advisory mentor for Queens Young Leaders Programme established by Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth in UK, Young African Leaders Initiative established by the United States government and Young Leaders Mentorship Programme established by Databank Foundation.

He is a graduate of Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology and a member of the Global Shapers Community of the World Economic Forum.



2. Co-Founder: - **Prof. Dr. Lawrence Lowell**  
(*PhD, CertADR, AMC™, MGNAAP, FAAFM*)

Prof. Dr. Lawrence Lowell is Professor of Management, Business Strategy and Leadership. He is a Consultant, Educator, and ADR Professional. Prof. Lowell is the Dean of International Programmes, San Juan de la Cruz University, Costa Rica. Coordinator, School of Post-graduate Studies, Kumasi campus at Valley View University. Certified ADR Practitioner-(CertADR) and Member of Ghana National Association of ADR Practitioners-MGNAAP, 'Accredited Management Consultant-AMG™' with Licensed/Charter Certification, a Fellow-FGAFM™, and Global Academic Advisor and Board of Standard in Ghana, Global Board of Academics/Professors Advisory Council, GAFM/AAFM USA. Founding President/CEO.

Reason Consulting. [www.reasonconsult.org](http://www.reasonconsult.org) (formally "Lowell Professional Services"), Co-founding and Executive Director, Community & Entrepreneurship Development Initiative-CEDI Ghana [www.cedighana.org](http://www.cedighana.org). Lowell holds 'PhD in Business Administration,' with university/college work experience in lecturing and administration since 2007. He is well organizing with a professional approach, expert to acquire knowledge and impart. Lowell is also URGIC Ambassador on Educational Programs for Displaced/Refugee People for Ghana-Global.

In internationally, Lowell is Professor/Adjunct Faculty in Ghana for AZTECA UNIVERSITY European programmes, Associate Professor/Partner Academician for Business University of Costa Rica, Course Facilitator/Exams Supervisor for Cambridge International College, UK; and Global Academic Advisor/International Board of Standard -Global Board of Academic/Professors Advisory Council, (GAFM®) USA, and International Coordinator for Indian Management Academy and other Indian Universities.

Lowell practicing as but not limit to;

ADR Professional Practitioner, Corporate Trainer/Facilitator, Leadership Coach, International Course Facilitator/Exams Supervisor, Management & Educational Consultant, Subject matter expert lecturer, etc



3. Co-Founder: - **Hon. Alhaji Abdul - Lateef Majdoub**

Hon. Alhaji Abdul-Lateef Majdoub was a District Chief Executive for Adansi North District. He served the Government of Ghana and his people for many years where he runs several projects. He is the Executive Chairman for CEDI Ghana, a great national developer and a human right activist.



4. Co-Founder: - **H.E Atta Bofo Kingsley**

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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5. Executive Member: - **Dr. Gabriel Eshun** (*PhD, MBA and BSc*).

He holds BSc from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), MBA and PhD from University of Leicester, UK. He is a Senior Lecturer and the Coordinator for Tourism Programme in the Geography Department of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology. He specializes in marketing, tourism, entrepreneurship, ecotourism and green issues in hotels. He is also a performing poet and a motivational speaker.



6. Executive Member: - **Prof. Jose Mella Marquaz** (*PhD, MBA and BA*).

**Qualifications**

- 1973: B.A. in Economics and Business Administration at UAM
- 1982: PhD (with distinction) in Economic Development at UAM. Thesis title: “An Economic Strategy for the Development of Underdeveloped Regions. The case of Galician Region”

- 1987-1992: Associate Professor in Economic Development
- 1993-2015: Full Professor in Economic Development
- 1994-2015: Jean Monnet Professor appointed by the European Union (EU) for teaching Development Policy of the EU

**Current posts**

- Professor of Economics at Spiritan University College - Ejisu-Kumasi
- Full Professor of Economic Development (African countries)
- Member of the Faculty Council
- Jean Monnet Professor appointed by the EU Commission
- Evaluator of the EU Commission
- Program Director, International Economic Cooperation Program of Tangier-Tetouan University (Morocco) and Autonomous University of Madrid (Spain)
- Program Director, International Economic Cooperation Program of Oruro University (Bolivia) and Autonomous University of Madrid (Spain)



7. Executive Member: - **Prof. Bernard Forjwuor** (*PhD, M.A and BA*).  
**Appointment:**

- Lecturer at University of Notre Dome, United State of America
- Professor of Politics at Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts, USA
- Consortium for Faculty Diversity (CFD) Postdoctoral Fellow in Politics, July 2015

**Education**

- Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois USA
- Ph.D. African American Studies, December 2015
- Graduate Certificate in Critical Theory, June 2013
- Ohio University, Athens, Ohio USA
- M.A. Political Science, June 2009
- M. A. African Studies, March 2008
- University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario Canada



- M. A. Theatre Studies, June 2005  
University of Ghana, Legon, Accra  
Ghana

- B.A. Theatre Studies (Major) and  
English (Minor) May 2001

## PROJECT ADVISORS



### **Economic Advisor – Prof. Mohamad Abou Hamia**

Professor Mohamad Abou Hamia is an economic expert at the Graduate Institute of

International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland. He has worked as an economic advisor and an economic affairs officer for the United Nations where he advised a number of governments on issues related to the knowledge economy, private sector development, sustained economic growth, and decent job creations. He has published a number of articles on macroeconomics, economic development, and labor economics in peer-reviewed and international organizations' journals.

Prof. Abou has taught economics at several universities in the United States and the MENA region. He received his Ph.D. degree in economics from Fordham University in 2007, master degree from the same university in 2004, and BA degree from the American University of Beirut in 1994.



### **Advisor - Prof. Samuel Adu-Prah**

**Prof. Samuel Adu-Prah** is a professor of geography and geographic information science in the Department of Geography and Geology at Sam Houston State University (Texas, U.S.A.). He earned his degrees from the University of Ghana, Legon- Ghana [B.A (Hons)], University of Cambridge-United Kingdom (MPhil.), Alcorn State University, Mississippi (M.S), and Southern Illinois University (Ph.D.). His articles have appeared in such journals as *Applied Geography*, *International Journal of*

*Geographic Information and Geovisualization, African Geographical Review, GeoJournal, International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research, Forest Ecology and Management*, and others.

Prof. Adu-Prah was a contributing author to the following books – *Understanding a Changing World, ABC-CLIO (2014)* and

*Encyclopedia of Organic, Sustainable and Local Food (2009)*. He is a recent fellow (alumni) of the Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program. He is a voting member of the American Association of Geographers (AAG) and Secretary to the African Specialty Group of the AAG. Prof. Adu-Prah is the co-Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research.

## PROJECTS

### INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT



Hon. Bright Wireko Brobbey, Deputy Employment Minister given his speech at the symposium



**Prof. Stephen Adei, First Rector of GIMPA given his speech at the Symposium**



**Dr. Gabriel Eshun, Coordinator of Geography at KNUST moderating the session**





**Hon. Alhaji Abdul Lateef Majdoub at the symposium**



**Hon. Dr. Margaret Amoakohene, Council of State member chairing the symposium**

This civic dialogue was organized in 2017 for foreign diplomats (high commissioners/ambassadors), council of state, government ministers, academicians and business experts under the theme, “Youth unemployment: A call for Action”. This was an avenue for new idea generation to address the unemployment issue in Ghana which passed a resolution to the Government of Ghana. This project was sponsored by BUSAC Fund with support from the Government of Ghana (Office of the Senior Minister, Ministry of Employment and Labour Relation, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of Agriculture).



## ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR PEACE (EFP) PROJECT





This was organized in 2016 to promote peace in our presidential election through entrepreneurship training and mentorship. 1000 Ghanaian youth benefitted from this programme.



CEDI Ghana Executive met with Mr. Daniel Lauchenauer, Deputy Head of Cooperation and Counsellor of the Switzerland Embassy prior to the project

## **PROGRAMME**

### **FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME**

This fellowship programme develop the next generation of global leaders through leadership training and mentorship. It is a one year leadership development programme designed to connect and develop young global leaders to make a lasting contribution to their communities.

### **LED PROGRAMME**

The Leadership and Entrepreneurship Development Programme as commonly called LED programme also trains, mentor and provide funding opportunities to unemployed youth and start-up entrepreneurs. This programme provides a week residential training, a year- long tailored package of online learning, mentoring, networking and funding.

## **MEDIA**

Some list of publications you can publish on the site

CEDI Ghana CEO speaking at KNUST International Conference on Geography and Development

<https://www.modernghana.com/news/873990/stop-the-partisan-politics-and-propaganda-kk-pinkrah.html>

International Symposium Publication

<https://www.modernghana.com/news/808307/cedi-ghana-to-help-address-unemployment-in-ghana.html>

Our CEO appointed as Queen's Young Leaders Advisory Mentor

<https://qyl.ice.cam.ac.uk/be-a-mentor/advisory-mentors/kingsley-kwaku-pinkrah>

Our CEO won 2017 40 Under 40 Award Most Influential and Outstanding Social Entrepreneur

<https://www.modernghana.com/news/807228/cedi-ghana-ceo-wins-award-at-40-under-40.html>

Our CEO won 2017 Young Professional Role Model Award

<https://www.modernghana.com/news/822017/cedi-ghana-ceo-sweeps-another-award.html>

Our CEO, shortlisted for Africa Youth Award Social Entrepreneur of the Year

<https://www.modernghana.com/news/822294/kingsley-kwaku-pinkrah-shatta-wale-and-others-for-africa-yo.html>

Africa's Social Entrepreneur of the Year

<http://www.africayouthawards.org/winners-announced-2017-africa-youth-awards/>

Our CEO, addressing Start – Up Entrepreneurs at Lucas University

<http://www.fernnews.com/2017/11/02/cedi-ghana-ceo-message-to-start-up-entrepreneurs-at-the-entrepreneurship-workshop/>

Our CEO keynote speech at KNUST International Symposium on Geography and Development

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-4n7i5u7Cc&t=15s>

Our Executive Director, Prof. Lawrence Lowell and our CEO, Mr. Kingsley Kwaku Pinkrah on Television Africa



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zu\\_IRj\\_fZnc&t=14s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zu_IRj_fZnc&t=14s)

## **PARTNERS**

Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations

Ministry of Trade and Industry

Ministry of Business Development

Ministry of Agriculture

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