

ALCOHOL POLICY ALLIANCE -GHANA (GhanAPA)



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ABBREVIATIONS

CEO	:	Chief Executive Officer
FDA	:	Food and Drugs Authority
GhanAPA	:	Alcohol Policy Alliance – Ghana
NRSC	:	National Road Safety Commission?
MHA	:	Mental Health Authority
WAAPA	:	West African Alcohol Policy
NACA	:	Narcotics Control Authority
TWG	:	Technical Working Group
GhNCDA	:	Ghana Non-communicable Disease Alliance

INTRODUCTION

The Alcohol Policy Alliance - Ghana (GhanAPA) is an amalgamation of organisations working towards advancing a healthy nation through policy development and advocacy with the vision of contributing to the elimination of alcohol related harms in Ghana.

GOAL

Making Ghana alcohol harm free country

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

- a) To help prevent people from taking to the use of alcohol.
- b) To get person's dependence on alcohol to quit the habit and rehabilitated.
- c) To create a forum for networking among members.
- d) To bring together Organizations working in the area of health and advocacy for a coordinated programming
- e) To create a community free from Alcohol related harm and an empowered population.
- f) To provide leadership and further skills training to the various organizations.
- g) To promote and compliment government efforts in the general welfare of the public.

THE FORMATION PROCESS;

GhanAPA was formed in Ghana in the year 2018 at an initial meeting called by Issah Ali, the Head of WAAPA Secretariat.

Four different organisations joined hands to start the Alliance which now has a membership of nine organisations namely; Federation of Youth Clubs, Vision for Alternative Development, Institute of Leadership and Development, Ghana Organisation on Fatal Alcohol Syndrome, Hope for the Needy, Load Ghana, CFF-Network and Young Women Leaders Network.

Series of meetings and interpersonal engagements ensued the final formation and the subsequent inauguration of the Alliance.

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Title of Activity 1: National Forum on Alcohol, Drugs and Mental Health

Date: 19th May, 2022

- i. Venue (Hall/Location/Country): Centre for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Accra - Ghana
- ii. Objective(s) and purpose: the forum was to bring together all relevant stakeholders in the field of mental health and to look at strategies to the reductions of the use of Alcohol and Drugs as being the major risk factors
- iii. Background (Provide brief description of the activity): The meeting brought together experts from the Narcotic Control Authority (NACA), Food and Drugs Authority (FDA), Mental Health Authority (MHA), District Assemblies, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Students, Chiefs and Opinion Leaders. FDA, MHA, NACA and GhanAPA made some presentations on the dangers and effect of Alcohol and drugs on mental health.
- iv. Session and Discussions (Provide details description of the session) Dr. Yennusom Maalug, a psychiatrist at the Pantang Mental Hospital represented the MHA and spoke on the theme: The negative impact of alcohol use on mental health. Mr. Patrick Agyepong of NACA, made a presentation on the theme: The role of alcohol and drug control in the prevention of illicit drug abuse in Ghana. Mr. Kofi Essel of FDA spoke on the theme: The role of legislation in the control and prevention of alcohol

use and the progress made in Ghana. Members present ask questions from the key speakers as well as gave contributions to the discussions.

- v. Outcomes, suggestions, recommendations and Next steps: at the end of the forum, the general recommendations made was to intensify the awareness creation on alcohol, drugs and mental health, to form a committee from the stakeholders to engage in community sensitization in the district assemblies and develop campaign materials on alcohol, drugs and mental health.
- vi. List specific policy change(s) and or progress that came about as a result of this activity. Having establish a relationship with the district assemblies, GhanAPA will influence the activities of the assemblies on Social welfare and community engagement.

ATTENDANCE

ALCOHOL POLICY ALLIANCE – GHANA (GHANAPA)

(NATIONAL FORUM ON ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND MENTAL HEALTH)

19 MAY, 2022 AT CSIR, ACCRA

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Title of Activity 2: meeting of the Alcohol Regulations draft Technical working group (TWG) for a final review of attached forms to the draft regulation

- i. 25th Oct, 2022
- ii. Venue (Hall/Location/Country): Ministry of Health Office, Accra - Ghana
- iii. Objective(s) and purpose: to continue work on the draft Alcohol Regulations Document (forms)
- iv. Background (Provide brief description of the activity): The meeting was held by the (Technical Working Group – TWG) constituted to help produce an alcohol regulations document to regulate the production, marketing, sales and use of alcohol in Ghana.

Meeting was intended to discuss in details a form that was developed as an attachment to the draft regulations that has been done so far and look at the way forward.
- v. Session and Discussions (Provide details description of the session): The session was led by Lawyer Inuah (Lead Council – Ministry of Health), he briefed the TWG on the importance of the form that is to be part of the draft regulations and further gave a detailed account of where the work has reached. The group under the leadership of Dr. Olivia Agyekum (Head of tobacco and substance abuse- FDA) in the absence of the chairman of the TWG continued to deliberate on the forms.

- vi. Outcomes, suggestions, recommendations and Next steps: The forms were carefully looked at base on the articles and clauses, corrections, suggestions and some recommendations were proposed and were inserted.
- vii. List specific policy change(s) and or progress that came about as a result of this activity. The TWG together with the lead council were able to make some changes and adjustment to the forms up to article 15 of the 30 articles contain in the regulations and the meeting was adjourned to the following day 26th October, 2022.

ATTENDANCE

ALCOHOL POLICY ALLIANCE – GHANA (GHANAPA)

ALCOHOL REGULATIONS WORKING GROUP MEETING

25TH OCT, 2022 AT MINISTRY OF HEALTH CONFERENCE ROOM ACCRA

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Title of Activity 3: meeting of the Alcohol Regulations draft technical working group to continue the finalization of the draft regulation form

- i. 26th Oct, 2022
- ii. Venue (Hall/Location/Country): Ministry of Health Office, Accra - Ghana
- iii. Objective(s) and purpose: to continue work on the draft Alcohol Regulations Documents
- iv. Background (Provide brief description of the activity): The meeting was held by the (Technical Working Group - TWG) constituted to help produce an alcohol regulations document to regulate the production, marketing, sales and use of alcohol in Ghana.

Meeting was intended to continue from the works of the previous meetings to ensure that a conclusion is brought to the draft regulations and the attached forms for onward submission to the Attorney General and Ministry of Justice.
- v. Session and Discussions (Provide details description of the session): This session was led by Lawyer Alhaji Innuah (Lead Council – Ministry of Health), lawyer continue from article 16 of the draft regulations and its form as members discussed and made suggestions and inputs for the remaining Articles. The TWG reviewed the entire documents again and were satisfied for it to be submitted to the Attorney General Department

- vi. Outcomes, suggestions, recommendations and Next steps: A complete review of the whole draft regulation from article 1-30 were concluded by the TWG and the lead council of the Ministry of Health and have task the lead council to finish the correction and recommendations and share it to members and onward submission to the AG Department.
- vii. List specific policy change(s) and or progress that came about as a result of this activity. Once these processes are exhausted, and an alcohol regulations is passed by parliament, production, marketing and sales of all alcohol shall be well regulated and sanitized.

ATTENDANCE
ALCOHOL POLICY ALLIANCE – GHANA (GHANAPA)
ALCOHOL REGULATIONS WORKING GROUP MEETING
26TH OCT, 2022 AT MINISTRY OF HEALTH CONFERENCE ROOM ACCRA

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Title of Activity 4: meeting with the Focal person on NCDs of the Ministry of Health (Dr Baffour Awuah), to brief him on the Accra Meeting of WAAPA, SAAPA and FORUT which was graced by the Deputy Minister of Health.

- i. Date: 14th Nov, 2022
- ii. Venue: Ministry of Health, Accra - Ghana
- i. Objective(s) and purpose: The meeting is to brief him of the conference and to thank the ministry for their support in the reduction of NCDs in Ghana of which Alcohol is one of the key risk factors as well as present a copy of WAAPA 5 Years strategic plan documents to him.
- iii. Background (Provide brief description of the activity): GhanAPA prior to the invitation of the Deputy Minister of Health to officially launched WAAPA 5-Year strategic plan, had a discussion with Dr. Awuah and as a focal person on NCDs. The meeting was to brief him and to present a copy of the strategic plan to him.
- iv. Session and Discussions (Provide details description of the session): The discussions were centered on draft regulations as getting it passed will make us achieve our purpose and also on the Accra meeting of WAAPA, SAAPA and FORUT and the need to build collaborations with other national and regional alliance as a sure way of achieving uttermost objectives. A draft copy was presented to his secretary Mrs. Vida by Mr. Anabila (chairman, GhanAPA) stakeholders to validate the draft document and submit same to the Ministry of Health. Both parties agreed on the

modalities ahead of the validation meetings. We also agreed to submit a copy to the Legal Unit of the Ministry ahead of the validation.

- v. Outcomes; Practical steps on forward movements were agreed upon, the ministry pledge their support to GhanAPA and WAAPA and is looking forward to work closely with us.
- vi. List specific policy change(s) and or progress that came about as a result of this activity. This meeting have strengthen GhanAPA and WAAPA relationship with the Ministry for future activities and collaborations.
- vii. Presence at this meeting were the following;
Venue: Ministry of Health
 1. Dr. Baffour Awuah– NCDs focal person, Ministry of Health (MOH)
 2. Benjamin Anabila – Chairman – (GhanAPA)
 3. Alhaji Sule Sumani – Coordinator – (GhanAPA)
 4. Micheal Nartey – Treasurer - (GhanAPA)
 5. Mrs. Vida - Ministry of Health

Title of Activity 5: meeting with the Parliamentary Select committee of Health and Subsidiary Legislation Secretariat to brief them on activities of GhanAPA and the Alcohol regulations that is at the AG Department as well as the Accra Meeting of WAAPA, SAAPA and FORUT.

viii. Date: 24th Nov, 2022

ix. Venue: Parliament House, Accra - Ghana

ii. Objective(s) and purpose: The meeting is to brief the committees on the activities of GhanAPA especially the draft alcohol regulations currently at the A.G Department and present copies of WAAPA 5-Year strategic plan to the two committees.

x. Background (Provide brief description of the activity): The two committees Health and Subsidiary Legislation are the critical to the passage of the regulations when it finally gets parliament. GhanAPA believe that having engagement with this committees will facilitate the process when the draft regulations get to parliament. Copies of the WAAPA strategic plan was presented to them through the secretariat.

xi. Session and Discussions (Provide details description of the session): The discussions were centered on draft regulations and the Accra meeting of WAAPA, SAAPA and FORUT. Members of the committees were busy with the budget appropriation and therefore as their respective secretariat meet with us. GhanAPA presented copies of the WAAPA strategic plan and they assured us of delivering it to the chairmen of the two committee.

- xii. Outcomes; Practical steps on forward movements were agreed upon, the representatives of the committees assured as of a delivery of the message and a subsequent meeting in the first quarter of the year.
- xiii. List specific policy change(s) and or progress that came about as a result of this activity. This meeting have strengthen our collaboration with the two committees for future engagement
- xiv. Presence at this meeting were the following;
1. Mad. Edith – Parliamentary Select committee, on Health.
 2. Mr. Amoateng- Parliamentary Select committee, on Health.
 3. Mr. Nicholas Affum- Parliamentary Select committee, on subsidiary legislation.
 4. Benjamin Anabila – Chairman – (GhanAPA)
 5. Alhaji Sule Sumani – Coordinator – (GhanAPA)
 6. Micheal Nartey – Treasurer - (GhanAPA)

Title of Activity 6: GhanAPA participation and contribution in the WAAPA, SAAPA and FORUT Accra meeting and subsequent launch of WAAPA 5-Year strategic plan

- i. Date: 21st Sept, 2022
- iii. Venue: Oak Plaza Hotel, Accra - Ghana
- iv. Objective(s) and purpose: GhanAPA as a member of WAAPA, participated in the meeting and launch of WAAPA 5-Year strategic plan. Key objective as a host country was to assist WAAPA organize a successful conference and to contribute our quota.
- xv. Background (Provide brief description of the activity): coming to the end of Forut 5 Years WAF-19 grant to NAPAs through WAAPA and to discuss future collaboration and opportunities. WAAPA, hosted both Forut-Norway and SAAPA in Accra for the conference, and GhanAPA had to play a key role in the organization.
- xvi. Session and Discussions (Provide details description of the session): GhanAPA chair person, Mr. Benjamin Anabila participated in the conference and contributed in the discussions. Additionally, he moderated the launch of the WAAPA 5-Years strategic plan and was equally instrumental in getting the Deputy Minister of Health and other key stakeholders in Ghana to grace the occasions.
- xvii. Outcomes; the meeting has highlighted key areas of focus as well as leaning from other national alliance on their success stories and this will help in GhanAPA advocacy.

xviii. List specific policy change(s) and or progress that came about as a result of this activity. This meeting have strengthen our collaboration with other National Alliance as well as SAAPA members and this is leading to the formation of Africa Alcohol Policy Alliance (AAPA)

xix. Presence at this meeting were the following;

1. Mad. Lilian Alang
2. Mr. Richard Gassu
3. Mr. Adam Abdul Fatah
4. Benjamin Anabila – Chairman – (GhanAPA)
5. Alhaji Sule Sumani – Coordinator – (GhanAPA)
6. Micheal Nartey – Treasurer - (GhanAPA)
7. Mad. Nafisa Abdul Karim

Activities carried out by National Alliance outside of the financial support from WAAPA and FORUT

GhanAPA as a member of Ghana Non-communicable Diseases Alliance (GhNCDA), collaborated with the alliance in undertaking several activities including educational campaign, conferences, Seminars, training workshops, and more.

General feedback

- i. How many times was the National Alliance contacted or consulted by government officials on alcohol policy in 2022? (GhanAPA is working hand in hand with Government to finalize the Alcohol Control Regulations, hence, the several engagement with the ministry of Health to ensure that the right process and the right stakeholders are engaged to enhance our progress. GhanAPA has thus been consulted on myriad of issues leading to the completion of the draft alcohol regulations.
- ii. Kindly provide information on the submissions made to government by National Alliance. (The draft Alcohol Control Regulations document has been submitted to Government – “Alcohol Control Regulations 2022”)
- iii. How many times did National Alliance receive technical assistance, advice or recommendations from WAAPA Secretariat in 2022? (On all activities of GhanAPA in the year 2020)

- iv. Kindly explain if National Alliance has identified any funding institutions in 2022. (Through WAAPA, we have identified RESET Alcohol a funding from Resolve to Save Lives (RTSL))
- v. Kindly explain if National Alliance has submitted any project proposals to donors and partners for funding support in 2022? (YES) National Alliance have submitted a proposal to Resolve To Save Lives RTSL for the RESET Alcohol grant for Alcohol taxation.
- vi. List the activities conducted by National Alliance without WAAPA funding. (In collaborations with the Ghana NCDs Alliance, Educational campaign, conference, a high national meeting with top government officials, Training workshop, Seminars etc.

MEDIA LINK

Gna.org.gh 1st October 2022

Mobile.ghanaweb.com 29th September, 2022

Newsghana.com.gh

Fdaghana.gov.gh 4th October, 2022

Gna.org.gh (Health) 25th may, 2022

Gna.org.gh 13th April, 2022





A group picture after 26th May, 2022 National Forum on Drugs and Alcohol



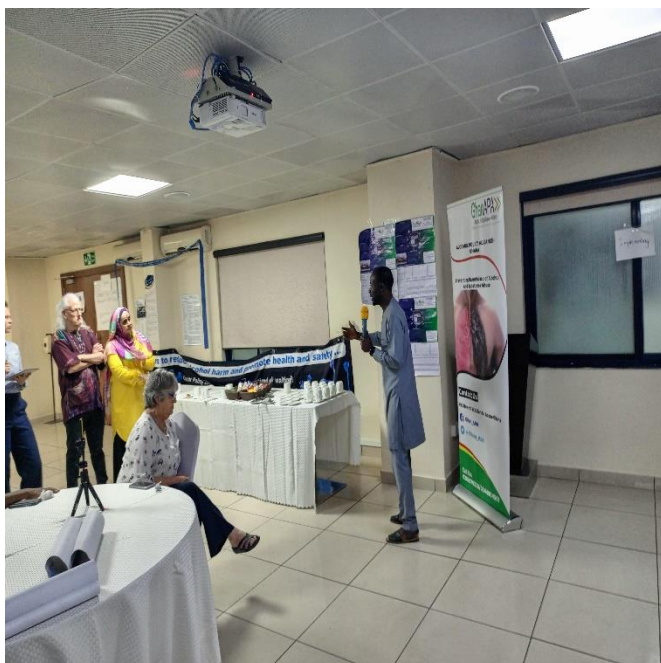
Members of GhanAPA at the launch of WAAPA 5-Years strategic plan



Some pictures during the (Technical Working Group) meeting on the draft alcohol regulation form



The Head of legal at the Ministry of Health making a submission during the draft regulations form review



Mr Benjamin Anabila (GhanAPA, chairman) making a poster presentation during Accra meeting of WAAPA, SAAPA and FORUT



Deputy Minister of Health in a chat with SAAPA and GhanAPA chair

