

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

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 Organisations 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 organisations.
- 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 eight 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 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: Meeting with WAAPA's Head of Secretariat.

- i. 22nd December, 2020
- ii. Venue (Hall/Location/Country): WAAPA Office, Accra - Ghana
- iii. Objective(s) and purpose: Deliberations on the 2020 Budget
- iv. Background (Provide brief description of the activity): Meeting was intended to discuss in details the budget and funding for the year 2020 as well as the activities.
- v. Session and Discussions (Provide details description of the session): The session was led by Mr. Issah Ali (Head of Secretariat - WAAPA), he gave a detailed explanation on the late arrival of funds and the reasons behind that was due to the Covid-19 pandemic. He however opined that, that notwithstanding, FORUT and partners believed this is even a better time to advance our activism as Covid-19 has exposed the weakness in our health infrastructural system.
- vi. Outcomes, suggestions, recommendations and Next steps: Practical steps on forward movements were agreed upon, these included steps towards getting all technical team members working on the draft regulations document to meet and continue work on the document for onward submission to the Government.
- vii. List specific policy change(s) and or progress that came about as a result of this activity. None

Title of Activity 2: Meeting with the Head of Legal Department of the Food and Drugs Authority (FDA)

- i. Date: 10th November, 2020
- ii. Venue: Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) Office, Accra - Ghana
- iii. Objective(s) and purpose: This meeting was aimed at getting the FDA's legal team which is leading the process of finalizing the draft Alcohol Regulations informed and ready for the up-coming activities on the document.
- iv. Background Meeting was intended to discuss in details GhanAPA's readiness to financially and technically support the next step on the review works on the draft Alcohol regulations document.
- v. Session and Discussions (Provide details description of the session): The discussions were centered on getting to resume work on the alcohol regulations document. Both parties agreed on the modalities ahead of the meeting. It also intended to get them make available copies of the document for members to start perusing through ahead of the meeting.
- vi. Outcomes; Practical steps on forward movements were agreed upon, these included steps towards getting all technical team members working on the draft regulations document to meet and continue work on the document for onward submission to the Government.
- vii. List specific policy change(s) and or progress that came about as a result of this activity. None

Title of Activity 3: TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

- i. Date (Day/Month/Year): December 10th, 2020
- ii. Venue (Hall/Location/Country): Ministry of Health board room. Accra – Ghana
- iii. Objective(s) and purpose: The purpose of this engagement was to resume the review process on the alcohol draft regulations document together with all stakeholders.
- iv. Background (Provide brief description of the activity): The technical committee which was set up by the Ministry of Health (MoH) with support from the World Health Organisation (WHO) is made up of the various stakeholders including; the Mental Health Authority (MHA), Food and Drugs Authority, National Road Safety Commission (NRSC), Vision for Alternative Development (VALD), Barakah Research Institute, Alcohol Policy Alliance – Ghana (GhanAPA) and so on.
- v. Session and Discussions (Provide details description of the session): This activity was planned to continue with reviewing the alcohol draft regulations document. The meeting had in attendance majority of the stakeholders and was led by the Chairman of the technical committee, Dr. Akwesi Osei. After arrival of participants, breakfast was provided after which we had the opening prayers and self-introduction. The chairman of the GhanAPA Mr. Benjamin Anabila then gave the welcoming address after which the National Coordinator of GhanAPA, Mr. Adam Abdul Fatah invited the Chairman of the technical committee to take over the moderation of the meeting. Dr. Akwesi Osei opened the discussion with

appreciation to all for making it to the meeting and in particular to GhanAPA for convene the seating. He admonished us all to adhere to the Covid-19 protocols throughout the session and contribute meaningfully to the discussions. He then invited Mr. Mark Atuahene, a representative of the Ministry of Health who is also the alcohol focal person at the ministry to let in the facilitation of the discussions, Mr. Mark took over to read the document for inputs by members of the team.

- vi. Outcomes, suggestions, recommendations and Next steps: The outcome of this meeting were the suggestions and recommendations made by members in the draft document. There were also recommendation to continue with the meetings for at least three more times to finalize the document for submission.
- vii. List specific policy change(s) and or progress that came about as a result of this activity. There were tremendous progress made on the work as several sections of the draft were modified, omitted and new sections inputted to meet the needs of time.

ATTENDANCE

ALCOHOL POLICY ALLIANCE- (GHANAPA)

TECHNICAL MEETING ON ALCOHOL REGULATIONS; 10TH DECEMBER, 2021

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Title of Activity 4: TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

- i. Date; December 30th, 2020
- ii. Venue (Hall/Location/Country): Ministry of Health board room. Accra – Ghana
- iii. Objective(s) and purpose: The objective of this meeting was basically to continue the review process on the alcohol draft regulations document.
- iv. The technical committee which was set up by the Ministry of Health (MoH) with support from the World Health Organisation (WHO) is made up of the various stakeholders including; the Mental Health Authority (MHA), Food and Drugs Authority (FDA), National Road Safety Commission (NRSC), Vision for Alternative Development (VALD), Barakah Research Institute, Alcohol Policy Alliance – Ghana (GhanAPA) and others.
- v. This activity just like the previous, was planned to continue with reviewing the alcohol draft regulations document. The meeting had in attendance majority of the stakeholders and was led by the Chairman of the technical committee, Dr. Akwesi Osei. After arrival of participants, breakfast was provided after which we had the opening prayers and self-introduction. The Coordinator of the GhanAPA Mr. Adam Abdul Fatah, presented the welcome address and thanked all those who were present.

Dr. Akwesi Osei opened the discussion with appreciation to all for making it to the meeting and again applauded GhanAPA for convening the seating. He admonished us all to adhere to the Covid-19 protocols throughout the session and contribute meaningfully to the discussions. As usual Mr. Mark

Atuahene, a representative of the Ministry of Health who is also the alcohol focal person at the ministry to let in the facilitation of the discussions, Mr. Mark took over to read the document for continues inputs by members of the team. The two representative from FDA made very meaningful contributions as well as the representative from the NRSA who is also a Lawyer

- vi. The outcome of this meeting were the suggestions and recommendations made by members in the draft document. The team from the FDA were tasked to finalize their inputs as their head of Legal had made some notes and comments yet to be in cooperated in the main document. There were also recommendation to continue with the meetings for at least three more times to finalize the document for submission.
- vii. List specific policy change(s) and or progress that came about as a result of this activity. There were tremendous progress made on the work as several sections of the draft were modified, omitted and new sections inputted to meet the needs of time.

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ALCOHOL POLICY ALLIANCE- (GHANAPA)

TECHNICAL MEETING ON ALCOHOL REGULATIONS; 30TH DECEMBER, 2021

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Title of Activity 5: ...Meeting with Dr. Akwesi Osei

- i. Date (05/ January / 2021)
- ii. Venue (Ministry of Health (Old building), Accra - Ghana):
- iii. Objective(s) and purpose: review of the previous technical committee meeting
- iv. Background (Provide brief description of the activity): this meeting intended to review the lasting seating of the committee and to strategies for further line of actions
- v. Session and Discussions (Provide details description of the session): the meeting which was between the National Chairman, National Coordinator of GhanAPA and Dr. Akwesi Osei, the Chairman of the Technical Committee discussed in details the way forward with the regulation and the needed to step to be taken towards achieving the objective of the committee.
- vi. Outcomes, suggestions, recommendations and Next steps: we agreed to continue working as a team and have another review meeting of the entire committee, this would afford us the opportunity to take and full and comprehensive review and arrangement of the entire document once more, this we agreed to complete by third quarter of 2021

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

GhanAPA is a member of Ghana Non-communicable Diseases, as a member, we collaborated in undertaking several activities including press conferences, training workshops, National high level meetings and more.

General feedback

- i. How many times was the National Alliance contacted or consulted by government officials on alcohol policy in 2020? (GhanAPA is working hand in hand with Government to develop the Alcohol Regulations, hence there hasn't been any direct consultations besides that partnership.
- ii. Kindly provide information on the submissions made to government by National Alliance. (The document to be submitted to Government is still under development – “Alcohol Regulations”)
- iii. How many times did National Alliance receive technical assistance, advise or recommendations from WAAPA Secretariat in 2020? (Not less than three times)
- iv. Kindly explain if National Alliance has identified any funding institutions in 2020. (Not yet, but still searching for a funding source)
- v. Kindly explain if National Alliance has submitted any project proposals to donors and partners for funding support in 2020 ? (No)

- vi. List the activities conducted by National Alliance without WAAPA funding. (Press conference, a high national meeting with top government officials, Training workshop and so on)

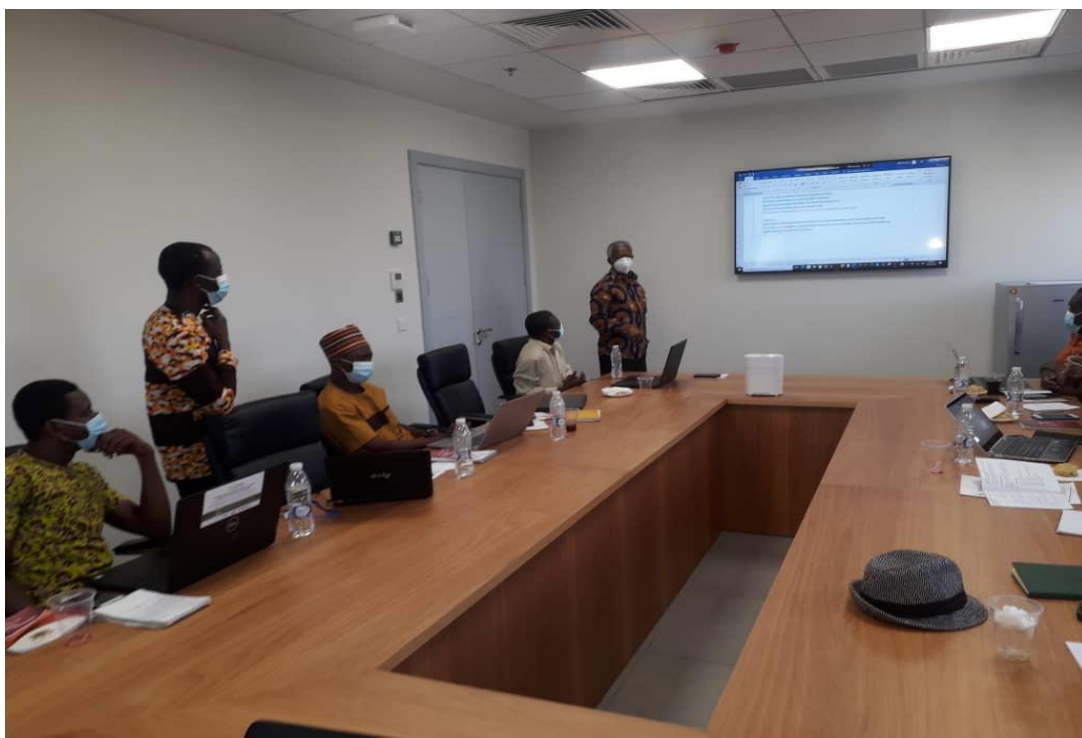
Attachments

- i. List of Participants: Indicate the Activity Title on top of the Participants List. Each activity must have its own participants list. The list should include Names, Organization's, Phone numbers, email addresses and signatures.
- ii. Photographs: 3 (three) photographs/pictures/images from different directions must be attached for each activity.
- iii. Media reportage and online links: Attach the media reportage and or the online links. Indicate the activity title for each media story.
- iv. ADD and GGCS Scale Indicator Sheets: Review the 2019 scales and complete the 2020 scale `
- v. Draft Policy or Draft Legislation or Adopted Multi-Sectorial Action Plan and other Materials: Attach copies of any of the listed draft documents and materials developed in the year under review.

- vi. 2020 Audited Financial Report and Management Letter: Each National Alliance must attach an externally and independently conducted 2020 Audited Financial Report and Management Letter.



A group picture after 10th December, 2020 Technical meeting



A picture during the 10th December, 2020 Technical meeting



A picture during the 10th December, 2020 Technical meeting



A photograph taken during the Technical meeting on the 30th December, 2020



A photograph taken during the Technical meeting on the 30th December, 2020