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ASSOCIATION OF GHANA HELD AT ADDO HOUSE-ARMY OFFICERS MESS,

ACCRA ON 15TH & 16TH AUGUST 2024.

The Speech Therapists and Audiologists' Association of Ghana held its Annual General Meeting and Scientific Conference during the mentioned period under the theme_STAAG as a Professional Body: The Way Forward. Key highlights and resolutions from the AGM are as follows:

Key Highlights and Resolutions

- 1. **Launch of STAAG as a Professional Body**: The 2024 AGM marked a significant milestone with the launch of STAAG as a Professional Body. In attendance were the Chief Director and Directors from the Ministry of Health, Ghana Federation of Allied Health Professions, AHPC, the Academia among others.
- 2. **STAAG's Objectives**: STAAG as a Professional Body is committed to promoting the following:
 - a. Harmonise and equip professionals to deliver quality healthcare service.
 - b. Address national healthcare needs through assessments, management and public education on hearing, vestibular, swallowing, and communication-related issues.
- 3. **Professional Body Status**: STAAG has attained a Professional Body status under the Professional Bodies Decree, NCRD 143 of 1973 (Registration number PB 96). We assert our role as a stakeholder in the health, education and environment sector, and we request consultation on national matters related to Speech and Language Therapy and Audiology (hearing and vestibular) in Ghana.
- 4. **Partnerships and Collaborations**: STAAG invites Ministries Institutions, Agencies, NGOs, Philanthropists, and Corporate bodies, among others, to engage in partnerships and undertake initiatives to promote and establish Speech and Language Therapy and Audiology facilities and services in Ghana.

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