



# Quality Assurance, Grant Writing & Fundraising Strategies Workshop



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## TOPICS

- 1) Quality Assurance in Higher Education TVET
- 2) Grant Winning Proposal Writing
- 3) Fundraising Strategies
- 4) Mindset Change and Team Building
- 5) Academic Writing

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## PREAMBLE

The Dr. Hilla Limann Technical University, which was the last of the ten regional polytechnics in Ghana, was officially established in September 1999. However, it was not until 2002 that the Interim Governing Council was appointed by the Government to provide policy direction to the Polytechnic. The first batch of tertiary students was admitted in 2003 to pursue HND programmes in Agricultural Engineering and Secretaryship and Management Studies. Professor Elias Nortaa Kunedeb Sowley is the first Vice Chancellor since the WA Polytechnic was converted to a technical university and renamed in 2020.

In a Ghanaian Times article entitled **Ghana: Vice Chancellor of Dr Hilla Limann Tech Varsity Appeals for Govt Support** and written by *Lydia Darlington Fordjour in WA, Ghana, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2022*, the Dr. Hilla Limann Technical University Vice Chancellor, Professor Elias Nortaa Kunedeb Sowley, revealed that the institution was the only public university in the country without a single hostel accommodation for students on campus. This was part of his speech during the event to induct him into office as the Vice Chancellor. Prof Sowley mentioned that the situation resulted in low student enrolment as evidenced by the graduation of 311 students only at that time.

The students' hostel which is currently about 30 percent completed since the contract was first awarded in 2008, would help to resolve students' accommodation problems to a greater extent because the three-story facility can accommodate almost 800 students and 30 teaching assistants, if completed. Some alumni of this institution who spoke to the Ghanaian Times, recounted the difficulties they endured in order to get to campus for lectures which included exorbitant fares that were charged because of the campus location. The students equally need to be protected from landlords who demand and collect very high rentals. Prof Sowley added that the other structures such as the Vice Chancellor's residence, staff accommodation and a faculty building were also incomplete. He explained that while waiting for the government to come to the aid of the technical university, management was exploring other possible ways of tackling the infrastructure deficit.

In its quest to practically contribute to the realization and enhancement of quality in all sectors, including higher education, the Global Quality Assurance Association (GQAA), through its Director, Dr Violet Makuku, in conjunction with the Dr Hilla Limann Technical University organized a training workshop from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2023. The main focus would mainly be on quality assurance, mindset change and fundraising strategies, including but not limited to the writing of grant winning proposals. Planning and execution of such a workshop for both teaching and non-teaching staff is hoped to mentally support and prepare the university community to contribute towards its own welfare other than to completely depend on government funding.

Such workshops have already been done with 2 other Technical Universities in Ghana with excellent results, especially on mindset change and the willingness of the staff to be a part of the solution for their institutions' financial challenges. More Technical universities in Ghana and other African countries are lined-up for such workshop in 2023 and beyond.