

A seven-member Interim Executive Committee to steer the affairs of the Human Resource Management Practitioners Network was inaugurated by Mrs. Bridget Katsriku, Chairman of the Public Services Commission (PSC) on the 5th of February, 2015. The venue for the short but yet impressive ceremony was held in the Conference Room of the Public Services Commission.

In a brief background to this initiative, Mrs. Bridget Katsriku said that the idea of establishing the Human Resource Management Practitioners' Network was the outcome of the collaborative effort between the Australian Public Services Commission and the Ghana Public Services Commission.

The Network is to provide a platform for Human Resource managers and practitioners in the public services to engage one another in a healthy cross-fertilization and sharing of ideas, adopting innovative practices and conventions including outcomes of research findings to improve on their duties and functions at their work places in the various Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs).

She further stated, that the Human Resource Management Practitioners Network was common feature in the developed countries and with these networks providing professional inputs and advice to direct and influence policy changes in the area of human resource management.

The Networks, she noted, also serve as a veritable ground for which Human Resource practitioners could improve their skills and competencies to address the complexities and challenges involved in managing employees. Thus, the establishment of this network in Ghana should be seen as huge step towards professionalizing the human resource management functions and managing people in an effective and efficient manner in the public service of Ghana.

The Interim Executive Committee has its Chairman, Mr. Andy Okrah, Director of Human Resource Management, Ghana Forestry Commission.

The other Members include Ms. Ohenewa Aboagye, Director of Administration, Ghana Standard Authority; Mrs. Yvonne Quansah, Head of Human Resource Management,

Ghana Public Procurement Authority; Mr. Prince Moses A. Pecku, Human Resource Manager, Ghana Water Company; Ms. Patricia A Agyepong, Director, Office of the Head of Civil Service; Ms. Charlotte Morgan- Asiedu, Human Resource Director, Ministry of Communication, Mr. Isaac Akrofi, Assistant Director, PSC. The Secretariat for the Network is located at the Public Services Commission and has its Coordinator, Ms. Pearl Offeibea Twum, Assistant Director PSC.

Mrs. Bridget Katsriku entreated the Interim Executive Committee to take this responsibility seriously and urged it to design strategies that would make the Network vibrant, active and a responsible professional grouping.

The Chairman of the Interim Executive Committee, Mr. Okrah, on behalf of the other members thanked the Public Services Commission for the confidence reposed in them and that they would collectively, work to build a strong, vibrant and and professional network of human resource management practitioners.

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