

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **APPOINTMENT OF NEW PREMIX FUEL ADMINISTRATOR**



The Minister for Fisheries and Aquaculture (MOFA), Hon. Emelia Athur (MP) has announced the appointment of Mr. Ebow Mensah as the new Premix Fuel Administrator, effective today, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Mr. Ebow Mensah takes over from Nana Abrakwa Asare.

Mr. Ebow Mensah is a development professional with over 15 years work experience in project planning and delivery, organisational development, as well as economic and social policy analysis. Mr. Mensah has cultivated excellent working relations with the Trades Union Congress (TUC), the National Union of Seamen, Ports and Allied Workers (NUSPAW), the Public Services International (PSI) and UNI Global. Additionally, as a development expert, Mr. Mensah has managed and coordinated the expenditure of international funds for various activities in his portfolio with the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), where he worked to promote social justice, social democracy and sustainable socio-economic

development.

With a Master's degree in Development Management from the University of Torino, Italy and a Post Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE), as well as a Bachelor of Arts Degree (B.A) in African Studies, both from the University of Cape Coast, Mr. Mensah brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the National Premix Fuel Secretariat (NPFS).

His leadership will focus on ensuring the efficient and effective management of premix fuel distribution, a critical input for artisanal fishers in the marine and inland capture fisheries subsectors. The premix fuel is vital for powering outboard motors used in fishing expeditions, thereby contributing to fish self-sufficiency and ensuring the availability of fish to meet national protein requirements.

In tandem with this appointment, all existing Premix Fuel Committees in the districts and landing beaches are effectively dissolved with immediate effect. All District and Regional Coordinators' appointments are also revoked with immediate effect. New Landing Beach Committees will soon be established in accordance with section 22 of the National Premix Fuel Committee Regulations, 2016 (L.I. 2233). These Committees will play a pivotal role in ensuring that premix fuel resources are equitably distributed and managed according to the law, while supporting the livelihoods of artisanal fishers and fostering coastal community development.

The Government is committed to ensuring accountability for the distribution of the proceeds of the margins from the sale of premix fuel in accordance with section 27 of L.I. 2233. Previous Landing Beach Committees will be made to account for the use of the 53% proceeds of premix margins which according to Section 27(1)(b) of L.I. 2233, goes to fishing communities and is meant to be used for community development projects. This move underscores the Government's commitment to leveraging community-based resources for sustainable development.

The Ministry will review and continue with the automation and enforcement of a tracking regime for premix distribution to ensure transparency and efficiency.

Premix fuel remains a subsidised petroleum product critical to the fishing sector. The Ministry reaffirms its dedication to ensuring its effective distribution and availability to promote sustainable fisheries management and bolster the socio-economic well-being of fishing communities nationwide.

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