

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC ADDRESS

Speaker	Dr <b>Charles Ampomah-Dwamena</b> , Honorary Consul for Ghana
Topic	<b>“Ghana and the legacy of Pan-Africanism”</b>
Date & Time	<b>Thursday 22 September 2022 at <u>6 pm</u></b>
Location	Lecture Theatre, Old Government House University Of Auckland Princes Street, Auckland
<b>Covid Restrictions</b>	<b>Masks and social distance are OPTIONAL for this event.</b>
Synopsis	In 2021 Ghana recorded a population of 31,000,000. It is bounded on the south by the Atlantic Ocean, and clockwise by Togo, Burkina Faso, and Cote d'Ivoire. Its geography includes a narrow grassy plain stretching inland; dense rainforest; forested hills; dry savannah; open woodland; and Lake Volta (the world's largest man-made lake).  In 1957 Ghana became the first black nation in Africa below the Sahara to achieve independence. Internally, a tradition of political stability is well-established. Externally, Ghana has played a pioneering role in the Pan-African movement.  Economically, it has developed as an industrial hub. It provides a gateway for trade and investment into west Africa. An African market of about 400 million people lies within convenient reach.
Biographical Details	Dr Ampomah-Dwamena has long been a leader in the small (but growing) Ghanaian community in New Zealand. In recognition, he was recently appointed as the Honorary Consul for the Republic of Ghana.  By profession he is a Senior Scientist at the Plant and Food Research in New Zealand. He works in the New Cultivar Innovation portfolio. The portfolio is involved in developing new and improved fruit cultivars to support New Zealand's horticultural industry. His research area covers Biotechnology, Molecular Biology, Breeding and Genomics. Numerous of his scientific articles have been internationally published.

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