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ILGS APPOINTS PROF. DOMINIC ALIMBEY DERY AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ACCRA

The Governing Council of the Institute of Local Government Studies (ILGS) has appointed Prof. Dominic Alimbey Dery as the Institute's new Deputy Director at the Accra Campus with effect from 3rd November 2025. Prof. Dery is an Associate Professor of African Studies at Tamale Technical University. He holds a PhD in Culture and Development Studies from the Millar Institute for Transdisciplinary Development Studies in Ghana. Born in 1971, he built an impressive academic career spanning three decades.

He is an expert in African studies and his research interests are in Transdisciplinarity, Social Movement, Culture and Development and Rights Issues. He has held various positions of responsibility and served as Head of Department of the Languages and International Relations; the Foundation Dean of the Graduate School, Director of the International Programmes and International Linkages, and Dean of the Faculty of Applied Arts. Between 2014 and 2021, he was a Senior Lecturer at the Languages and Liberal Studies Department, School of Applied Arts, Tamale Technical University and a Lecturer at the same institution from 2008 to 2014. He has led strategic initiatives to expand postgraduate programmes, strengthen academic support structures, and enhance graduate research output. Between 2012 and 2020, Prof. Dery held several key positions in university governance. He chaired the committee responsible for drafting the Graduate Schools Handbook and led the committee on establishing the Resource Centre for Innovation in Teaching, both of which significantly enriched the institutional framework for teaching and learning at the Tamale Technical University.

In addition to his academic work, Prof. Dery has provided advisory and facilitation support to programmes focused on education and civic development in Ghana. He has also served as a supervisor and mentor to graduate students across diverse fields in the humanities and social sciences. He has published widely in peer-reviewed journals and has contributed to several technical reports and academic book chapters. His publications cut across social movements, anti-colonial and national liberation struggles, gender and development, globalization and cultural identity, and democratic governance. His engagement in these areas reflects a deep commitment to empowering African knowledge systems and promoting inclusive development.

Beyond academia, Prof. Dery has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to national and community service. He previously served as a District Electoral Officer under the Ghana Electoral Commission and has contributed to educational development not only as a university lecturer but also as a tutor and assistant head at the secondary school level. He is married with three children.

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