



Mole XX Conference

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The Coalition of NGO's in Water and Sanitation

Mole XX Opens in Ho- Taking stock of 20 years of multi-stakeholder dialogue



The twentieth edition of the Mole Conference series has opened in Ho with a call on civil society to create and promote the needed awareness that would change the behavior and attitude of Ghanaians towards their environment, especially with regards to open defecation ‘free range’ of which “Ghana appears to have an unenviable position among the countries of sub Saharan Africa”.

Dignitaries at the opening ceremony

According to Vice President “Government will continue to be open to suggestions from civil society on ways to ensure that water and sanitation is no longer a major cause of our poverty.”

Solidarity messages were delivered by development partners, WaterAid Ghana, CWSA, WRC and GWCL/AVRL.

In his solidarity message, Dr. Philip Gyau-Boakye, the Chief Executive of CWSA, indicated they are working towards the passage of relevant Legislative Instruments to enable CWSA carry out its facilitating and regulatory functions as envisaged under its establishment Act.

The call was contained in a speech read on behalf of the Vice President, Mr. John Mahama by Mr. Albert Abongo, Minister of Water Resources, Works and Housing at the opening ceremony .



Mr. Albert Abongo, Minister for Water Resource Works and Housing



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We will be guided by the “3C” agenda, CONIWAS Chairman



Mr. Thomas Sayibu Imoro - Chairman of CONIWAS

The Chairman of CONIWAS, Mr. Thomas Sayibu has announced that CONIWAS will pursue ,what he calls a 3C agenda: using **Cooperation, Collaboration and Confrontation** to hasten the process of pushing the WASH sector forward.

Mr. Sayibu noted that the prevailing conditions in the WASH sector calls for swift action and the 3C’s will shape CONIWAS in calling for improved service delivery.

He however indicated the preparedness of CONIWAS to work together with all sector players to develop sound policies and projects in favour of the poor.

CONIWAS HONOURS ITS OWN



Group picture of award recipient

CONIWAS last night awarded 24 recipients for playing various roles to support the coalition over the past twenty years at an impressive ceremony in Ho.

The 24 individuals and institutions were acknowledged for their diverse contribution in the initiation and institutionalizing of the Mole Conference series, the formation of CONIWAS and for their continued support to the coalition.

The ceremony also reunited old friends who have been “*comrades in service*” in the Mole series and CONIWAS agenda. It was a joy hearing some recipients recollect the journey they went through twenty years ago to institutionalize Mole.



Dr. Hague receiving an award on behalf of UNICEF Ghana from Nana Adutwum-waa Dokua ,Queenmother of Akyem Abuakwa



Ayeekoo to all the award recipients !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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