

TBA Africa Alumni Group (TAAG) African Students' Conference 2015

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Ferdinand has vast experience in beekeeping, insect ecology and pollination biology. He is a consultant in training, development and management of beekeeping projects. He previously worked on the FAO Global Pollination Project-Ghana. In his current post, he is building experience in environment management and renewable energy.

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Gladys holds an MPhil and a BSc in Botany from University of Ghana in Ecology and Taxonomy respectively. She took part in three of the four DRECA courses (Developing Research Capacity among African Environmental Scientists) in Ghana, run by the TBA: Communicating and Disseminating Research Results, Designing Research Projects in the Field, and Effective Teaching Strategies for Biological and Environmental Scientists. She is passionate about biodiversity conservation in Ghana. In her department, she volunteers to introduce plants and their importance to visiting school students.

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Paul is passionate about the social dimension of nature management and conservation. His participation in the Tropical Biology Association field course in Kibale, Uganda in 2006 has been a key part of his professional development. He has a BSc. degree in Natural Resources Management from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana, and an MPhil. in Environment, Society and Development from the University of Cambridge, UK. His professional experience includes three years with the Ghana office of the forest policy research, networking and advocacy NGO, Tropenbos International. He was the coordinator of the 'Forest Connect Ghana' project, and principal author of the resulting two books on small and medium forest enterprises in Ghana. His current research focus is on formal and informal institutions of forest management and their interactions.

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