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## Welcome to a New Dawn!

We are pleased to bring you fresh updates, key developments, and highlights that reflect our continued commitment to excellence and impact. Thank you for staying engaged as we share news, opportunities, and achievements that drives CCM - ACECoR's mission forward.

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## Award Spotlight

CCM - ACECoR has been honoured with the Outstanding Academic Institution in Plastics Leadership Award by the National Plastic Action Partnership. This award celebrates academic institutions that demonstrate exemplary leadership through plastics-focused education, research, student entrepreneurship, and partnerships that connect academia with community solutions. Read more [here](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ACECoR Project Close-Out Event

December 20, 2025.

After a successful project, its only right to close-out beautifully, to inform our stakeholders of all the wonderful achievements.

### CFCE 2026 (Blue Economy Conference)

February 1-4, 2026

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania



Personality Spotlight

## From Director to Pro-VC to Ag. VC: Prof. Denis Worlanyo Aheto

From leading one of the university's flagship centres to guiding the institution itself, Prof. Denis Worlanyo Aheto's journey from Director of the Centre for Coastal Management/ACECoR to Pro-Vice-Chancellor on 1 January 2025 and then to Acting Vice-Chancellor on 24 September 2025 reflects a steady rise built on service, vision, and academic leadership.

His transition to the University's highest office, following his earlier elevation to Pro-VC, demonstrates the confidence UCC places in his ability to provide stability, inspire excellence, and champion innovation at a pivotal moment in the institution's history. Under his stewardship, the University steps into a new chapter with renewed purpose and shared optimism for the future.

## Message from the Ag. Director



Prof. Aheto's remarkable leadership has shaped this Centre and propelled it forward, and I warmly acknowledge the hard work that brought him to his new role as Acting Vice-Chancellor. We fully support him as he guides the University into its next chapter. Here at the Centre, I remain committed to carrying his legacy with focus and integrity as we chart the new path ahead.



## Two OCPP-Ghana Scholars Receive Training in the UK



Rhoda Ofeibea Lamptey and Albert Koomson, both OCPP- Ghana scholars and candidates of the MPhil. Integrated Coastal Zone Management under CCM-ACECoR, completed high impact trainings at Cefas in the UK. As part of their training, they gained advanced skills in coastal zone management, shellfish safety,

marine-pollution analysis, and environmental monitoring. Their achievements reflect our Centre's commitment to building global-standard capacity and addressing coastal challenges with science and integrity. Interested in their journey and what they learned? Read more on Rhoda [here](#), and Albert [here](#).

## Strengthening National Capacity for Marine Litter Management in Ghana

The West Africa Coastal Areas Management Program (WACA), in partnership with the Centre for Coastal Management - Africa Centre of Excellence in Coastal Resilience (CCM-ACECoR), University of Cape Coast, organized a short-term training course on "Marine Litter Monitoring, Assessment and Management," which brought together environmental professionals dedicated to addressing marine litter pollution in Ghana. Read more [here](#).



## Empowering Coastal Stewards in West Africa with GIS & Remote Sensing Capacity Building

The Centre for Coastal Management (CCM) and the Africa Centre of Excellence in Coastal Resilience (ACECoR) at the University of Cape Coast (UCC), together with the West Africa Coastal Areas Management Program (WACA) under the Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology (MEST), hosted an intensive week-long workshop that is already transforming how practitioners safeguard our coasts. Under the theme "GIS and Remote Sensing in Coastal Management," coastal managers, researchers, and policymakers from across Africa gathered at UCC to build hands-on skills in one of the most powerful tool-sets for 21st-century environmental stewardship. Read more [here](#).



## Call for Applications



Admissions are open for the 2025-2026 academic year into the following postgraduate programmes.

- MPhil/PhD Fisheries Science
- MPhil/PhD Integrated Coastal Zone Management
- MPhil/PhD Blue Economy, Governance and Social Resilience
- MPhil/ PhD Coastal Engineering

**ALL PROGRAMMES ARE self-funded**

For details on entry requirements and application process, visit;

[acecoradmissions@ucc.edu.gh](mailto:acecoradmissions@ucc.edu.gh)

## Call for Papers

The [Coastal Management Journal](#) invites submissions for its special issue titled "The Variability of Coastal Management and Biophysical Ecosystems in West and Central Africa". This issue seeks high-quality scholarly contributions that advance understanding, present innovative methodologies, and offer critical insights on emerging themes within this field. For more details, read [here](#).

## ACECoR CCM Hosts a 3 Day Numerical Modelling Workshop in Collaboration with Hohai University



The Centre for Coastal Management - Africa Centre of Excellence in Coastal Resilience (CCM-ACECoR) at the University of Cape Coast (UCC), successfully organized a three (3) - day intensive Numerical Modelling Workshop, facilitated by

three visiting professors from Hohai University, China. The training brought together coastal scientists, researchers, faculty, and students to build advanced capacity in coastal and ocean modelling. Read more [here](#).

## Professor Precious Agbeko Mattah Appointed Acting Director of ACECoR



Following the appointment of Professor Denis Worlanyo Aheto as Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Coast, the University has named Professor Precious Agbeko Mattah as the Acting Director of the Centre for Coastal Management – Africa Centre of Excellence in Coastal Resilience (CCM-ACECoR). Read more [here](#).



## President Mahama Assents to Fisheries and Aquaculture Bill, 2025.

The President of the Republic, H.E. John Dramani Mahama, has signed the Fisheries and Aquaculture Bill, 2025 into law, marking a significant advancement in Ghana's fisheries governance. The new Fisheries and Aquaculture Act, 2025 (Act 1146), establishes major reforms focused on sustainability, stronger compliance, and better livelihoods, particularly for small-scale fishers. The details of the act are summarised [here](#).



## 2025 Bonthe Oyster Festival in Sierra Leone Inspires Sustainable Mangrove and Shellfish Management



The Bonthe festival, which began in 2015 as a local campaign to support women oyster harvesters in marine protected areas, has grown into a vibrant annual event that now symbolizes empowerment, entrepreneurship, and ecological stewardship in the region. This year's demonstrated the transformative power of community-led initiatives in coastal conservation, gender inclusion, and regional collaboration. Read more [here](#).



## Ghana Holds National Consultation on Draft Blue Economy Strategy

Ghana has convened a national consultation to refine its draft Blue Economy Strategy, bringing together key institutions and experts to shape a coordinated pathway for sustainable ocean governance and economic development. Explore the insights and outcomes driving this strategic national effort, [here](#).

## Nigeria's President Directs NIPSS to Lead Nationwide Reforms on the Blue Economy



President Bola Ahmed Tinubu unveiled a comprehensive security and economic framework designed to fully leverage Nigeria's marine and aquatic resources, establishing the blue economy as a central pillar for economic diversification, employment generation, and sustained national growth. Read more [here](#).



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