

## Statement Expressing Interest for the Role of Vice-President

My name is Vera Akumiah and I am vying for the position of Vice-President of the Chapter. I am a Communications/PR practitioner, working in the Public Affairs Directorate of the University of Professional Studies (UPSA) in charge of media relations, events and protocol. My work involves building relationships with the media and planning high level events which the media project in their reportage. In my private life, I publish the **ReadMe** children's magazine, which is arguably the best locally produced children's magazine. I was first on the EXCOM of the Chapter from 2010-2012 as Chair for Communications & Programmes. Again, I was elected to the same office from 2015 to 2017.

My passion for standing for the position of Vice-President is borne from my passion to volunteer my rich past EXCOM experience to support the Chapter's leadership as well as to fill in the gender gap.

My vision for the high position of Vice-President is to support in leading the EXCOM to strengthen the existing structures which will allow all the Chairs to work as mandated to implement innovative programmes, which would be adequately reported within the community to raise the Chapter's visibility both locally and globally

We are poised to vote for another team of Chapter Executive Council Members (EXCom). Naturally members, more than ever will be seeking a new leadership who will deliver on their promises.

I am counting on your votes to elect me as Vice-President. I have the experience, commitment and the spirit of volunteerism, which are crucial to serving as Vice-President.

Together with the newly elected EXCOM, I hope to deliver on my promise.