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REAPPOINTMENT OF MRS. MARY CHINERY-HESSE AS CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GHANA

The University of Ghana announces for the information of the general public, that after due process, the University of Ghana Council, at its meeting held on 6th July 2023, approved the appointment of the Chancellor, Mrs. Mary Chinery-Hesse, for a second five-year term in office from 1st August 2023 to 31st July 2028.

Mrs. Mary Chinery-Hesse, who was appointed as the first female Chancellor of the University of Ghana in 2018, has had distinguished careers in Ghana's Civil Service and at the United Nations. She is an important voice on economic and development issues, an ardent defender of human and women's rights, and an advocate for African imperatives, conflict resolution and mediation.

She was the first African woman to be appointed Resident Coordinator of the UN System, and the first African woman to attain the rank of Under Secretary-General of the United Nations.

In addition to her appointment as the first female Chancellor of the University of Ghana in August, 2018, Madam Chancellor has also distinguished herself in various capacities among which are the following:

She is:

- A Friend of the African Union Panel of the Wise.
- A Former Chief Advisor to the President of Ghana.
- A Retired Deputy Director-General of the International Labour Organisation (ILO)
- Former Vice-Chairperson of the National Development Planning Commission

Mrs. Chinery-Hesse was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree by the University of Ghana, her Alma Mater, in 1991, the first female product of the University of Ghana to be so honoured. In November 2021, she was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science Degree in Economics by the University of London. This award has rekindled the relationship between the University of Ghana and the University of London, which dates back to the establishment of the University

College of the Gold Coast, when students of the University College were awarded University of London degrees.

The entire University of Ghana community congratulates Mrs. Mary Chinery-Hesse on her reappointment.

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