



**Press Statement**

**17<sup>th</sup> November, 2025**

**PIAC MEMBERS ELECT RICHARD ELLIMAH AS NEW CHAIR**

The Public Interest and Accountability Committee (PIAC) has elected a Natural Resource Governance Analyst and Community Analyst, Mr Richard Ellimah as Chair to serve a one-year term from November 2025 to November 2026.

Mr Ellimah, who is a PIAC Member representing Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Community-Based Organisations (CBOs) was elected by Members of the Accountability Committee on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2025. He takes over from Constantine K. M. Kudzedzi, Esq.

Commenting on his election, Mr Ellimah expressed appreciation to members for the confidence reposed in him and pledged to build on the solid foundation laid by his predecessors to fulfil the mandate of PIAC in promoting transparency and accountability in the management and use of petroleum revenues.

Mr Richard Ellimah is a Community Activist, Development Planner, and Natural Resource Governance Analyst, and has almost two decades of civil society experience, particularly in Ghana's natural resource space.

At the same meeting, a Biomedical Scientist, Mr Edward Yaw Afriyie, who represents the Association of Ghana Industries (AGI) and the Ghana National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GNCCI) was elected Vice Chairperson to serve a one-year term. He takes over from Odeefuo Amoakwa Boadu VIII.

Ahead of the election, on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2025, the Coordinating Director, Technical at the Ministry of Finance, Mr Samuel Arkhurst swore-in five Members of PIAC on behalf of the Honourable Minister. The Members are Mr Christopher Opoku Nyarko – Ghana Extractives Industries Transparency Initiative (GHEITI), Ms Sena Dake – Institute of Chartered Accountants, Ghana (ICAG), Mr Zamboanga Rufai Saminu – Ghana Journalists Association (GJA), Ms Veronica Adigbo – Ghana Bar Association (GBA) and Nana Soglo Alloh IV - National House of Chiefs

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***About PIAC***

*The Public Interest and Accountability Committee (PIAC) was established under Section 51 of the Petroleum Revenue Management Act (PRMA), 2011 to among others, monitor and evaluate compliance with the Act. The Committee was inaugurated and commenced work on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2011*