



Workshop

Improving Environmental Journalism in Ghana

**A Two-Day Professional Training Programme on Environmental News Writing,
Features, Content Creation and Journalistic Ethics**

28 – 29 July 2026

**Seminar Room (NB11), Institute of Statistical, Social & Economic Research
(ISSER), University of Ghana, Legon**



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Programme

Day 1

8:00-8:45 am: Arrival, Registration

8:45-9:00am: Welcome by Prof. Grace Diabah, Director, MIASA and Prof. Gladys Ansah, HOD, Department of Communication Studies

9-10am: **Opening keynote & Q&A:** Addressing Ghana's Ecological Challenges – Why environmental journalism matters – **Prof. Chris Gordon**, Founding Director Institute for Environment and Sanitation Studies, University of Ghana

10-11am: **Understanding Environmental Issues – Prof. Yaw Agyemang Boafo**, *Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability Studies (C3SS) University of Ghana*

11-11:30 – **Snack Break**

11:30am- 1:00pm **Writing environmental news — structure, sources, and storytelling – Dr. Benjamin Tetteh**, *E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, Ohio University*

1:00-2:00pm – **Lunch Break**

2:00-3:00pm – **Panel discussion: Voices from the frontline — community perspectives on environmental reporting – Moderated by Prof. Audrey Gadzekpo**

3:00-4pm: **Writing the environmental feature — depth, narrative, and impact – Mr. Solomon Joojo Cobbinah**, *Broadcast Journalist/Associate Editor, Media Foundation for West Africa (MFWA)*

6-8pm: **Group Dinner**

Day 2

9-10am: **Pitching feature ideas – Facilitated by Prof. Audrey Gadzekpo**

10-11am: **Ethics in Environmental Journalism – *Dr. Benjamin Tetteh, E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, Ohio University***

11-11:30am **Snack Break**

11:30am- 12:30pm: **Digital platforms, social media, and responsible environmental communication – *Solomon Joojo Cobbinah, Broadcast Journalist/Associate Editor, Media Foundation for West Africa (MFWA)***

12:30-1:30pm – **Lunch**

1:30-3:30pm **Data journalism and investigative tools for environmental reporting – *Seth Bokpe, Associate Editor, Fourth Estate, Media Foundation for West Africa (MFWA)***

3:30-4:15pm – **Building and sustaining the environmental beat – Facilitated by Dr. Diana Sebbie Gama**

4:15-4:30pm – **Closing: Reflections and commitments – Facilitated by Prof. Audrey Gadzekpo/Dr. Diana Sebbie Gama**