



Bio

Hon. Kenneth Nana Yaw Ofori-Atta

Hon. Ken Ofori-Atta currently serves as the Senior Presidential Advisor and Special Envoy for International Finance and Private Sector Investments to the President of the Republic of Ghana. He is the longest serving Finance Minister of the 4th Republic having served from January 2017 to February 2024, and has over 40 years of experience across

several disciplines including Finance, Insurance, and International Development.

He was the Chairman of Family Ventures & Offices Ltd, Accra from 2013 to 2017 and the Co-Founder and Executive Chairman of the Databank Group from 1990 until his retirement on February 14, 2012. The Databank group pioneered the development of the Capital Markets, Asset Management, and Private Equity in Ghana, and has several sectoral business interests across multiple sectors including the Insurance, Retail Banking, Micro financing, Real sector investments in Pharmaceuticals, Real Estate and Agriculture.

Prior to co-founding Databank in 1990, Ken was an investment banker at Morgan Stanley and Salomon Brothers on Wall Street in New York.

Hon. Ofori-Atta was the first African to be honoured as a Donaldson Fellow at Yale University in 2010, a John Jay Fellow at Columbia University in 2011 and also a Henry Crown Fellow of the Aspen Institute. He is a Co-Founder of the Aspen African Leadership Initiative.

He was also the first African to testify at the US Congress Ways and Means Committee to support the AGOA law in 1996. He was twice honoured by PriceWaterHouse Ghana as one of the Top 5 Most Respected CEOs in Ghana.

He went to Achimota School in Accra, Ghana; received a BA in Economics from Columbia College in New York and an MBA from the Yale School of Management.

He is married with four children.

International Representation

- Chairman, Vulnerable Twenty (V20) Group of Ministers of Finance
- Chairman, AU Specialized Technical Committee on Finance, Economics, Monetary Affairs, Trade and Regional Integration
- Chairman, ECOWAS Council of Convergence of Ministers
- Member, Board of Governors of the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID)
- Chairman, Development Committee of the World Bank/ IMF [2018 – 2020]
- Chairman, Board of Governors of the Africa Development Bank (AfDB), [2020 - 2022]
- Chairman, Board of Governors of the Africa Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) (2022-2023)
- Member, Ministerial Committee of the ECOWAS Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA) – [2022 - 2024]
- Board Chairman, Africa Trade Insurance Agency [July 2021 – June 2022]
- Chairman, Group of 24 (G24) Ministers & Governors of the IMF & World Bank [2019 - 2020]
- 1st vice-Chair, Group of 24 (G24) Ministers & Governors of the IMF & World Bank [2020 - 2021]
- Member, National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) – Ghana [2017 – 2024]

Awards/ Recognition

- Best African Finance Minister of the year [2018] by London-based magazine The Banker
- Bonds & Loans Africa Awards. Lead the Ministry of Finance to win the International Sovereign Supra & Agency bond deal of the year – 9th March 2022.
- Okyeman Kanea- Light of the Kingdom award by the King of Akeym Abuakwa, Osagyefo Amoatia Ofori Panin
- Bellagio Center Residency Program: nominated in November 2014 as a Resident Fellow at the Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center in Italy.
- First African Recipient of the John Jay Fellow, Columbia University, New York – 2011
- First African Recipient of the Donaldson Fellow, Yale School of Management (SOM) - 2010
- 2nd Most Respected CEO in Ghana (The Inaugural PWC Awards in 2007 and in 2009)
- Ghana Millennium Excellence Awards - Personality of the Year - 2000
- Aspen Institute's Henry Crown Fellowship Program for Successful Leaders - Class of 2000 (First African Member)
- Ghana Investors' Advisory Council (2002-2008) A 26-member council of Ghanaian & International business leaders to advice the President of Ghana on Investments in Ghana and to promote the Golden Age of Business.
- US Congressional Testimony. First African to testify at the House Ways & Means Committee in support of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) – 1996
- Chartered Institute of Marketing (Ghana) Marketing Man of the year award – 1996
- World Economic Forum (Davos) - Selected as one of "50 Global leaders of Tomorrow" - 1998.