

# **RAYMOND AKONGBURO ATUGUBA**

## **Profile: Education:**

**2009-2014**, Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA).  
Executive Masters in Business Administration.

**2000-2004**, Harvard Law School, Doctor of Juridical Sciences, with distinction.  
Studied: Politics and Economics of Development; Law and Development; International Law, Human Rights and Development; and Law and Organising.

**1999-2000**, Harvard Law School, Master of Laws.  
Studied: International Human Rights; and International Finance.

**1997-1999**, Ghana School of Law.  
Obtained certification as Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Ghana; Best Student awards in Civil Procedure; Family Law; Commercial (Insurance) Law.

**1993-1997**, University of Ghana, Legon, Bachelor of Laws, First Class Honours.  
Studied: Law, Political Science, and Sociology.

## **Employment:**

Prof. Raymond Akongburo ATUGUBA is an accomplished lawyer with a strong grasp on issues of policy, law, governance and development. Prof. Atuguba has over 20 years of experience in the fields of constitutional governance and the consolidation of democratic gains; law and policy advocacy; public policy reform (healthcare reform, natural resource governance, justice sector reform, police (security sector) reform); legislative drafting; human rights-based approaches to development; and community organising and mobilisation. Significantly, he has in the course of over two decades, worked at both the lowest and the highest levels in the non-profit, government (public), and for-profit sectors.

For over two years, from 2013 to 2015, he was the Executive Secretary to the President of the Republic of Ghana, working closely with top government officials to process policy options for the attention and action of the Executive President. During this time, and for the very first time, he established a comprehensive, innovative, functionally ICT engineered configuration of the President's Secretariat into relevant focused administrative units to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery, with an eye to the priority setting agenda of any incumbent President.

From January 2010 and for over two years, he served as the Executive Secretary and Principal Researcher to the Constitution Review Commission (CRC), a Presidential Commission set up by a different President to review the operation of the 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana using broad-based participatory research and mobilisation techniques and ICTs.

Between 2008 and 2010, Prof. Atuguba was a member of the United Nations High Level Task Force on the Implementation of the Right to Development.

Prof. Atuguba is currently Associate Professor at the School of Law, University of Ghana, where he has taught since 2002. He has been a James Souverine Gallo Memorial Fellow at Harvard University; Jennifer Oppenheimer Fellow at Harvard University; Graduate Fellow at Harvard Law School; Sheila Biddle Ford Foundation Fellow at the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research at Harvard University and a Visiting Scholar at the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom. Additionally, he has been a visiting Professor at Ku Leuven University in Belgium, the Sciences Po University in Paris, France, and at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia where he taught Human Rights, Law and Development and African Law courses.

As Co-Founder and former Executive Director of the non-profit, Legal Resources Centre, and as Founder and Team Leader of the Law and Development Associates Group of Companies, he has championed the development and application of innovative and creative ideas, solutions, and facilitation techniques for the resolution of some of the most intractable problems of African Polities: from policy, legal, and institutional reform; through equitable access to natural resources, social services, and real justice; to pedagogical development, training, community mobilisation and organising.

Prof. Atuguba is also an astute constitutional law expert, and has argued many times before the Supreme Court of Ghana and Court of Appeal of Ghana leading to ground breaking and precedent setting judgments.

### **Publications:**

Prof. Atuguba has researched and published extensively, mostly in relation to the intersection of law, human rights, policy, governance, the politics and economics of development, institutions and institutional change. He has written over 100 monographs, articles, book chapters, research reports and technical papers on issues of Public Policy, Constitutionalism, Human Rights, Law and Development, and Institutional Renewal in Africa. He has also presented over 200 papers on these areas at national and international conferences on all continents of the world, including expert papers to the leadership of Parliament and to Parliamentary Committees in Ghana and Liberia, and facilitated dozens of training workshops.

Some of these publications are: “Ghana’s Justice System Needs a Major Overhaul: Here’s what should be done”. *The Conversation*, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018, available at <https://theconversation.com/ghanas-justice-system-needs-a-major-overhaul-heres-what-should-be-done-88724>; “S.K.B Asante and the Half-Decade Debate on Resource Nationalism in the Developing World: A look at Ghana's Oil Resources”, in Richard Oppong and Kissi Adjebeng, (eds.) *A Commitment to Law, Development and Public Policy: A Festschrift in Honour of Nana Dr. SKB Asante* (London: Wildy, Simmonds & Hill Publishing), 2016; “An African Redefinition of Popular Democratic and Development Nomenclature”, *International Journal of Innovative Research & Development*, Vol 5, Issue 10, 2016; “Contemporary Constitutional Issues in our Multiparty Democracy”, *Review of Ghana Law*, Vol. XXII, 2016; “Ghana’s Energy Paralysis”, *Global Brief*, 2016; “Civil Society: The Key to Ghana’s Democratic Transformation and Consolidation”, in Benjamin Olagboye, (ed), *Civil Society and Development in West Africa: Practitioners’ Perspective* (WACSI), 2015; “Community Policing in Accra: the complexities of local notions of (in)security and (in)justice, in Peter Albrecht & Helene Kyed, eds., *Policing and Politics*, Routledge Press, 2014; "The Right to Health in Ghana: Health Care, Human Rights, and Politics" in

Zuniga JM, Marks SP, Gostin LO (eds), Advancing the Human Right to Health, Oxford University Press, 2013; "Equality, non-discrimination and fair distribution of the benefits of development", Realizing the Right to Development: Essays in Commemoration of 25 Years of the United Nations Declaration on the Right to Development, United Nations, 2013; "Grounding with the People: Participatory Policy Making in the Context of Constitution Review in Ghana", *Journal of Politics and Law*, 2013; "God, Human Rights, Law, Development and the Missing Link of History", *African Agenda*, 2011; Uses and Users of Justice in Africa: The Case of Ghana's Specialised Courts, World Bank, 2010; "The Constitutional and Legal Framework for oversight of the Security Sector in Ghana: Outstanding Matters for the Ghana Police Service", *University of Ghana Law Journal*, 2008-2010; "Inside Ghana's Prisons" *African Agenda*, 2010; "Customary Law: Some Critical Perspectives in Aid of the Constitution Making Process in Zimbabwe" in Norbert Kersting (ed), Constitution in Transition: Academic Inputs for a New Constitution in Zimbabwe, FES, 2009; "Public Interest Litigation: A Critical Ingredient for Effective Human Rights Activism in Africa", *WAPILC Quarterly*, 2009; "Making International Policy: A Stern Look at Ghana's Policies on Migration and Remittances", *Legon Journal of International Affairs*, 2009; "Ebi Constitution we go Chop: An Examination of Article 1(1) of the 1992 Constitution of Ghana", Interfaculty Lecture, 2009. "Rights and the Limits of Public Interest Law: Ghana's Reaction to a Messy World Phenomenon", *UCLA Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs*, 2008; "The Colonial State Lives on: Reflections on the Colonial Character of Ghana's Police", *African Agenda*, 2008; "Urban Environmental Initiatives: Exploring Urban Youth Potentials in Solid Waste Management in Accra, Ghana" in Waste Management Research Trends, Nova Publishers, 2008; "Democratisation and the Governance of the Security Sector in Ghana: The Case of the Ghana Police Service", *University of Ghana Law Journal*, 2005-2007; "Ghana @ 50: Colonised and Happy", in H. J. A. N. Mensa-Bonsu et. al. (eds) Ghana Law Since Independence: History, Development and Prospects, Faculty of Law, University of Ghana, 2007; "The Internet and Lawyers in Ghana: Some Initial Qualitative Perspectives", *Library Review*, 2007; "Social Exclusion: The Political and Legal Dimension", in Ghana Human Development Report 2007: Towards a More Inclusive Society, UNDP, 2007; "The Ghana Police Service: A Practical Agenda for Reform"; *IEA Policy Analysis*, 2007; "The Rule of Law and National Security: Challenges for the Judiciary" in Gilbert Bluwey and Kofi Kumado, Ghana in Search of National Security Policy, 2007; "Conflicts in Northern Ghana: A Mirror of Answers to Sub-Regional Stability and Security Questions" *Journal of International and Peace Studies*, 2006; "Ghana: Changing our Inherited Police Institutions" in Ann Seidman, Robert B. Seidman, et al, Africa's Challenge: Using Law for Good Governance and Development, Africa World Press, 2006; Human Trafficking in Ghana: A Review of Legislation, ILO, 2005 (Monograph); "Ghana Developing Through Law", *IEA Policy Analysis*, 2005; "Abochie, Where is my Police? The Police Force and the Political Economy of Ghana", Interfaculty Lecture, 2005; "Ghana: changing urban environmental ills in slum communities" *Environmental Policy and Law*, 2004; "Ghana: Migration and the African Urban Complex" in Toyin Falola and Steven J. Salm, (Eds), Globalization and Urbanization in Africa, Africa World Press, 2004; Raymond Atuguba et al, Child Maintenance in Plural Legal Systems in Ghana: Institutional and Legal Research, Ministry of Justice, Ghana and GTZ, 2004 (book); "Institutional Continuities: The Police in the Regulation of Public Order and Alcohol in Ghana." Doctoral Dissertation, Harvard Law School, 2004; "Human Rights Activism in Ghana: Reality, Apparitions, and Dreams", LLM Paper, Harvard Law School, 2000; "Retention versus Abolition: A look at the Death Penalty in Ghana". LLB Dissertation, Faculty of Law, University of Ghana, 1997.

**Consultancies:**

Prof. Atuguba has consulted widely for various governments, international organisations and national institutions, including the governments of Liberia and Ghana, the United Nations, the World Bank, the EU, the African Union, the UNDP, UN-OHCHR, UNODC, UNICEF, UNHCR, ILO, IOM, USAID, DFID, ECOWAS, DFID, GTZ (GIS), DANIDA, FES, British Council, IIED, CHRI, OSIWA, IBIS, Action Aid International, Plan International, and Oxfam.

**Board, Committee, Association Memberships:**

Prof. Atuguba is a member of the Ghana Bar Association; the African Studies Association; the Africa Security Sector Network; and the Ghana Society for Development Dialogue, and has served on over 50 Boards and Committees, nationally and internationally, including the International Consortium on Law and Development in Boston; the Board of the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy in New York; and the Ghana Integrity Initiative, the local chapter of Transparency International.

He has been Chair, Ghana NGOs/CSOs Standards Commission; Co-Chair, Board of the Legal Resources Centre, Ghana; Member, National Media Commission Group of Experts on Public Broadcasting; Member, Ghana Advocacy Steering Committee for a Broadcasting Law; Member, Supervisory Committee, Economic Policy Management Programme, Department of Economics, University of Ghana; Member, Educational Advisory Committee of the Judicial Training Institute; Member, Policy Sub-Committee of the Centre for Gender Studies and Advocacy, University of Ghana; Member, Technical Committee for the West African Public Interest Litigation Center, Abuja, Nigeria; Chair, Ethics Board, Institute for the Advanced Study of Cultures, Institutions and Economic Enterprise; Member, Advisory Committee (Reference Group), Amnesty International-Ghana; Member, NGOs/Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) Working Group on NGO/CSO Legislation in Ghana; Member, Inter-Faculty Working Group, Centre for Migration Studies, University of Ghana; Member, Legislation and Law Reform Committee of the Ghana Bar Association; Member, Council of the Federation of Youth Clubs, Nima-Mamobi, Ghana; and Member, Technical Committee for the Review of the Sale of Ghana Telecom to Vodafone Ltd.

**Languages:**

1. Several Ghanaian languages: Native Speaker.
2. English: Fluent.
3. French: Working knowledge.