

Isaac Yaw Obeng

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Profile

Isaac Yaw Obeng is currently a Research Associate for CUTS International Accra, a research and advocacy public policy think tank working in the areas of consumer education and awareness, competition policy and law, trade and development, governance and economic regulation, all in the bid to attaining the sustainable development goals. As a Research Associate, Isaac's major role is to conduct evidenced based research on areas that promote sustainable economic development. Additionally, he contributes to a successful development and implementation of donor -funded projects spanning research, advocacy, awareness creation and capacity building. Having studied Economics and Institutions (particularly Law and Economics); Isaac understands how to analyse legal rules and regulations through the lens of economics, apply the various approaches of institutional economics to specific problems in the different field of economics and so on.

Isaac has undertaken projects in the areas of “National Health Insurance Scheme and its Economic Impact on the Poor in Society, “TRIPS Compulsory Licensing and Access to Pharmaceuticals in Developing Countries,” “Energy Sector Public Budget-Expenditure Tracking,” “Keeping Pace with Trade I & II: Barriers for SMES and Women in Ghana to Export at Regional and International Levels,” “Market Research and Diagnostic Surveys on Information Disclosure and Transparency, Fraud, Customer Recourse, and Client Needs Assessments in the Mobile Insurance Sector in Ghana”, “Fiscal Policies to Tackle Inequalities”, “Social and Economic Impact Assessment at the Ghana - Burkina Faso Border on the Tema Ouagadougou Corridor”, “Capacity Audit of the Revenue Units of the Sagnerigu and Zabzugu Districts”, “Investment Facilitation for Sustainable Development in Ghana” and is currently a lead research consultant on a project entitled “Assessing Private Sector Readiness for AfCFTA Implementation in Ghana.”

Among organizations, which Isaac has worked for, include, OXFAM GB, European Homecare GmbH, Essen, Germany, Ghana Statistical Service and the Ghana Revenue Authority. Isaac has also consulted for German Development Cooperation (GIZ), SNV Netherlands Development Organization, World Economic Forum (WEF), World Bank (WB), CGAP, National Insurance Commission, BUSAC Fund: DANIDA, USAID, & Ministry of Foreign Affairs Sweden.

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Date of Joining: February 06, 2017

Nationality: Ghanaian

Languages:

- English -Fluent
- German -Beginners
- Akan -Mother tongue

Qualification:

- Master of Science in Economics and Institutions (Philipps University of Marburg,Germany),
- Bachelor of Arts in Economics (Kwame Nkrumah Univ. of Scien. and Tech.),
- Certificate in Executive Leadership in Monitoring and Evaluation (ISSER),
- Certificate in Project Cycle Management (ISSER),
- Certificate in Structural Transformation and Industrial Policy (UNCTAD Virtual Institute),
- Training in Non-Tariff Measures and Data Collection (UNCTAD Virtual Institute), & Training in Financial Management (BUSAC Fund)

Areas of Interest:

International Trade and Development, Consumer Protection, Competition Policy and Law, Good Governance & Accountability

Key Skills:

- International trade policy and analysis
- Structural Transformation and Industrial Policy Analysis
- Research and Policy (Economic) Analysis
- Institutional economic analysis
- Public Expenditure Tracking and Analysis
- Report writing
- Innovation Policy Analysis
- Intellectual Property Analysis
- Project Monitoring and Evaluation
- Project Planning and Appraisal
- Project Implementation and Management