

TRECK NEWS

Regional Transport Research and Education Centre Kumasi-TRECK - January 2025



Building Capacity for Sustainable Development: ESRM Training Success

The KNUST Regional Transport Research and Education Centre Kumasi (TRECK), in collaboration with the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) and with support from the World Bank, successfully organized a series of six-day Environmental and Social Risk Management (ESRM) training sessions. Held between March and May 2024, the training aimed to equip professionals with essential skills for identifying, assessing, and mitigating environmental and social risks in development projects.

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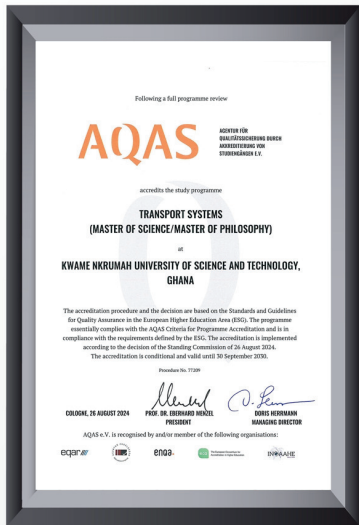
GTEC AND AAU CONDUCT WORKING VISIT TO TRECK

A delegation comprising members from the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC), the Association of African Universities (AAU), and representatives of the World Bank visited the Regional Transport Research and Education Centre, Kumasi (TRECK). The visit aimed to review progress following the No-Cost Extension and address implementation challenges as the project nears its conclusion in 2025.



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TRECK Receives International Accreditation of its Programmes



The Regional Transport Research & Education Centre Kumasi (TRECK) at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) has achieved a significant milestone with the international accreditation of its flagship programmes: **MPhil/MSc Transport Systems, MSc Transport Leadership, and PhD Transport Systems.**

This accreditation was awarded by the Agency for Quality Assurance through Accreditation of Study Programmes (AQAS).

The international accreditation of TRECK's programmes represents a significant step forward in advancing transport education in Ghana and beyond. It reinforces KNUST's position as a hub for innovative research and training in the transport and logistics sector.

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Sustainable Urban Mobility Professional Short Course

The Sustainable Urban Mobility Professional Short Course, held in January/February, attracted 47 enthusiastic transport professionals from across Ghana. The participants, representing diverse organizations, engaged in a hybrid training program conducted in two phases.



The week-long course covered essential topics, including the relationship between transportation and climate change, planning efficient public transport systems, and leveraging technology for urban mobility. Interactive sessions, enriched by case studies and field visits, provided participants with practical insights, enabling them to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world challenges and identify innovative solutions.



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FOURAH BAY COLLEGE (FBC) PAYS A WORKING VISIT TO TRECK AND PARTICIPATES IN LABORATORY TECHNICIAN TRAINING

From April 10 to April 15, 2024, a delegation from Fourah Bay College (FBC) visited the Regional Transport Research and Education Centre Kumasi (TRECK) at KNUST. The purpose of the visit was to discuss ongoing collaborations and explore new partnership opportunities. The team included the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Professor Kelleh, the Dean, Dr. Michael Conteh, and the HOD, Dr. Abdul Koroma.

- **Campus and City Tours:** The FBC team toured the KNUST campus and the city of Kumasi, gaining insights into the infrastructure and cultural heritage.
- **Presentations and Discussions:** The team engaged in presentations on topics such as the high-capacity bus services in Freetown, opportunities for monitoring and evaluation, and a research progress presentation by Mr. Simeon Turray, an FBC PhD student, on his experiences at IITM Chennai.
- **Collaborative Meetings:** Discussions were held to strengthen ongoing collaborations between FBC's Civil Engineering Department and TRECK and to explore new research and project opportunities.

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TRECK Participates in the 9th International Conference on Sustainable Transportation: Advancing Research and Earning Recognition

Two staff members from the Transport Research and Education Centre Kumasi (TRECK), Dr. Kenneth A. Tutu, a Fellow of TRECK, and Collins A. Nketiah, a Research Assistant at TRECK, KNUST, attended the 9th International Conference on Sustainable Transportation (ICTA). The conference was held at the Gran Melia Hotel in Arusha, Tanzania, from July 29 to July 31, 2024.

The conference, under the theme **"Safe, Smart, and Sustainable Transport Systems for Global Economic Growth"**, brought together academics, researchers, industry professionals, and representatives from international organizations across the globe, including Australia, Botswana, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Liberia, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Zambia.

This diverse representation fostered vibrant discussions, networking, and potential collaborations.

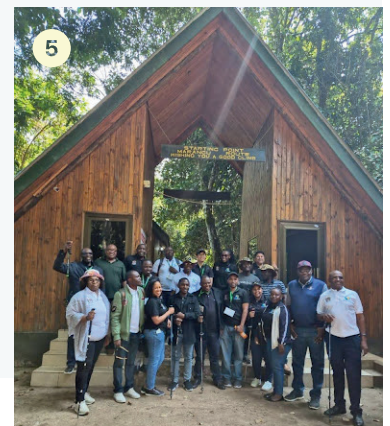
TRECK was honored during the celebrations with an award presented to its former Centre Director, Prof. Charles A. Adams, in recognition of the Centre's contributions to ICTA, including hosting the 3rd edition in 2015.

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Photo Guide

1. From the left, Collins A. Nketiah, TRECK, Eng. Alvin of TanRoads, Tanzania and Dr K. A. Tutu, TRECK Library
2. From the left, Dr K. A. Tutu, TRECK, Hon. Ing. Jocelia Taplah, Deputy Minister for Rural Development, Ministry of Public Works, Liberia, Rep from JICA, Collins A. Nketiah, TRECK
3. & 4. Dr Kenneth A. Tutu receiving an award on-behalf of Prof Charles A. Adams, former director of TRECK
5. Participants getting ready to climb Mt Kilimanjaro



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT! ▶

KWAKU AGYEMANG FRIMPONG

Kwaku Agyemang Frimpong is pursuing an MSc in Transport Systems at KNUST's Regional Transport Research and Education Centre in Kumasi (TRECK). Currently, Kwaku is interning at the World Bank's Sierra Leone country office, having been selected for the World Bank Infrastructure Internship Program for African Universities.

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TRECK-KNUST Engages Stakeholders to Address Transport Challenges in Kumasi

On August 27, 2024, the Regional Transport Research and Education Centre, Kumasi (TRECK), hosted a significant workshop bringing together transport-related stakeholders in the Greater Kumasi area. The event, held at the RWESCK Conference Room, KNUST, aimed to address the pressing transport challenges confronting the region and foster better collaboration among key agencies.

The workshop brought together representatives from various municipal assemblies, including Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly, Oforikrom, Asokwa, Kwadaso, Old Tafo, and Asokore Mampong, alongside officials from the Department of Urban Roads, Department of Feeder Roads, Land Use and Spatial Planning Authority (LUPSA), Ghana Road Transport Coordinating Council (GRTCC), Ghana Private Road Transport Union (GPRTU), and the Ashanti Regional Coordinating Council (ARCC).

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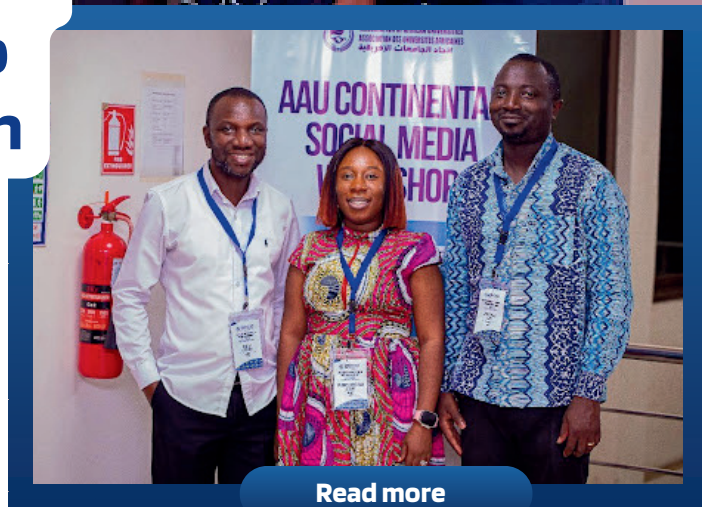




TRECK-KNUST Participates in AAU Social Media Workshop for African Higher Education Institutions

Three members of the Regional Transport Research and Education Centre Kumasi (TRECK) participated in the Association of African Universities (AAU) Social Media Workshops, designed to enhance the social media capabilities of higher education institutions across Africa.

The workshops were held in two sessions: the anglophone workshop in Accra, Ghana, from August 21–23, and the francophone workshop in Senegal from November 25–27, 2024.

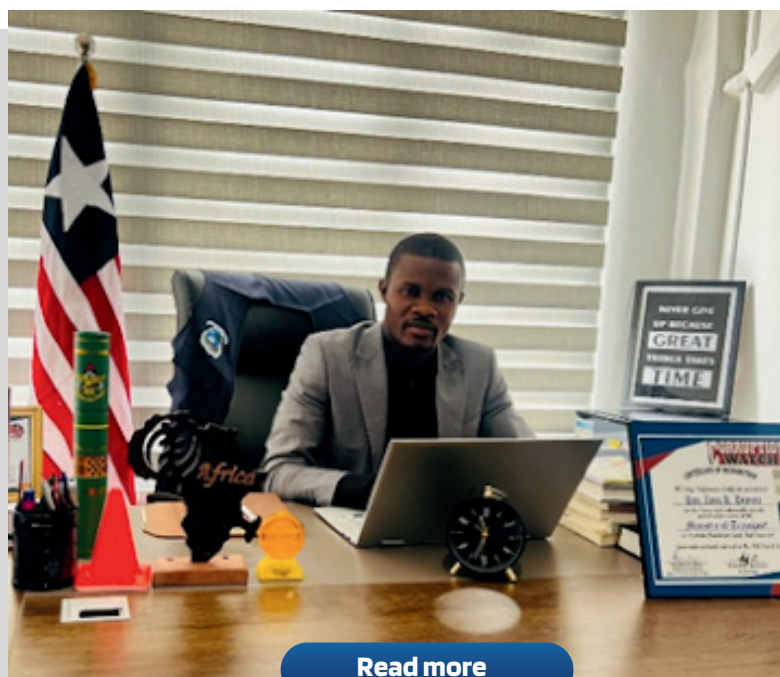


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HON. ENGR. ZUNUK DUYANN

Hon. Engr. Zunu K. Duyann, Assistant Minister for Land and Rail Transport at the Ministry of Transport, Republic of Liberia, stands as a distinguished alumnus of the Regional Transport Research and Education Centre, Kumasi (TRECK). Through a fully funded scholarship awarded by the World Bank Group, Hon. Engr. Duyann earned a Master of Science degree in Road and Transportation Engineering from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), graduating in November 2023.



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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS OTUMFUO OSEI TUTU II COMMISSIONS THE TRECK BUILDING

The Regional Transport Research and Education Centre Kumasi (TRECK) celebrated a landmark achievement with the commissioning of its new building on November 30, 2024.

The event, held during the 58th Congregation of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), was honored by the distinguished presence of His Royal Majesty Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, the Chancellor of KNUST and Asantehene.

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TRECK PARTICIPATES IN THE INAUGURAL NATIONAL TERTIARY EDUCATION CONFERENCE AND ACE @ 10 CELEBRATION



The Regional Transport Research and Education Centre Kumasi (TRECK) had the privilege of participating in the inaugural National Tertiary Education Conference (NTEC), organized by the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC) in partnership with the African Centres of Excellence (ACE) Project. The event, held from November 5-7, 2024, at the Cedi Conference Centre, University of Ghana, focused on the theme "Transforming Tertiary Education in Ghana: Dialogue, Policy, and Practice."

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TRECK Strengthens Partnership with Edinburgh Napier University

As part of its commitment to fostering global research collaboration, TRECK partnered with Edinburgh Napier University to host Mr. Iliasu Ewuntomah, a PhD student from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, for a six-month research visit in the United Kingdom.

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TRECK Participates in CoE Alumni Excellence Awards and Fundraising Dinner

On November 8, 2024, TRECK joined the College of Engineering (CoE) for the prestigious Excellence Awards & Fundraising Dinner at the Labadi Beach Hotel in Accra. The event celebrated the outstanding achievements of CoE alumni and launched the CoE Endowment Fund.



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TRECK STAFF PARTICIPATE IN ACE TRAINING WORKSHOP ON ADAPTIVE AND RESIDUAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Three staff members from the Regional Transport Research and Education Centre Kumasi participated in the ACE Training Workshop held at the Royal Cossy Hills Hotel, Jirapa, Ghana. The team comprised Prof. Helen Essandoh, Centre Director; Prof. Samuel A. Andam-Akorful, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer; and Collins A. Nketiah, Research Assistant.

The six-day workshop, held from October 7–12, 2024 was themed; "Adaptive and Residual Risk Management: Embracing Uncertainty & Change and Implementing Adaptive Strategies to Mitigate Risk and Capitalize on Opportunities in a Dynamic Environment."



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TRECK Participates in ACE Impact Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop in Kigali



From September 25 to 27, 2024, TRECK joined representatives from other ACE Impact Centers across 12 African countries, including Benin Republic, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, and Togo, for the ACE Impact Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Workshop in Kigali, Rwanda.

The workshop fostered peer learning and collaboration through group presentations, interactive discussions, and Q&A sessions.

TRECK was represented by two staff members, including the Centre's M&E Officer, Prof Samuel Ato Akorful Andam.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TRECK GRADUATING CLASS OF 2024

In November 2024, TRECK proudly celebrated the graduation of 20 students during the 58th Congregation at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology. This milestone reflects TRECK's commitment to advancing education and driving innovation in Africa's transportation sector.

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The graduating cohort comprised 3 PhD graduates (Highway and Transportation Engineering), 9 MSc graduates (Road and Transportation Engineering), and 8 MSc graduates (Transport Systems: Infrastructure & Engineering).

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