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**GHANA INSTITUTE OF GEOSCIENTISTS LAUNCHES THE
"GEOSCIENCE FOR A SAFER GHANA INITIATIVE" AS PART OF
GhIG's COORDINATED RESPONSE TO GHANA'S FLOODING AND
LANDSLIDE CRISIS**

The Ghana Institute of Geoscientists (GhIG) extends its deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to all individuals and families affected by the recent devastating flash floods and landslides across the country. As we mourn the tragic loss of life, stand in solidarity with displaced residents, and commend the tireless efforts of emergency responders, GhIG believes that true empathy must be accompanied by meaningful action.

As an immediate response to the current crisis, GhIG recommends three urgent actions that can be implemented without delay. First, the government should commission a rapid geohazard mapping exercise for the most severely flood-affected districts, using existing satellite imagery and remote sensing data, to identify high-risk zones and inform emergency shelter and resettlement decisions. Second, District Assemblies should immediately suspend the issuance of development permits in known floodplains and geologically unstable slopes pending a geoscientific site assessment. This step costs nothing but can prevent future loss of life and property. Third, GhIG calls on NADMO to formally co-opt member geoscientists into its current field assessment teams, so that geological expertise informs the damage assessment process already underway. These immediate measures, taken together, can begin to shift Ghana's flood response from pure reaction toward evidence-based action, and lay the groundwork for the longer-term reforms that GhIG has outlined and is ready to contribute to, including a National Geological Hazard and Flood Risk Atlas.

As part of GhIG's contribution to long-term solutions, GhIG has officially launched the "Geoscience for a Safer Ghana Initiative." Throughout July 2026, the institute will draw on its collective professional expertise to provide scientific clarity, understand the root causes of these perennial disasters, and contribute evidence-based perspectives to the national discourse.

As an independent body of geoscience professionals, GhIG seeks to elevate the national conversation beyond short-term blame. To achieve this, the institute will implement four core strategic initiatives under the campaign this July:

- **National Media Campaign:** A series of educational expert articles will be published in major national newspapers this week to explain how geosciences like hydrology and soil analysis are essential for long-term flood prevention.
- **Mudslide Field Assessment:** A specialised team of geoscientists will visit areas affected by mudslides to study landslide tracks and ground conditions to help protect vulnerable hill communities.
- **Public Technical Webinar:** A free virtual public forum will take place on *Wednesday, 29th July at 6:00 PM GMT* via Microsoft Teams to break down the science behind the crisis and share practical, data-driven solutions.

Our objective this July is to channel our professional grief into a constructive contribution to national safety. Understanding the earth is the first step toward living safely upon it, and GhIG remains fully committed to defining the critical role our profession must play in safeguarding lives and building a more resilient nation.

The public, media houses, civil society organisations, and state development agencies are invited to actively follow and participate in these dialogues. Registration links for the public webinar and updates on the field findings will be shared continuously on GhIG's official communication channels:

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About the Ghana Institute of Geoscientists (GhIG): The Ghana Institute of Geoscientists is the professional body dedicated to advancing geosciences in Ghana. The Institution promotes scientific research, professional standards, and evidence-based policies across geology, hydrology, engineering geology, and environmental geosciences, thereby safeguarding communities and supporting sustainable national development.



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