**EDWIN P. D. BARNES**

Mr. Edwin P. D. Barnes is a retired Chief Director of the Office of the Head of the Civil Service (OHCS) and has served on the Civil Service Council since 2017. Whilst at the OHCS, Mr. Barnes also served as the Secretary to the Civil Service Council.

Mr. Barnes started his career as a Scientific Assistant at the National Standards Board (now Ghana Standards Authority) in October 1968 after graduating from the University of Ghana with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. He worked with the Board from that time with the exception of the period May to November 1984 when he was seconded to the Ministry of Industries, Science and Technology as a Special Adviser to the PNDC Secretary for the Ministry. Mr. Barnes rose through the ranks to become a Chief Scientific Officer in June 1993.

In June 1993, Mr. Barnes was seconded to the newly-created Ministry of Environment as the Director responsible for Policy, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation. In 1994, the Ministry was merged with the Ministry of Science and Technology into the Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology. He was appointed as the Director of the Research, Statistics and Information Management (RSIM) Directorate of the new Ministry. Between February 1996 and May 1997, he served as the Director responsible for the newly-created Projects Management Office. Later the same year, the Projects Management Office was integrated into the Policy, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Directorate of the Ministry and was made the Director.

In November 1998, Mr. Barnes was appointed as Chief Director of the Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology. Between July 2001 and August 2006, Mr. Barnes was the Chief Director of the Ministry of the Interior. At the Ministry of the Interior, he served as Secretary to the Police Council and also Secretary to the Advisory Committee to the Hon. Minister on the Dagbon Crisis. He was also instrumental in the drafting of the proposal for establishment of the National Peace Council as well as the development of a Draft Early Warning System on Security and Disaster Management.

In August 2006, Mr. Barnes was appointed the Chief Director of the Office of the Head of the Civil Service. He retired from the Civil Service in March 2008 and has been engaged in various activities relating to the Public Service.

During his working life at the National Standards Board, Mr. Barnes undertook a number of assignments for the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) and the African Regional Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO). In the Civil Service, Mr. Barnes has served as a Consultant or Resource person on various national and international programmes and projects.

Since his retirement, Mr. Barnes has been a Consultant/Resource Person for the Public Services Commission as well as the Civil and Local Government Services in a number of areas including training, interviews and evaluation of Chief Directors. He has also been a Resource Person for a number training programmes organized by the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA).

Mr. Barnes received his secondary school education at Adisadel College, Cape Coast for his “O” and “A” Levels in 1962 and 1964 respectively. He later pursued his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry at the University of Ghana, Legon,(1968) and his postgraduate studies at the University of Leeds obtaining an MPhil degree in Textiles Technology. He has also pursued the Senior Management Programme at GIMPA.

Mr. Barnes has a number of publications to his name, the latest of which is the book *In the service of country – The story of one public servant* published in 2014.