

## **George Prah**

George Prah is presently a Deputy Director of Agriculture responsible for Food Crops Development at the Directorate of Crop Services of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture. He holds a Master's Degree in Environmental Science and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture Technology.

Since 2005, he has been involved in policy formulation, analysis and implementation in respect of the crop sub-sector. Generally, he facilitates and organizes training for the Private Sector Stakeholders in Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs)/Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) for transfer of new and improved technologies to farmers and Agricultural Extension Agents (AEAs).

From 2010 to date, he has served as the Secretary to the National Variety Release and Registration Committee and has facilitated in the development of procedures for the release and registration of crop genetic materials in Ghana. He led the development of DUS/VCU testing protocols for 10 crop genera following ECOWAS and UPOV criteria for the release of crop varieties in Ghana. From 2018 to date, he serves as a Board Member of the CSIR-Plant Genetic Research and Resource Institute, Bunso, Ghana

Between 2017 and 2020, he supported the Registrar General's Department of the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General, Ghana in the sensitization of relevant stakeholders towards the passage of the Plant Variety Protection Act, 2020 (Act 1050).