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The Honourable Dr. Kwesi Botchwey

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Dr. Kwesi Botchwey was born on September 13, 1942, and attended Legon University where he obtained a law degree. He earned a Master of Law degree at Yale University in 1968 and a JSD Degree from Michigan University in 1972. After teaching law at the Universities of Zambia (1970-1972) and Dar-Es-Salaam (1972-1974), he returned to teach at Legon between 1974 and 1982.

When Rawlings' Provisional National Defence Council (PNDC) took power, Botchwey was appointed Secretary for Finance and Economic Planning in 1982 and continued to hold this portfolio throughout the PNDC's eleven-year tenure. Following the inauguration of the Fourth Republic in January 1993, he was appointed minister with the same portfolio by President Rawlings. He is one of a number of ministers who are not members of parliament.

In 1983, along with Joe Abbey (currently Ghana's Ambassador to the UN), he negotiated a Structural Adjustment Program with the International Monetary Fund and donors, and has managed its successful implementation ever since.