

Elizabeth Ohene

Minister of State

Elizabeth Akua Ohene was born on Jan. 24, 1945. She received a bachelor of English degree from the University of Ghana at Legon in 1967 and later completed a certificate in communications from the University of Indiana. In 1971, Ms. Ohene joined a government-sponsored course which involved work with newspapers in the United States.

Ms. Ohene returned to Ghana and worked as a journalist for local newspapers until 1982. In 1983 she founded a weekly news magazine on West African affairs, and in 1986 she joined the BBC World Service in London. There, she held various positions, including presenter, senior producer, and editor of the Focus on Africa program.

From 1993 to 1994, Ms. Ohene was the resident BBC correspondent in South Africa during the democratic transition. She went on to manage a network of 150 journalists located in all parts of Africa for the BBC African Service.

Ms. Ohene was named Minister of State, Office of the President (Media Relations) in January 2001. Presently, she is a Minister of State attached to the President's Office.