

## **CASTME Africa Report, 2006 - 2007**

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### **2.0 Membership**

There are about 85 members

### **3.0 Critical Thinking Workshop**

CASTME supported a Critical Thinking Workshop at Cape Peninsula University of Technology, Cape Town, South Africa from 13-16 December, 2006. CASTME Ltd used the opportunity to hold a business meeting on Friday 15 December, 2006.

### **4.0 Forthcoming Activity**

CASTME Ltd has proposed a CASTME Triennial Conference with details as follows:

#### **GHANA 10, 11, 12 October 2007**

A hands-on, minds-on workshop-based gathering for all those with real interest in Socially Relevant Science, Technology and Maths teaching and learning.

#### **Purpose of Conference**

To provide a personalised opportunity both to follow through from earlier initiatives and to provide an effective and workable spring-board for the future, allowing participants to learn from each other and together to be part of a powerful body of interested influencers who will continue to build on the initiatives they met at this gathering.

#### **Themes**

- Strengthening and building effective associations for Science, Technology and Maths Educators.
- Enabling teachers to positively impact on socially relevant STM, with particular reference to health.

#### **Rationale**

The themes and purposes follow through the importance of achieving the education MDGs as re-emphasised at the 16<sup>th</sup> CCEM Conference of Commonwealth Ministers of Education, Dec. 2006.

They also look forward to educational input to CHOGM, Uganda Nov. 2007 Outcomes.

Extended plans to support and strengthen STM subject teacher associations in order to facilitate more effective teaching and learning. This will impact directly on long-term prosperity in its widest sense.

**Structure**

A three-day mixture of keynote address and workshops.

**Participants**

CASTME members from throughout the Commonwealth.

**Sponsors**

Cambridge International Examinations; University College of Education, Winneba; Commonwealth Foundation; British Council?

**Venue**

Possibly University College of Education, Winneba, Ghana.

**Costs**

To be confirmed. Approximately £300 per participant.

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**5.0. Finances**

- Money with Treasurer, Magaret Besong US\$510.=
- United Bank for Africa Plc, Ibadan, Nigeria CASTME Account ₦198,750.= (₦135 to \$1)

**Ben B. Akpan**

*Secretary*      **June 2007**

