

## FDA pledges to be Punctual to protect public safety



The CEO signing the Punctuality Pledge.

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**The Chief Executive Officer of Food and Drugs Authority (FDA), Mrs Delese Darko has pledged that punctuality will be at the core of FDA's activities as the Authority thrives hard to meet its mandate of protecting public health and safety.**

Addressing the staff and media at the signing ceremony yesterday in Accra, she encouraged the staff of the Authority to get on post on time as the nation's wellbeing is in their hands stating that, meeting timelines of clients will greatly contribute to preventing unregistered products into the country.

**"The FDA will catch up and overtake institutions that have endorsed the punctuality initiative to improve the Authority's timelines"** she pledged.

.According to her, the culture of lateness which has become ingrained in the society has been one of the major obstacles that continue to stifle the development as a society.

Mrs Darko stated **"lack of punctuality arises from lack of planning and focus. The ill prepared mind does not value time and such a person is bound to fail because punctuality, they say is the soul of business."**

She added the endorsement of the Punctuality Campaign is an invaluable issue which cannot be overemphasized.

The CEO said as the corporate world continues to evolve and become more competitive the country has no option than to demonstrate credibility and responsibility in the dealings with the corporate partners.

She noted endorsing the initiative of raising awareness on the importance of punctuality in institutions will contribute to eradicate lateness which impeded national development.

The Lead Punctuality Crusader of the Punctuality Ghana Foundation, Emmanuel Amarquaye noted the Foundation is currently focus on public education on punctuality in Ghana on the youth and also to facilitate and deepen the sense of being punctual to work in the area of government business.

According to him, workers in the public and civil services will be encouraged to be punctual and thus productive since it is the sure way to achieving Ghana's economic prosperity.

Mr Amarquaye stated technology can be used to drive punctuality and productivity to eliminate the canker of lateness in public institutions as the country is losing millions.

He further said their objective is aimed at sensitizing workers to adopt and adapt themselves to practices that promote punctuality as a way of life in their dealings with government business.

The Lead Crusader added punctuality also has a unique way of minimizing corrupt practices since it is self-correcting and self-supervising

**“Empowering the Ghanaian to become a global competitor in all aspects of life through punctuality practices”** Mr Amarquaye stated.

On her part, the Project Co-Ordinator, Naa Meryeh Mettle said government's policy of lifting Ghana beyond Aid and the ease of doing business will be fruitless if the poor attitude to work and time does not change substantially for the better.

According to her, punctuality linked with productivity has the potential of boosting government revenue which is very critical to development.

She stated **“our economic independence must necessarily thrive on our ability to constantly boost our internally-generated funds for national development.”**

Miss Mettle noted partnering with the FDA on their mandate to educate the public on health and safety is very critical to the protection of public health and safety.

She emphasized the Foundation selected the FDA as one of the endorsers of the public education campaign to make room to address issues of public health and safety; without which a punctual and productive work force can hardly be put out in place.

The Project Co-Ordinator reiterated the collective attitude and seriousness to time and productivity demonstrates commitment to the development of the country.

The signing of the FDA marks the 23<sup>rd</sup> endorsement of the public education awareness campaign on punctuality.

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