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UCC establishes Africa Ocean Institute

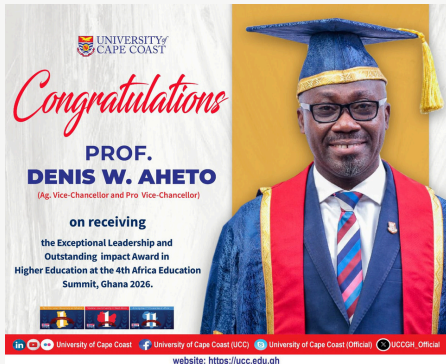
This year, CCM-ACECoR, together with the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences and the Centre for Marine Affairs, reaffirm our commitment to advancing marine and coastal research in Africa, through the establishment of the Africa Ocean Institute at the University of Cape Coast. Read more [here](#).



Award Spotlight



University of Cape Coast wins Africa Outstanding University of the Year at the 4th Africa Education Summit held at the University of Professional Studies, in March 2026.



Prof. Denis Worlanyo Aheto, the Acting Vice-Chancellor of UCC, was honored with the Africa Outstanding Leadership Award at the 4th Africa Education Summit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GIS SHORT-COURSE

Date to be determined.

The Geographic Information Systems short course will be coming up in the second quarter of 2026 to train DCE/MCE, government agency, CSO officials and students

Message from the Ag. Director



As Ag. Director of CCM-ACECoR, I am pleased to note that the first quarter of the year has been marked by significant progress across our research, training, and stakeholder engagement activities. These efforts reflect our continued commitment to advancing coastal resilience and sustainable resource management.

I am encouraged by these achievements and look forward with great enthusiasm to the next quarter, where we will deepen our impact, strengthen collaborations, and build on the momentum we have established.



Personality Spotlight

Prof. Rashid Sumaila Pays Working Visit to CCM-ACECoR

Professor Rashid Sumaila, a member of the International Advisory Board of the Centre for Coastal Management – Africa Centre of Excellence in Coastal Resilience (CCM-ACECoR), paid a working visit to the Centre to support the State of Fisheries and Aquaculture in West Africa Project, funded by the World Bank.

As a globally recognised authority in fisheries science, aquaculture,

and environmental economics, Prof. Sumaila’s visit was timely and strategic, offering critical guidance that strengthened the analytical depth, methodological rigour, and policy relevance of the project’s final reports. Drawing on his extensive international research experience, his contributions helped refine key findings and enhance the overall credibility of the project’s outputs.

CCM-ACECOR participates in World Wetlands Day Celebration at Anloga



The Centre for Coastal Management - Africa Centre of Excellence in Coastal Resilience (CCM-ACECOR) of the University of Cape Coast participated actively in Ghana's 2026 national celebration of World Wetlands Day, organised by the Wildlife Division of the Forestry Commission of Ghana in Anloga on the 6th February. The event highlighted the ecological, economic, and cultural significance of wetlands and underscored the critical role of traditional knowledge and community involvement in sustaining these ecosystems. CCM-ACECOR, by participating demonstrated its commitment to combining research, policy, and hands-on conservation to protect Ghana's wetlands. Read more [here](#).

Drone Flying Training Held for Graduate Students by the CCM-ACECOR GIS Unit

The GIS Unit of the Center for Coastal Management, ACECOR, recently held a hands-on drone flying training for graduate students in Environmental Science at the University of Cape Coast, as part of their advanced GIS and remote sensing course.

Students were particularly taken through the features and operation of the Mavic III thermal drone in collecting environmental data. Read more [here](#).



Centre for Coastal Management Concludes Five-Day Short Course on Marine Protected Areas

The Centre for Coastal Management at the University of Cape Coast, in partnership with UK International Development, has successfully concluded a five-day short course on Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), aimed at strengthening national capacity for effective marine conservation and ocean governance.

The intensive training brought together professionals from various sectors committed to safeguarding Ghana's marine and coastal resources. Over the five days, participants were taken through a comprehensive learning journey covering MPA identification and regulation, management planning, monitoring, and Marine Spatial Planning. Read more [here](#).



UCC-Tsukuba Exchange Programme Brings Japanese Students to Ghana for Hands-On Coastal Pollution Research

The Centre for Coastal Management-Africa Centre of Excellence in Coastal Resilience, (CCM-ACECoR), an implementing partner of a student exchange programme between the University of Cape Coast and the University of Tsukuba, Japan, recently hosted a delegation of Japanese students and facilitators as part of a Pilot Field Work under the programme. This exchange focused on addressing global environmental challenges. Read more [here](#).



Ghana Navy Collaborates with CCM-ACECoR

The Centre for Coastal Management – Africa Centre of Excellence in Coastal Resilience (CCM-ACECoR) at the University of Cape Coast, on Tuesday, March 24, paid a courtesy visit to the Ghana Navy to advance collaboration in research and the protection of Ghana's coastal and marine environment. Read more [here](#).



CCM-ACECOR Engages Stakeholder Towards Advancing Collaborative Fisheries Governance in Ghana



Strengthening fisheries governance in Ghana requires more than policy discussions, it demands collaboration, shared vision, and active participation from those at the heart of the sector. As part of preparations toward the Fisheries Regulation Programme, scheduled to run from April to December 2026, the Centre for Coastal Management - ACECoR at the University of Cape Coast convened a strategic partners meeting in collaboration with Blue Ventures, bringing together key stakeholders committed to sustainable fisheries management in Ghana. Read more [here](#).

Japanese Exchange Student Champions Disaster Education for Safer Coastal Communities in Ghana



An exchange student from Yokohama National University, Japan, Ms. Natsuki Takayama, currently undertaking studies at the University of Cape Coast's Centre for Coastal Management - Africa Centre of Excellence in Coastal Resilience, (CCM-ACECoR), has presented her final research project on disaster education in Ghana, highlighting the need for increased community education and awareness to reduce the risk of disasters in coastal communities. Read more [here](#).

Ghana pushes for stronger West African blue economy partnership at Liberia fisheries investment conference

The Minister for Fisheries and Aquaculture Development, Emelia Arthur, appealed to the National Fisheries Investment Conference Liberia 2026 – KPONGAMA, where she urged countries to treat the blue economy as an immediate opportunity rather than a distant goal. Read more [here](#).



Marine Biodiversity: Enhancing Mauritius' Ocean Governance framework



A three-day workshop on implementing the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement was launched in Port Louis, organised by Mauritius' Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Commonwealth Secretariat with funding from the UK FCDO, with the aim of building national capacity, raising awareness, and preparing stakeholders to effectively implement the agreement, which focuses on conserving and sustainably using marine biodiversity in international waters. Read more [here](#).



How Africa can lead the way on sustainable blue food production

As part of the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, blue foods; sourced from oceans and freshwater, are highlighted as a key solution for healthier, more sustainable food systems, with significant untapped potential in Africa to improve nutrition, create jobs, and drive economic growth through investment, innovation, and partnerships. Read more [here](#).

Nigeria's President Directs NIPSS to Lead Nationwide Reforms on the Blue Economy



President Bola Ahmed Tinubu unveiled a comprehensive security and economic framework designed to fully leverage Nigeria's marine and aquatic resources, establishing the blue economy as a central pillar for economic diversification, employment generation, and sustained national growth. Read more [here](#).



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