

**MR. EMMANUEL OWUSU-AFRIYIE, DIRECTOR, RESEARCH AND MACROECONOMIC MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

*Mr. Emmanuel Owusu-Afriyie* was appointed Director, Research and Macroeconomic Management Department effective September 15, 2018. He also assumed duty on September 15, 2018.

Mr. Owusu-Afriyie is an economist/financial analyst. He is a product of the University of Ghana with both a B.A degree in Economics with Philosophy and M.Phil. Degree in Economics in 1996 and 1999 respectively. He has worked with the Central Bank of Ghana for almost sixteen years. For these years, he had the opportunity to provide technical support which fed directly into the operations of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of Bank of Ghana. Indeed, he was among the pioneer staff that commenced the provision of technical support for the MPC. Mr. Owusu-Afriyie has worked in three key departments of Bank of Ghana; the Monetary Policy and Financial Stability Department (2002-2009), Research Department (2009-2017) and Financial Stability Department (2017- Oct 2018).

Within the period, he developed an interest and worked effectively on issues bordering on fiscal sector developments, real sector developments and financial stability issues. In all these areas, he had the opportunity to make presentations at MPC meetings to inform policy formulation and implementation.

Apart from playing a pivotal role in the design and implementation of surveys to monitor activities in the real sector of the Ghanaian economy, he also provided support to the Bank of Ghana's Professional Development Center by facilitating on courses related to the implications of fiscal developments for macroeconomic management and financial stability issues. He demonstrated his skills as a team player by collaborating with some colleagues to produce technical papers of which some are posted on the Central Bank's Website. One such collaborative work is published in the African Review of Economics and Finance, Volume 10, Issue 1, June 2018 with the title "Real exchange rate misalignment and macroeconomic implications: recent evidence from Ghana". He has also contributed to national economic issues by writing articles to some local print media and the Ghanaweb.

Before joining the Bank of Ghana, Mr. Owusu-Afriyie worked as a graduate teaching assistant at the Economics Department, the University of Ghana from 1999-2000. He also worked as a Research Associate with the Sigma One Corporation, Ghana country office with its parent organization in North Carolina, USA. Sigma One Corporation was a research firm executing contracts under the USAID trade and investment reforms project. He is married with three children.