

## GHANA'S ELECTION ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNESCO



Ghana's Representative on the Executive Board, Prof. Naana J. S. Opoku-Agyemang

The 35<sup>th</sup> General Conference of UNESCO on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, elected Ghana to serve a four-year term of office on the Executive Board. Elections to the prestigious fifty-eight member Executive Board is so highly competitive that, once a country gets elected, Member States within its electoral group look-up to the country to represent their interest on the Board. Ghana, the only elected Anglophone representative within the West Africa Sub-Group thus strengthens the country's leadership role among the countries in the Sub-Region.

Addressing a press briefing at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, Ghana's Representative on the Executive Board, Prof. Naana J. S. Opoku-Agyemang, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Coast saw the nomination as a victory for the nation, the fields of competence of UNESCO, and of course, for education in Ghana in general and for the University of Cape Coast in particular.

She reiterated the core values of UNESCO which, according to its constitution, establishes full respect for human rights and, in particular, entrusts the Organization with the protection of the right to education and information. She expressed gratitude to the Government of Ghana, the Ministry of Education, the Ghana National Commission for UNESCO, Ghana's Mission in France, her colleagues at the University of Cape Coast and her family for their abiding faith and strong support. She also paid tribute to Member States of UNESCO whose decisive vote for her candidature facilitated her entry onto the Executive Board. ■