

International Water Management Institute (IWMI)

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My Work

- Communication Analysis
 - Analyzed the content of all their newsletters to determine whether they provided adequate coverage on desired topics
- Communication Pieces
 - Authored briefs, blogs and other materials that will be used to assist IWMI in research uptake and communications
- Info-graphic Creation
 - Created various info-graphics to highlight some of the projects that were going on within IWMI

Investigating the process of Charcoal production in Ghana



Rewarding Aspects

- Field Visits to the IWMI sites. These visits allowed me to see the work IWMI was doing and their direct impact on the people in the communities
- Working with many different researchers on their projects. This gave me a good view of the breadth of projects that IWMI West Africa undertakes.
- Exploring Accra and Ghana and learning about their history and culture.

At one of the Irrigation Research Sites



Impact of Work

- My analysis of all the newsletters will help the communications director make the future newsletters more extensive and inclusive of all the researchers and projects in IWMI Africa
- The briefs and info-graphics I wrote and created will be used in outreach and communication purposes for the projects I worked with

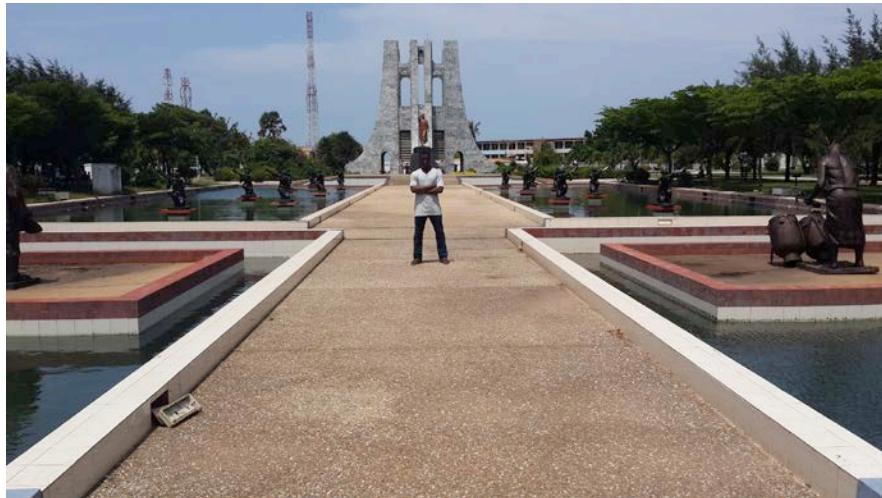
At the Site for the Project on Wastewater Reuse in Kumasi



Impact on Academic and Career Goals

- I learned what the communications office at a research institute is tasked with doing. I saw how the communications office has to keep multiple stakeholders updated about various projects going on at the institute
- I learned about how researchers work at the Institute and the nature of their research. I met multiple researchers and saw the passion they had for their topic
- I ultimately decided not to pursue a path in communications and scientific research and instead focus on engineering and the applications of scientific research

Trip to The Kwame Nkrumah Museum and Memorial



Conclusion

- My IIP trip to Ghana was fun and educational. I learned a lot about Ghana, IWMI and working in a non profit
- I grew a lot as a person and also learned about some of my passions