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DR MUSTAPHA ABDUL-HAMID TO DELIVER 2026 LIBERTY LECTURE ON GHANA'S MULTIFAITH HERITAGE

Accra, 16 August 2026 — The Danquah Institute will host Islamic scholar, academic, politician, and former Minister of State, Dr Mustapha Abdul-Hamid, as the speaker for the 2026 Liberty Lecture, which takes place on Tuesday, 25 August 2026, at the Ridge Arena, Alisa Hotel, Ridge, Accra.

The lecture, themed ***“One Nation, Many Faiths: Emerging Threats to Religious Tolerance in Ghana,”*** will be chaired by Rev. Prof. Emmanuel Addow Obeng, former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Coast, former President of Central University and former President of Presbyterian University.

Dr Abdul-Hamid will explore the history and culture of religious tolerance in Ghana and the values that have enabled Christians, Muslims and adherents of other faiths to coexist peacefully for generations.

Despite being predominantly Christian, Ghana has developed an admirable multifaith society founded on mutual respect and the equal participation of all religious communities in national life. This culture of tolerance has become an important part of Ghana's national identity and offers a model of interfaith harmony to Africa and the wider world.

The lecture will examine the historical, cultural and constitutional foundations of this achievement in Ghana's secular state, including the shared institutions, everyday relationships and common values that have helped Ghanaians place their national identity above religious differences.

Dr Abdul-Hamid will also consider emerging developments and narratives that could place this heritage under strain. Drawing upon principles and teachings from the world's major religions, and Ghana's own rich mix of traditions, customs and values, he will challenge certain prejudices, misconceptions and false notions about religious communities.

The lecture will call for eternal vigilance in protecting Ghana's admirable atmosphere of religious tolerance, peace and harmony.



“The central message of this year’s Liberty Lecture Series is that although the lamps may be many, the light is one and Ghana’s unity and progress depend upon safeguarding the mutual respect and shared values that have sustained its multifaith society,” says Mansa Williams Esq., secretary of DI.

Dr Mustapha Abdul-Hamid is an accomplished Islamic scholar, academic and public intellectual. He has served Ghana in several senior public positions, including as Minister for Information and Minister for Inner-City and Zongo Development.

Guests are expected to arrive from 4:00 p.m., and all must be seated by 4:30 p.m.

EVENT DETAILS

Event: 2026 Liberty Lecture

Theme: One Nation, Many Faiths: Emerging Threats to Religious Tolerance in Ghana

Speaker: Mustapha Abdul-Hamid (PhD)

Chair: Rev. Prof. Emmanuel Addow Obeng

Date: Tuesday, 25 August 2026

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Venue: Ridge Arena, Alisa Hotel, Ridge, Accra

Seating: All guests must be seated by 4:30 p.m.

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