

Mr. Emmanuel Oti Boateng

It is with great regret that we announce the demise of a former member of the International Civil Service Commission, Mr. Emmanuel Oti Boateng, who passed away in August 2021. Mr. Boateng made a profound contribution during the years that he served in the Commission (1993-2018), first as a member on the Advisory Committee on Post Adjustment Questions (ACPAQ) and later in the Commission. He will always be remembered for his knowledge and intellect; while he made significant contributions to the Commission and the United Nations as a whole in the field of statistics, he had a passion for writing and was never afraid of putting his thoughts into writing. For those of us who have been affiliated with the Commission long enough, we know that he was the proponent of “demystifying” the post adjustment system.

Prior to his involvement in the Commission, Mr. Boateng served as a government statistician for 17 years in his country and was appointed as Chairman of the United Nations Statistical Commission in 1987 (as the first African to hold this position) and was a professor of statistics for a number of years.

Mr. Boateng wore many “hats”; he was a traditional ruler being a member of the royal family of the Juaben and Ashanti tribes of Ghana. He was a Statistician, Professor and Author, to name a few.

He inspired many and, for all that he did, he will be truly missed. It was a pleasure having him on the Commission. May his soul rest in peace.