

## PROFILE – SAMUEL AVAALA AWONNEA

Samuel Avaala Awonnea is a Ghanaian and was born in 1964. He holds a BSc (Hons) Mechanical Engineering from the KNUST (1990), Diploma in Financial Management (ACCA, UK) and an Executive MBA (CEMBA – KNUST).

He has had a wide-ranging career starting from 1990 as a National Service Person at the Technology Consultancy Centre (TCC) of the KNUST after which he joined BOPP, then a subsidiary of Unilever, as a Management Trainee.

Positions he has held in BOPP over the period include: Maintenance Engineer, Divisional Manager (Estate), Factory Manager, Estate Manager, and now the General Manager. As the team leader, he successfully led the company to achieve RSPO certification, making BOPP the first to achieve this certification in Ghana and the second in Africa.

He is currently the chairman of the Ghana National Interpretation Working Group (GNIWG) Taskforce of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) and currently, the incumbent president of the Oil Palm Development Association of Ghana (OPDAG)

He is a certified Instructor of the Japan Institute of Plant Maintenance (JIPM) for TOTAL PRODUCTIVE MANUFACTURING (TPM) – a continuous improvement and waste elimination philosophy in manufacturing industries.