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RESEARCH

Areas: Information Systems · Economics and Econometrics · Business and International Management · Strategy and Management · Accounting · Education

RESEARCH SUMMARY

22	105	5	3	3.64	41%
Publications	Citations	h-index	i10-index	Field-weighted impact	World top 10%

Counted from the 22 publications listed below, 2015–2026. Field-weighted impact is the mean over the 22 works scored for it; 1.00 is the world average for works of the same field, type and year. 9 of the 22 papers scored for it are among the world's most cited tenth for their field, type and year.

POSITIONS

Lecturer 2017–present
Economic Studies, University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, Ghana

Part-Time Lecturer 2014–present
College of Distance Education, University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, Ghana

Ass. Lecturer 2013–2017
Economic Studies, University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, Ghana

Principal Research Assistant 2012–2013
Economics, University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, Ghana

Senior Research Assistant 2009–2012
Economics, University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, Ghana

Teaching Assistant 2006–2007
Economics, University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, Ghana

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles 21

1. Kassim Alabani, **Benedict Afful**, Francis Taale, Eric Abokyi (2026). Assessing the performance of national innovation systems (NIS) in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Discover Global Society*. https://doi.org/10.1007/s44282-026-00368-9
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3. Michael Coffie, Jacob Nunoo, Samuel Sekyi, **Benedict Afful**, Alexander Opoku (2026). Credit constraint, unmet fertilizer needs and crop losses: evidence from three selected SSA countries. *Environment Development and Sustainability*. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10668-025-07241-w
4. **Benedict Afful**, Francis Taale, Eric Abokyi, Kassim Alabani (2026). Does FDI translate into SDG gains? The moderating role of innovation capacity and governance in Sub-Saharan Africa. *SN Business & Economics*. https://doi.org/10.1007/s43546-026-01396-y
5. Joseph Kwasi Asafo, Ametus Kuuwill, Jude Ndzifon Kimengsi, **Benedict Afful** (2026). Domestic credit to

the private sector, institutional quality and tropical deforestation: A panel data analysis of 24 African countries. *Trees Forests and People*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tfp.2026.101274

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7. **Benedict Afful**, Francis Taale, Eric Abokyi, Kassim Alabani (2026). Innovation capacity and social SDGs in Sub-Saharan Africa: evidence from health, education, and energy. *International Economics and Economic Policy*. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10368-026-00804-w
8. Kassim Alabani, **Benedict Afful**, Francis Taale, Eric Abokyi (2026). Innovation-system enabling conditions and the Sustainable Development Goals: Goal-level evidence from Africa. *International Journal of Innovation Studies*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijis.2026.100205
9. **Benedict Afful**, Kassim Alabani (2026). Manufacturing Upgrading, High-Tech Exports, and Environmental Sustainability: Trade-offs and Synergies. *Cureus Journal of Business and Economics.*. https://doi.org/10.7759/s44404-026-00136-7
10. Kassim Alabani, **Benedict Afful Jr.**, Francis Taale, Eric Abokyi (2026). National innovation systems and sustainable development goal performance in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Innovation and Sustainability*. https://doi.org/10.31649/vis/1.2026.27
11. Andreas A. Kudom, Martin Bosompem, Michael O. Adu, **Benedict Afful**, Benjamin Anderson, Francis Armah, Paul A. Asare, Joana Ayettey, Ben A. Mensah, Peter Osei-Wusu Adueming (2026). Urban herbicide use threatens a non-target butterfly (Hypolimnas misippus) through direct toxicity and host plant stress in Ghana. *PLOS Ecosystems*. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pesy.0000020
12. Kassim Alabani, **Benedict Jr Afful** (2025). National Innovation Systems and the Sustainable Development Goals in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Systematic Review of Pathways, Gaps, and Policy Interfaces. *Advanced Research in Economics and Business Strategy Journal*. https://doi.org/10.52919/arebus.v6i2.114
13. James Atta Peprah, Francis Kwaw Andoh, Eric Atsu Avorkpo, Kwabena Nkansah Dafor, **Benedict Afful**, Camara Kwasi Obeng (2022). Compliance Burden and Tax Gap Among Micro and Small Businesses: Evidence From Ghana. *SAGE Open*. https://doi.org/10.1177/21582440221126985
14. Benedict Afful Jr., Camara Kwasi Obeng, **Benedict Afful**, Michael Tutu Boadu (2022). Economic integration and survival of Ghana's manufactured and agriculture raw material exports. *Heliyon*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.heliyon.2022.e12723
15. Isaac K. Ofori, William G. Cantah, **Benedict Afful**, Saddam Hossain (2022). Towards shared prosperity in sub-Saharan Africa: How does the effect of economic integration compare to social equity policies? *African Development Review*. https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-8268.12614
16. **Benedict Afful Jr**, Emmanuel Quarshie, Joseph Kwasi Asafo (2021). Debt Financing and Manufacturing Firms' Decision to Export: Evidence from Ghana. *International journal of research and scientific innovation*. https://doi.org/10.51244/ijrsi.2021.81003
17. Richard Kwabena Nkrumah, Samuel Kobina Annim, **Benedict Afful** (2021). Household Social Expenditure in Ghana: Examining the Ex-Post Effects and Vulnerability to Poverty. *Social Sciences*. https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci10020040
18. John Windie Ansah, **Benedict Jnr. Afful** (2021). Understanding the Forms and Trends of Capital Mobility from China into Ghana's Agricultural Sector. *Journal of Business and Enterprise Development (JOBED)*. https://doi.org/10.47963/jobed.v8i0.120
19. John Windie Ansah, **Benedict Jnr. Afful** (2019). Understanding the Forms and Trends of Capital Mobility from China into Ghana's Agricultural Sector From Neo-liberalism to Social Innovation. *Journal of Business and Enterprise Development (JOBED)*. https://doi.org/10.47963/jobed.2019.04
20. **Benedict Afful**, Rexford Akrong (2019). WhatsApp and academic performance among undergraduate students in Ghana: Evidence from the University of Cape Coast. *Journal of Education for Business*. https://doi.org/10.1080/08832323.2019.1644276
21. Jacob Nunoo, **Benedict Afful** (2015). Economic literacy among tertiary students in Ghana: Evidence from University of Cape Coast. *Oguaa Journal of Social Sciences*. https://doi.org/10.47963/joss.v7i3.299

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