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**Bio:** Dr. Ernest Acheampong is an expert in capacity development and stakeholder engagement, currently serving as the Capacity Development Coordinator for the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) in Geneva, Switzerland since June 2022. In his role, Dr. Acheampong spearheads initiatives designed to enhance the capabilities of GEO member countries in utilizing Earth observation technologies. His efforts focus on integrating these technologies into national development plans and policies, significantly advancing the application of GEO's strategic objectives globally.

Prior to his current position, Dr. Acheampong played a pivotal role as the Director of the West Africa Regional Office for the International Bamboo and Rattan Organisation (INBAR) from October 2018 to May 2022. In this capacity, he effectively coordinated policy development and strategy implementation for bamboo and rattan conservation and use across West African member countries, enhancing sustainable development in the region.

From July 2011 to September 2018, Dr. Acheampong served as a Senior Research and Policy Officer at the African Technology Policy Studies Network (ATPS) in Nairobi, Kenya. There, he led the formulation and execution of various science, technology, and innovation (STI) policies and programs across Africa, contributing to regional advancements in technology and policy research.

Dr. Acheampong earned his PhD in Public and Development Management from Stellenbosch University, South Africa. His academic excellence and commitment to public service are further exemplified by his role as a South Voices African Research Scholar at the prestigious Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC. His career is marked by a deep commitment to enhancing the technological and policy landscapes of developing nations, particularly through the strategic use of Earth observations and sustainable resource.