



Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee | Class of 1993

Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee is a highly respected diplomat and advocate for peace, gender equality, and sustainable development. With a distinguished career in diplomacy, she has played a pivotal role in shaping international peace and security efforts. From serving as Ghana's first female Permanent Representative to the United Nations to her role as Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations for Africa in the Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations (DPPA-DPO), Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee has been instrumental in advancing global governance and conflict resolution, and has pioneered inclusive diplomacy for African women and beyond.



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Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee presented her credentials to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in July 2015. At the time, she was the newly elected Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations, a post she held until 2020.



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As Permanent Representative, Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee served as Acting President of the General Assembly, chairing numerous high-level meetings such as the one above in 2017, appraising the progress achieved in the implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons.



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As Assistant Secretary-General to Africa, Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee has been honored for her work in conflict resolution and peacebuilding. During a reception in her honour in Mogadishu in 2023, she was presented with a gift by the Head of the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS).

