

# Chief Of Staff Hails Otumfuo

## A Daily Guide Report

**CHIEF OF Staff, Akosua Frema Osei-Opere, has paid glowing tribute to the Asantehene, Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, for his role in empowering women.**

Speaking at the durbar of Asanteman queenmothers and food fair to mark the silver jubilee of the Asantehene, Madam Frema Osei-Opere underscored the significant role being played by Otumfuo Osei Tutu II in bringing more women to the table.

"During your reign as Asantehene, we have seen visible signs of more queenmothers being actively involved in the management of the Ashanti kingdom," she indicated.

For instance, she said queenmothers are now allowed to attend Asanteman Council meetings, which is a deliberate effort to empower women.

"Nana, your leadership style, not only inspires confidence but also sets a powerful example for the next generation of male leaders to follow," she said.

Madam Frema Osei-Opere also commended Nana Konadu Yiadom III, Asantehemaa, for always opening her doors to all persons who come into contact with her.

She indicated that in the Ashanti kingdom, the role of females is seen in the matrilineal inheritance system, "as all of us take our roots from our mothers, Queenmothers are virtually determinants of who is the right heir to the stools."

Madam Frema Osei-Opere said the silver jubilee durbar of queenmothers creates a unique advantage for women as it demonstrates the

resolve to strengthen women participation in traditional governance.

"Let us continue to advocate for a deliberate effort, for more women in all facet of our national discourse, i.e. management levels in the public sector, religious organisations, schools, private sector organisations among others," she added.

The Chief of Staff also appealed to the Asantehene, to add his voice to the passage of the Affirmative Action Bill, which is currently before Parliament.

"Nana, Ashanti Region has the highest number of MPs (47) in Parliament, as compared to other regions, so your counsel can go a long way to ensure the passage of this bill," she said.

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**FOUR PERSONS have been remanded by a High Court in Accra for their involvement in the accident involving the new Tema to Mpakadan Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) 001 train colliding head-on with a truck abandoned on the railway at Abotia area.**

The four, Kokou Koudjo, gas welder; Patrick Kwaku Sosu, Alaza Prosper and Fiadugbe Emmanuel, all labourers, are alleged to have abetted Abel Dzidotor, the convicted driver who abandoned the truck on the railway.

Court documents indi-