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I originally wanted to be a Reservoir Engineer in petroleum. Once I obtained my Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry, I got the opportunity to serve in the National Oil Company. I was therefore offered a Geochemist post. In fact, it was the first time that such a position was created in this company.

I decided to apply for the call for deployment of national experts issued by ISA for the Africa Deep Seabed Resources (ADSR) Project immediately. This opportunity was very exciting because in Ghana, we do not have access to this kind of expertise. Previously, in 2017, I was selected to undertake a training onboard a research vessel with Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC). My participation in ISA's contractor training programme through JOGMEC was a unique experience and I learned a lot. However, I was interested in learning more, particularly in relation to the governance mechanisms to regulate and manage seabed mining in the Area. This motivated me to apply for the deployment with ISA Secretariat through the ADSR project (January -March 2020).

When I return to Ghana, I will be able to share the knowledge gained here with the experts of the ISA Secretariat. My company has decided to establish a specific unit where we will continue to develop our expertise and capacities.