

AFETSI AWOONOR

Business Leader, Entrepreneur & Philanthropist

Afetsi Awoonor is a business leader, entrepreneur and philanthropist with almost two decade's experience leading multicultural teams and turnkey projects at the nexus of public and private sector engagements. He has managed partnerships across Africa in the structuring, negotiation and implementation of energy and defence technologies.

Afetsi founded **JBW Limited**, a defence and energy tech startup, operating out of Ghana, Liberia and Sierra Leone in 2011 and is currently Chairman of the Board Prior to this, he was the Government Relations Manager for Ghana's national Bulk Oil Storage and Transportation Company Limited (BOST), a role in which he led the company's g2g, and b2g affairs, activities and joint initiatives.

Amid diverse entrepreneurial ventures, Afetsi has a passion for youth development and a profound appreciation for philanthropy in the context of pan-Africanism. In this regard, he founded the “**Afetsi Awoonor Foundation**” to build resilient local economies through social and economic empowerment projects. The foundation which is nearly a decade old is unleashing the potential of young people through sports, entertainment, capacity building, training and education, and the provision of solar-powered mechanized borehole solutions to mitigate access to water challenges in rural Ghana.

The objectives of the Foundation are intrinsically inspired by five of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Thus, eradicating poverty (Goal 1), promoting good health and wellbeing (Goal 3), promoting clean water and sanitation (Goal 6), promoting decent work and economic growth (Goal 8) and reducing inequality (Goal 10).

The aforementioned goals illustrate Afetsi's vision of contributing to the development of the average Ghanaian to be economically self-sufficient and capable of participating in the development of the nation and the continent of Africa.