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Bio: Nana Kobina Nketsia V is the Paramount Chief (Omanhen) of the Essikado (British Sekondi) Traditional Area in the Western Region of Ghana. He is a sportsman and a committed Pan-Africanist. He is the founder of the Nana Kobina Nketsia IV Trust a non-partisan and non-profit organization named after one of the heroes of Ghana's independence struggle whose life straddled indigenous community development and the National Agenda. The Trust as part of its objects is to champion African-Centered Development; African-centered governance and articulate the Integration of Indigenous Knowledge Systems among others.

Until his retirement nana was a lecturer at the University of Cape Coast from 1995 to 2012 and served as the examination officer in the history department and also the coordinator for the department of African studies at a point during his employment.

Nana Nketsia holds a Ph.D. in African History from the University of Calabar (Nigeria) and a B.A. in Modern History from the University of Ghana

He has a publications titled "African Culture in Governance and Development (the Ghana Paradigm)" published by Ghana University Press and University of Cape Coast Press. He also has the following manuscript to his credit "The Oron Nation 1600-1900: Evolution of Nationhood in the Cross River Belt which was Foreword by Prof. Obaro Ikeme and published by the Press Information Services Ltd., Lagos, in 1994 and "The Quest for Self Determination: A History of the Oron in Nigeria" in Press, (publishers-ibid)

Currently, Nana Nketsia has three manuscript in preparation and they are "A Perspective of Akan Chieftaincy", "An Awesome Responsibility; A Reflection of Chieftaincy among the Akan" and "The Epic of Positive Action: The Watershed of the African Struggle for Emancipation"

Nana Nketsia has chaired and served on a lot of boards at the national and community level and currently served as the Chair for the Advisory Board of WaterAid, Ghana, Deputy Chair of Bisa Abrewa Museum, and a Director of the Panafest (Pan African Festival) Foundation just to mention a few.

Nana Nketsia has been a Guest Speaker at international conferences and public lectures among these are "The African Heritage Studies Association at 50 Conference, at Washington DC, USA, in November 2019, The University of Birmingham Pan African Conference, on "Re-engaging Pan Africanism" at the University of Birmingham United Kingdom in November 2018 and The Sixth Onkgopotse Tiro Memorial Lecture at the University of Limpopo, South Africa, in September 2018 just to mentioned a few.

Currently nana has been a part time lecturer at the University of Cape Coast since his retirement teaching postgraduate course in "Intellectual history of Ghana" and "Military and one party rule in postcolonial Africa". He has won many awards and notable among them is the EXLA Award on Distinguished Traditional Leader in 2015 and the Personality of the Year (Western Region) in 2004.