

**BRIEF BIO OF ISSAH ALI; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
VISION FOR ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT (VALD) GHANA**

Issah Ali joined the development work since 1999.

He has close to 20 year experience in health and other developmental issues with specific focus on reproductive health, tobacco control, alcohol prevention and control and drug use & abuse. Peace building & conflict prevention, youth, gender & community empowerment and literacy drive.

He has served on the board of the African Tobacco Control Alliance (ATCA) as a board member from 2008-2009 and the board chair from 2010-2012. He is currently on the board of the Framework Convention Alliance on Tobacco Control (FCA) since 2014.

Issah Ali was among civil society advocates who advocated for the coming into being the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC). He attended the second, third and fourth, fifth and sixth Conference of the Parties (COP) to the FCTC.

He is currently the executive director of Vision for Alternative Development (VALD) and the head of secretariat of the West African Alcohol Policy Alliance (WAAPA).

Under his leadership, VALD received the World Health Organizations (WHO) World No-Tobacco Day on its dedication and commitment to tobacco control in Ghana.

His professional career includes authoring books and reports: Ghana's Civil Society Shadow Report on the implementation of the FCTC (2010 & 2014), Ghana Tobacco Industry Mapping and Monitoring Report 2013 and Technical paper on Ghana's implementation of graphic health warnings on tobacco packages (2014), Technical brief on the tobacco industry interferences in Ghana (2016) and Living in Diversity (2014).

Issah Ali was awarded a Certificate of Service from UNESCO, Department of Community Development and Accra Metropolitan Assembly in 2000 and a Certificate of Recognition from Stop TB Programme and Accra Metropolitan Health Directorate in 2007.