

Name : Julius Debrah

Government Administration : J.D. Mahama (1st Admin)

Designation: Minister of Local Government

Duration : 2014-2015



Julius Debrah was born on April 24, 1966 at Obomeng Kwaku in the Eastern Region of Ghana. He studied at Mpraeso Secondary School then moved to Achimota Secondary School for A Levels from 1987 to 1989. Following this, he gained admission to the University of Ghana where he obtained Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology and Sociology.

In the 2000 elections, he stood as a parliamentary candidate on the ticket of the National Democratic Congress (NDC) in Suhum and lost to Ransford Agyapong the New Patriotic Party candidate by gaining 12,368 of the votes cast representing 41.20% whilst the winner got 16,494 votes representing 54.90%. He contested again in the 2004 election in Suhum and lost for the second time.

In 2012 when his party (NDC) was in power he once again stood for the parliamentary candidate for the Suhum (Ghana parliament constituency) seat and lost by 388 votes the closest he had come in the three times he had stood for the parliamentary seat. He lost to the incumbent rival from the 2004 Elections Frederick Opare-Ansah, who got 24,046 votes representing 49.28% whilst he got 23,658 representing 48.49%.

In 2009 he was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Ghana Tourism Authority. In mid-2011, under his leadership and the Ministry of Tourism, the then Ghana Tourist Board was reshaped into the Ghana Tourism Authority to enhance its role in promoting tourism in Ghana through the Parliament of Ghana's passage of ACT 817.

In February 2013 Julius Debrah was nominated by John Dramani Mahama to serve in the position of Eastern Regional Minister. After serving for a month, he was moved from Eastern Region to Greater Accra to serve as the Greater Accra Regional Minister.

He served in that role for a year and was seen as someone championing the involvement of the local government in nation building.

Julius Debrah was appointed to serve as Minister in charge of Local Government and Rural Development after serving as regional minister for both Greater Accra Region and Eastern Region. This was seen by experts as a move to ensure the massive involvement of the local authorities and people in decision making and nation building.

In February 2015, Julius Debrah was appointed Chief of Staff by President John Dramani Mahama to replace Prosper Bani after serving as the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development. His appointment was received with joy by members of the National Democratic Congress.

Julius Debrah is a native of Obomeng Kwahu and married with two children.

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