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Joel Sekoh Abbeo is a seasoned Senior Narcotics Control Officer with over 14 years of experience in drug law enforcement. Currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Conflicts, Peace, and Security at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre, he leads the Precursor Control Forensic Examination Support Department within the Operations and Enforcement Directorate of the Narcotics Control Commission. In this capacity, he spearheads efforts to regulate the procurement, distribution, and usage of precursor chemicals across Ghana.

His responsibilities include overseeing the issuance of permits and licenses, conducting audits, and ensuring compliance with the Three UN International Drug Conventions. Additionally, he plays a pivotal role in training precursor focal officers across all 16 regions of Ghana. In 2023, he successfully led the training of 48 officers to strengthen precursor control at border posts.

Abbeo has participated in numerous international training programs, such as the UNODC Workshop on Dismantling Clan Labs (Abidjan, 2023), the UNODC MILDECA Project Launch (2019), and the DEA Sensitive Investigative Unit training (Quantico, Virginia, 2012). His contributions have been instrumental in key initiatives, including Operation Azure1 at Kotoka International Airport (2021) and the Maritime Interdiction Operation (OBANGAME EXPRESS 2015).

With a strong foundation in narcotics investigations, regulatory oversight, and international collaboration, Abbeo plays a critical role in preventing the diversion and misuse of controlled substances and precursor chemicals in Ghana.