**CRITICAL BARRIERS TO SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY: THE QUANTITY SURVEYORS PERSPECTIVE**

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**A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE NOVELTY**

The topic of this research paper is “Critical Barriers to Social Sustainability: The Quantity Surveyors’ Perspective” This paper was instigated with the main aim of assess the barriers that hinder social sustainability practices in the Construction industry from the perspective of the Quantity Surveyor. The research was conducted in Ghana and the sample frame was Quantity Surveyors recognised by Ghana Institution of Surveyors as of the time the research was undertaken. The findings of the research shows that Political barrier and Technical barriers are the major barriers to social sustainability. The political barrier is on the government’s involvement and policy formulation to encourage the industry consider social sustainability in both public and private projects. The Technical barrier details out the skills gap of quantity surveyors and this research suggest adequate education and training as well as professional development for Quantity Surveyors on Social Sustainability.

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