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## **National Communications Authority**

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### **Safeguarding the Telecommunications Sector and Ghana's Revenues: President Akufo-Addo commissions NCA-CERT and Common Platform**

Accra, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2018 - The President, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2018, commissioned the National Communications Authority's Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) centre, and the Revenue Assurance and Traffic Monitoring Centre, also known as the "Common Platform".



- ***President Akufo-Addo being assisted by Mrs. Ursula Owusu-Ekufu, Mr. Joe Anokye and Mr. Kofi Nti to cut the tape***

The state-of-the-art cyber security centre which is set up to protect Ghana's telecommunication industry and users "was conceptualized by the NCA, designed by the NCA, funded by the NCA, installed by the NCA and manned by the NCA under the leadership of the Ministry of Communications (MOC) and it is perhaps one of the perfect definition of what we mean by having a Ghana Beyond Aid" Director General of the National Communications Authority, Joe Anokye said in his opening remarks to a tumultuous applause from the audience which included industry players, Ministers of State, Members of Parliament and staff of the NCA.



- ***Mr. Joe Anokye giving his welcome remarks***

The Minister for Communications, Mrs. Ursula Owusu-Ekuful commended the management of the Ghana Revenue Authority and the National Communications Authority for their hard work in establishing the two centres which will go a long way to help in government's efforts at protecting revenues to the state and safeguarding Ghana's cyberspace. She also called on telecommunication companies to continue to cooperate with the operators of the common platform for the collective good of the industry.



- ***Mrs. Ursula Owusu-Ekuful giving her remarks***

President Akufo-Addo commended the National Communications Authority and the Ghana Revenue Authority for taking steps to guarantee the revenues of government, and, also, ensure that regulators and telecommunication operators work together to this end. The President said the commissioning of the two projects were essential building blocks

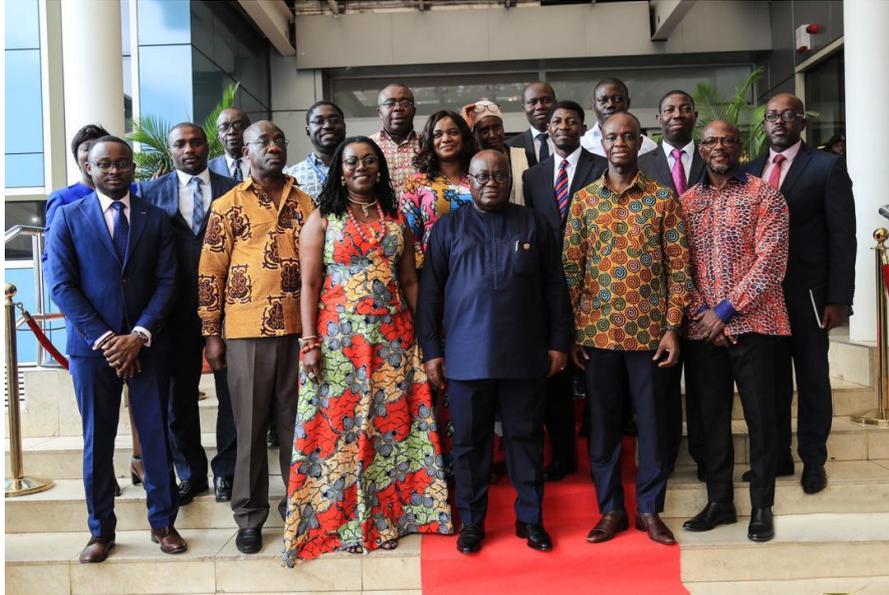
for the realization of Government's vision of a digitised Ghana. "They represent key milestones in our nation's journey towards becoming well-resourced, self-reliant, efficient and secure, within the context of cyberspace, telecommunications traffic management, and revenue assurance," he added.



- ***President Akufo-Addo delivering his address***

In execution of the protocols for the Computer Emergence Response Team Centre and the Revenue Assurance and Traffic Monitoring Centre, the President indicated that "we should see to the transfer of knowledge to enhance learning and the acquisition of skills by Ghanaians to man this project."

As Co-Chair of the 2030 United Nations Advocates Group of Eminent Personalities for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), he indicated that these two projects fit directly into the SDGs. "The creation of a state of the art, well-resourced cyber security response centre, such as the NCA-CERT, is key to attaining some of these goals. We have committed ourselves to building a resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation so we can attain Goal No. 9, which 'addresses three important aspects of sustainable development: infrastructure, industrialization and innovation'," the President added.



- ***President Akufo-Addo in a group photograph with Mrs. Ursula Owusu-Ekufu and Management of GRA and NCA.***

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#### Editor's Note

##### About NCA

The National Communications Authority, (NCA), was established by an Act of Parliament, Act 524 in December 1996, which has been repealed and replaced by the National Communications Authority Act, 2008 (Act 769). The Authority is the statutory body mandated to license and to regulate electronic communication activities and services in the country.