



National Communications Authority

Press Release

NCA DIRECTOR GENERAL CHAIRS ATU 3RD AFRICAN PREPARATORY MEETING AHEAD OF WTSA 2020

Accra, 28th July, 2020: The Director General of the National Communications Authority (NCA), has been appointed as the Chairman of the African Telecommunications Union's 3rd African Preparatory Meeting ahead of the World Telecommunications Standardisation Assembly (WTSA) 2020. The three (3) day meeting will end on Thursday, 30th July, 2020.

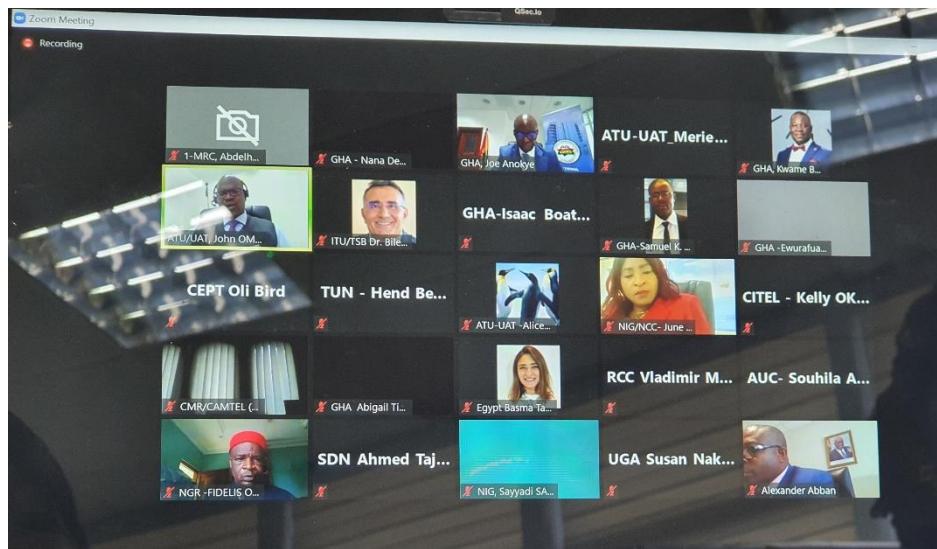


- *Director General of NCA, Mr. Joe Anokye, chairing the meeting*

With over 170 participants joining virtually from the African Continent, the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and other global regional associations, Ghana is the virtual host of this important meeting. Present at the meeting was the Honourable Minister for Communications, Mrs. Ursula Owusu-Ekuful, who was the Guest of Honour and her Deputy Ministers, Mr. George Nenyi Andah and Mr. Alexander Abban.

Also present at the meeting were telecommunication and technology giants; the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT), Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL), the Authentication Centre (AUC), Global System for Mobile Communications (GSMA), East African Communications Organization (EACO).

Issues discussed at the meeting included ITU's preparatory process towards WTSA 2020, highlights on the outcomes of the Telecommunication Standardisation Advisory Group (TSAG), an update on the European Region's preparation towards WTSA 2020 and some proposed harmonised emergency numbers for Africa by the AUC amongst others.



- ***A section of the virtual participants***

The meeting continues tomorrow to further discuss more robust and relevant ideas on consolidating Africa's position for the various ITU resolutions ahead of the WTSA 2020.

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About ATU

The African Telecommunications Union (ATU) was founded in 1977 as a specialised agency of the Organisation of African Unity, now African Union, in the field of telecommunications. It took its present name in 1999. This led to the transformation of the agency into a partnership between public and private stakeholders in the information and communication technology (ICT) sector.

ATU provides a forum for stakeholders involved in ICT to formulate effective policies and strategies aimed at improving access to information infrastructure and services. In addition, the Union represents the interests of its members at global decision-making conferences and promotes initiatives aimed at integrating regional markets, attracting investment into ICT infrastructure, and building institutional and human capacity.