



National Communications Authority

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NCA LAUNCHES 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AS THE NATION'S COMMUNICATIONS REGULATOR

For Immediate Release

Accra, April 14, 2016 – The National Communications Authority (NCA), today launched activities marking its 20th anniversary milestone as the regulator of the communications sector of the country. The 20th anniversary celebrations are aimed at telling the story of how the NCA began, the challenges and breakthroughs experienced.

Themed “NCA: 20 years of progressive and dynamic regulatory achievements”, the launching ceremony was also used to unveil the anniversary logo.

In his welcome address, the Director-General of the National Communications Authority, Mr. William Tevie traced the history of the NCA, “the government of Ghana in 1996 established the NCA to regulate communications by wire, cable, radio, television, satellite and similar means of technology for the orderly development and operation of efficient communications services in the country”.

According to him, starting off with one office in Accra in 1996, today the Authority has 8 regional offices in Ho, Sunyani, Koforidua, Bolgatanga, Kumasi, Takoradi and Tamale, bringing its services closer to the communities and also to facilitate effective monitoring of spectral resources. This is addition is to monitor the quality of service delivered by Operators to their consumers in the various regions.

Mr. Tevie said, 20 years has not been all rosy and glowing but the years have seen the Authority recording great success through commitment and diligence.

The Director General of the NCA expressed satisfaction that his outfit has been able to live up to expectation, “as a regulatory body, we are proud of how far the ICT industry in Ghana has evolved over the past 20 years”. “We as an authority will continue to implement progressive and dynamic policies and programmes to put Ghana on the map as the leading provider of ICT services within the Sub Saharan Africa region”, Mr. Tevie assured.

The Board Chairman of the NCA, Mr. Eugene Baffoe – Bonnie, in a brief remark touted the achievements of the NCA and the foundations set by the previous Boards of Directors and Directors General over the past 20 years. He said, within the first few weeks after the inauguration of the current board, together with management and staff, they took on the challenge to develop a **NEW VISION, NEW MISSION STATEMENT** all enveloped around with new **CORE VALUES** “acronym” **TACTIT** which stands for **TEAMWORK, ACCOUNTABILITY, CONSISTENCY, TRANSPARENCY, INNOVATION** and **TRUST**.

Mr. Baffoe-Bonnie said, collectively, we have restructured our internal divisions to realign fully with stretched out strategic objectives designed to achieve the ultimate vision of becoming a **WORLD CLASS regulator**.

The NCA can boast of these sterling achievements; Mobile Number Portability (MNP), Digital Terrestrial Switchover Project, Harmonised Short Codes, Broadband Wireless Access (BWA) Licence in the 2500 – 2690MHz, Guidelines for the Deployment of Masts and Towers, Decentralisation of our operations, Reclassification of FM Stations and more recently, the Interconnect Clearing House (ICH)”.

In the Keynote address, read on his behalf, the Minister for Communications, Dr. Edward Omane Boamah announced that, “Government is committed to investing in the communications sector. He said, today, by virtue of the dedicated works of both past and present staff of the Authority, Ghana can stand proudly as a country with an enviable communication industry. The immense benefit of the communications sector today is seen not only in appreciable quality of service being enjoyed by consumers but the financial dividends that benefits the economy making the sector one of the country’s biggest tax payer thereby enabling funds to be made available to aid in the progress of other sectors of the economy.”

Activities lined up for the celebrations are; Digital Family Forum, ICT Competition School Essay to be held on Regional Basis, Communications Fun Games and Corporate Social Responsibility. The rest are, Launch of Industry Report and Magazine, Anniversary Dinner Dance and an interdenominational thanksgiving service to climax the year-long celebrations.

The event was attended by some key stakeholders of the NCA such as the Ghana Independent Broadcasters Association, Ghana ICT Chamber, Ghana Journalists Association and the Telecoms Chamber among others.

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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. The Authority thus, regulates all commerce and initiatives in the communications space in the country regardless of the technology employed.