



National Communications Authority

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NCA HOSTS GIFEC AND UCC

A five member delegation from the Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) has paid a working visit to the National Communications Authority (NCA) on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 to deepen their understanding on the use of broadband for rural telephony. The team comprises the Fund Manager, Director for Legal & Secretary to the Board, Director for Engineering and Infrastructure, Finance Manager and Admin Officer. They were in the company of Mr. Kofi Asante, the Ag. Administrator of the Ghana Investment Fund for Electronic Communications (GIFEC).



The Ag. DG with some Management staff of the NCA and the visiting delegation at the meeting.

The Ag. Director General of the NCA, Mr. Joe Anokye who welcomed the delegation highlighted the recent developments within Ghana's Communications industry. He also stated that the Authority was working with other stakeholders to address the gaps identified and to ensure that an enabling environment exists for all stakeholders and investors.

Mr. Anokye also spoke on the need for active engagement between the NCA and GIFEC to facilitate the provision of basic telephony, internet, broadband and broadcasting services to underserved

communities. Among other things discussed was the use of spectrum in the era of new technologies especially with the on-going Digital Migration.

Mr. Kofi Asante thanked the NCA for hosting them and their delegation from Uganda. He stated that the vision of the GIFEC is to bridge the digital divide between the served and unserved/underserved communities in Ghana, they will strongly cooperate with NCA to achieve their objectives.



Mr. Kofi Asante of GIFEC (left) interacting with Mr. Anokye (right).



The Ag. Director General, NCA in a group picture with the delegation.

About UCC

The UCC was established to implement the provisions of The UCC Act 2013 Laws of Uganda with a principal goal of developing a modern communications sub-sector and Infrastructure in Uganda, in conformity with the operationalization of the Telecommunications Policy.

About GIFEC

The Ghana Investment Fund for Electronic Communications (GIFEC), was established with the mandate of providing “Universal Access to Electronic Communications to promote social and economic development. The legislation that strengthened the agency was promulgated in 2008 as the Electronic Communications Act 775, aimed at providing for electronic communications, broadcasting, and the use of the electro-magnetic spectrum and related facilities in Ghana. The financial resource for GIFEC is provided by the telecommunications service providers who by law are required to contribute one percent of their annual revenue towards the operations of the Fund.

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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.