



National Communications Authority

- Press Release

NCA SHARES KNOWLEDGE WITH IVORIAN COUNTERPARTS

For Immediate Release

Accra, 25th July, 2016 –

The National Communications Authority on the 20th of July, 2016 welcomed a delegation from Autorité de Régulation des Télécommunications de Côte D'Ivoire (ARTCI) who engaged the Authority in a dialogue on reducing roaming costs, Mobile Number Portability (MNP) and Billing Feedback Message. The meeting was at the request of ARTCI, who wanted to learn more on some topics, including the possibility of reducing Roaming costs with the aim of a possible model on Regional Roaming, Mobile Number Portability (MNP), Emergency Calls and the Billing Feedback Message feature.

The two member delegation, headed by Mr. Ipou Alexandre, were part of the Ivorian team which represented their country at the just ended International Symposium on the role of regulations in ICT Development organised by the NCA.

Congratulating the NCA on its 20th Anniversary and on winning an award from the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation for Billing Feedback, Mr. Alexandre said the NCA had shown great leadership in organising the symposium and that the regulatory interventions of the NCA were worth learning from.



Image 1 The Dep. Director General Mr. Albert Enninful addressing the delegates from ARTCI.

In welcoming the delegation, the Deputy Director General of the NCA, Mr. Albert Enninful spoke of the good relations the NCA has with ARTCI and urged for increased cooperation between the two countries. He touched on Ghana's MNP achievement, saying that, "In fact, you do not even have to have high volumes of numbers being ported to experience competition improvements, our main aim was to give consumers the freedom of choice to move to any network of their choice. In so doing, it should be noted that this will also compel service providers to boost their quality of service and improve their operations in order to retain their existing subscriber base and attract new subscribers to join them".

The NCA also briefed the delegation on the ICT industry in Ghana, as well as NCA's achievements and projects.

The head of the delegation Mr. Ipou Alexandre was glad of the visit because they had achieved their objective. He said, "I am glad we embarked on this visit, we now know more about how Ghana runs their project. I have no doubt that we will be able to use this information in pursuit of our mandate.



Image 2 - The delegates from ARTCI in a meeting with the management of the NCA

NCA has currently over three million mobile numbers ported to other networks which seeks to promote competition in the telecommunications industry. The Authority was also given an award for the "Best ICT Policy and Regulatory Initiative" on Billing Feedback system from the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organization.

Issued by the National Communications Authority,

No. 6 Airport City, Accra.

Tel: (0)30 – 2776621/2771701 or 050-145-1522/3.

E-mail: info@nca.org.gh

Date – Monday, 25th July, 2016

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.