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## **National Communications Authority**

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### **PARTICIPANTS OF AFRICA ENDEAVOR 2019 VISIT NCA**

As part of 2019 Africa Endeavor training programme sponsored by the U.S. Africa Command, the National Communications Authority (NCA) hosted some senior military leaders from across the globe on August 21, 2019 at the NCA Tower in Accra. This year, the event focused on training and workforce development which included areas of cybersecurity, interoperability, amongst others.

To be abreast with Ghana's cybersecurity development and measures that have been put in place to curtail cyber menace in the country, participants visited some cybersecurity installs including Computer Emergency Response Team – Ghana (CERT-GH) and the NCA-CERT.

Welcoming the delegation on behalf of the Director General of the NCA, Mr. Joe Anokye, the Deputy Director General for Operations, Mr. Prince Ofofu-Sefah said the Authority was privileged to host and be part of such an event. In his remarks, he noted that in an era with countless cyber menaces and incidences including fraud, attacks, etc., is necessary for countries and institutions all over the world to build robust system to protect networks and counter such attacks.



- ***Mr. Prince Ofofu-Sefah (Deputy Director General-Operations), giving the welcome remarks.***

Adding on, he said Ghana has invested massively in the area of cybersecurity and that these investments are based on international standards and benchmarks to protect critical national information infrastructures. Mr. Ofofu-Sefah went on to say that, the NCA as the Communications Industry Regulator, has infused cyber security best practices into its regulatory and licencing regimes in order to ensure cyber safety to its constituents.

Giving a presentation on NCA-CERT, Mr. Kwadwo Osafo-Mafo, Head of the Cybersecurity Division, noted that the Authority's CERT is one of the sectoral CERTs established to respond to incidents within the communications industry and provide a platform for information sharing to enhance the safety of the sector. With its primary constituents as licensed operators within the communications sector and their subscribers, Mr. Osafo-

Maafo said the NCA-CERT coordinates and also report incidences to the National CERT. He reiterated that the NCA-CERT is responsible for detection, triaging, analysing and incident response.



- ***Mr. Kwadwo Osafo-Maafo, giving a presentation on NCA-CERT***

The delegation was also taken through a tour of some of NCA's facilities including the Network Monitoring Platform and the NCA CERT all located at the NCA Tower in Accra.



- ***A section of the delegates being taken through the operations of the NCA-CERT***

Africa Endeavor, an annual senior leader communications symposium which is designed to help develop multinational communications practices for peacekeeping, disaster response and counterterrorism missions mandated by the African Union and the United Nations, was held in Accra from August 19-23, 2019.



- ***Some NCA Officials in a group photograph with the Military Officers***