

National Communications Authority

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NCA Hosts Telecommunication and Posts Regulatory Authority (ARPT) of Guinea on <u>a Benchmarking Visit</u>

Accra, April 29, 2022: The National Communications Authority (NCA) on Monday, 25th April, 2022, hosted a two-member delegation from the Telecommunication and Posts Regulatory Authority (ARPT) of Guinea on a five (5) day benchmarking visit. The visit, which was led by Mamady Doubouya, Director of Radio Communication of ARPT, was to understudy Ghana's successes in the Type Approval Regime, the scope, policies and to understand the legal framework governing the setup of the Type Approval Lab.

Welcoming the delegation on behalf of the Director General of NCA, Mr. Joe Anokye, the Deputy Director General for Technical Operations, Dr. Ezer Osei Yeboah-Boateng, said that the NCA is pleased with ARPT's decision to benchmark the NCA on some of its successes in the setup of the Type Approval Laboratory. He proceeded by stating that as the scope of communication services expands, regulators must ensure that the electronic equipment customers use to access various forms of telecommunications is tested to ensure compliance with international health, environmental, and safety standards. Hence, a good course has been chattered by ARPT to benchmark in this critical area.



Participants being briefed at the SAR Lab at the NCA's Type Approval Lab

In his introductory remarks, Mamady Doubouya, Director of Radio Communication of ARPT, expressed his gratitude for the warm reception given and recognised the NCA as one of the best in Africa as far as the Type Approval regime is concerned. "There are new technologies

that are changing how things work, so benchmarking has become important because it will help build a framework for setting up a Type Approval lab in Guinea", he said.



A group photograph of the delegation with some Management Staff

The five (5)-day visit centered on the Type Approval Testing Laboratories, specifically, the Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) testing laboratory, Electromagnetic Field (EMF) measurements, Digital Terrestrial Television (DTT) receiver testing laboratory, and Radio Frequency and Signaling (RF & Sig) testing laboratory. The team also took advantage of the visit to tour other regulatory installations.

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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.