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## National Communications Authority

### *Press Release*

#### **NCA HOSTS MINISTRY OF ENERGY ON A BENCHMARK VISIT**

**Accra, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2023:** The National Communications Authority (NCA) on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2023, hosted a delegation from the Ministry of Energy and the Electricity of Ghana on a benchmark visit at the NCA Tower. The purpose of the visit was to gain practical insight and draw valuable lessons from the NCA's experience in the establishment and operationalisation of the Authority's Computer Emergency Response Team (NCA-CERT).



***Mr. Joe Anokye welcoming the delegation***

Welcoming the delegation, the Director General of the NCA, Mr. Joe Anokye, stated that the NCA-CERT, which was inaugurated in October 2018, was developed by the NCA with Staff trained to conduct key cybersecurity activities. He indicated that as part of its mandate, the NCA-CERT has been engaging with stakeholders to address incidents that affect the telecommunications sector to ensure a safer communications space.

He stated that over the years, the NCA has hosted a number of African Telecom Regulators on benchmark visits to the NCA-CERT, as the Authority is one of the first telecom regulators in the African sub-region to have established a Sectoral CERT. He expressed his satisfaction that the energy sector, a major economic player in Ghana, is interested in building a Sectoral CERT. This, he stated, would be part of ensuring a secure cyberspace, and pledged the Authority's support to the Ministry when called upon.



***Ing. Aheng Owusu Afriyie speaking at the event***

Ing. Aheng Owusu Afriyie, a General Manager of the Electricity Company of Ghana (ECG), commended the NCA for the support and added that ECG's mother Ministry, the Ministry of Energy will strive to catch up with the NCA as far as cybersecurity is concerned. He added that the visit provided them with the opportunity to understand the lessons learned in the running of the NCA-CERT, which will inform the Ministry and its agencies in its preparations towards the establishment of a CERT for the Energy sector. He indicated that the Ministry is optimistic that it will get off the ground quickly with the assistance and direction of the NCA.



***A group photograph of the delegation with Mr. Joe Anokye and some staff of the NCA***

As part of their visit, the delegation had the opportunity to tour the NCA-CERT, the state-of-the-art Broadcasting Monitoring Centre (BMC), and Communications Monitoring Centre (CMC).



*The delegation touring the NCA-CERT*

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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.*