



National Communications Authority

Press Release

NCA HOSTS GHANA'S FINAL PREPARATORY MEETING AHEAD OF THE 2023 WORLD RADIOCOMMUNICATION CONFERENCE (WRC-23)

Accra, 26th June, 2023: The National Communications Authority (NCA) has organised Ghana's Second and final National Preparatory Meeting as part of preparations for the 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23). The event, which is being held at the NCA Tower in Accra from 26th to 29th June, 2023, is being attended by stakeholders from industry and academia with the view to reaching a unified position for the country before the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and African Telecommunications Union (ATU) preparatory meetings scheduled for July and August 2023 respectively.

Held every three (3) to four (4) years, the WRC is organised by the Radiocommunication Bureau of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU-R) to review and if necessary, revise the Radio Regulations and the international treaty governing the use of radio-frequency spectrum. Other areas such as the geostationary satellite and non-geostationary satellite orbits are all considered during such meetings.



***Prof. Ezer Osei Yeboah-Boateng, Deputy Director General
(Technical Operations) giving the welcome address***

In his opening address, Prof. Ezer Osei Yeboah-Boateng, Deputy Director General (Technical Operations) at the Authority, highlighted the preparations made by Ghana. He stated that the first preparatory meeting held virtually was to introduce stakeholders to the WRC-23 agenda. It also presented the studies conducted by the responsible ITU-R study groups whose findings have been consolidated into the Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) Report.

Prof. Yeboah-Boateng outlined the objectives of Ghana's Second National Preparatory Meeting which include consolidating the country's positions on various WRC-23 agenda items. He also noted that the NCA has prepared the various guidelines for participants to have detail conversations which will assist stakeholders in agreeing on positions that will make Ghana's inputs into the ECOWAS and ATU preparatory meetings cogent.

Prof. Yeboah-Boateng also emphasised the importance of leveraging the knowledge and expertise of the Ghanaian Communications Industry to ensure a clear understanding of consumer interests, Operator investments, and the overall development of the communications sector. He called on stakeholders to make contributions that will, in the end, benefit Ghana and by extension, the sub-region and continent.



Mr. Bernard Amissah-Ocran speaking at the event

Mr. Bernard Amissah-Ocran, Deputy Director, Engineering Division, opened the floor for presentations and discussions on the WRC-23 agenda. He highlighted the significance of stakeholder opinions in informing Ghana's position for WRC-23 and urged participants to engage in constructive discussions during the three-day meeting.

Mr. Amissah-Ocran also noted that the decisions and recommendations made at the meeting will contribute to Ghana's proposals for the final preparatory meetings of the ECOWAS and the ATU in July and August, respectively.

The meeting is being attended by representatives of the Ministry of Communications and Digitalisation, Internet Service Providers (ISPs), Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) Operators, Mobile Network Operators (MNOs), Ghana Chamber of Telecoms, Broadcasting Service Providers and some Universities in the country.

Topics outlined to be discussed during the three-day meeting include issues on Mobile, Fixed, Broadcasting, Aeronautical, Maritime and Satellite Services.



A section of participants at the event

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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.