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## National Communications Authority

*Press Release*

### **“PUSH YOUR LIMITS TO REALISE FULL POTENTIAL” - DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NCA URGES STUDENTS AT THE 2023 STATS BANK HACKATHON**

*Accra, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023:* Mr. Joe Anokye, Director General of the National Communications Authority (NCA), has urged university students present at the maiden edition of the 2023 StatsBank Hackathon Awards Ceremony to go beyond their boundaries to unlock their full potential.

The event, which took place on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 at Wesley Towers and was presided over by Mr. Anokye, sought to promote awareness of StatsBank by the Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) and foster the utilisation of census data in research relevant to policymaking.



*Mr. Joe Anokye, Director General of NCA, speaking at the Ceremony*

Addressing the audience, Mr. Joe Anokye lauded the GSS for launching this initiative, emphasizing its potential to infuse innovation into digital analysis and tap into the exploratory, theoretical, innovative, and creative capabilities of students.

Emphasizing the significance of this endeavour, Mr. Anokye stressed that the application of analytics and automation to data amplifies and enriches its value. He underscored that this

undertaking is both pertinent and well-timed, as it facilitates the creation of utility applications that empower planners, researchers, and investors to extract more valuable insights from data, which can be readily comprehended and put to use in various ways.

He also commended the students for their determination and expression of ingenuity in developing applications that will enable the GSS to provide more value to interested parties who need to utilise the StatsBank. Mr. Anokye urged other government institutions to replicate these initiatives, which will also provide opportunities for the younger generation to realise their full potential. “Every participant is a winner for developing useful applications that will make Ghana a more innovative country driven by digital disruptions and powered by big data in a march towards achieving the requisite SDG goals,” he said.

Winners of the Maiden Edition of the StatsBank Hackathon Awards 2023 were the Badwenba Team from the University of Cape Coast. Team Data Genius from the University of Ghana was awarded first runner-up and the second runner-up was Team Robust, also from the University of Cape Coast.

The national hackathon is an initiative of the Ghana Statistical Service, which is organised in collaboration with Statistics Denmark and five public universities. The initiative is expected to bring research closer to industry and practice in evidence-based decision-making.



***Winners of the 2023 StatsBank Hackathon Awards - Badwenba Team from the University of Cape Coast***

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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.*