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## National Communications Authority

- Press Release -

### **NCA ENGAGES FM STATIONS ON FREQUENCY INTERFERENCE ISSUES**

**Accra, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024:** The National Communications Authority (NCA) held a one-day consultative meeting with some FM station Authorisation Holders in Accra on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024, at the NCA Tower, to address concerns regarding stations exceeding the permissible frequency deviation threshold.



***Deputy Director for the Engineering Division, Mr. Bernard Amissah-Ocran welcoming participants***

In his welcome remarks, the Deputy Director for the Engineering Division, Mr. Bernard Amissah-Ocran, emphasized the importance of the gathering. He noted that the Authority had noticed persistent interference caused by some FM stations in Accra, which had raised concerns for the NCA. Given the ongoing challenges, Mr. Amissah-Ocran stressed that the NCA, under its strategic plan that prioritizes collaboration and partnership with stakeholders, saw it as necessary to invite the stations for deliberations.

The purpose, he explained, was to foster discussions on how to collectively address the issue and ensure the smooth functioning of broadcast frequencies, preventing further interference and enhancing overall service delivery. He underscored that collaboration between the NCA and FM stations is vital for maintaining broadcast standards and protecting the integrity of the airwaves



***Kwame Baafuor Akoto, Senior Manager at the Engineering Division of the National Communications Authority (NCA), delivering a presentation***

Kwame Baafuor Akoto, Senior Manager at the Engineering Division of the National Communications Authority (NCA), delivered a presentation on the role of the Broadcast Monitoring Centre in ensuring compliance with technical requirements outlined in FM stations' authorisation conditions.

He explained how the Centre is instrumental in tracking and monitoring the performance of radio stations, particularly in detecting instances where stations exceed permissible technical limits, such as frequency deviations. Mr. Akoto further highlighted the importance of adhering to these standards, as it ensures not only smooth and interference-free broadcasting but also the overall quality and reliability of FM transmissions.



***Cross section of participants***

The meeting was attended by technical officers and station managers from various media outlets, and it offered participants the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback, fostering an open dialogue on key issues affecting their operations.

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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*