



National Communications Authority

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NCA HOSTS MALAWI COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY (MACRA) ON A BENCHMARK VISIT

Accra, 19th February, 2025: The National Communications Authority (NCA) welcomed an eleven-member high-level delegation from the Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA) on 19th February, 2025, at the NCA Tower.

Led by Mr. Daud Suleman, Director General of MACRA, the delegation visited Ghana to study the technical framework of the NCA's Broadcasting Monitoring Centre (BMC) as they work towards establishing a similar facility in Malawi.

Their focus was on leveraging the BMC's capabilities to combat misinformation and disinformation, a crucial step in strengthening Malawi's digital regulatory infrastructure.



• *The Ag. Director General of NCA, Rev. Ing. Edmund Yirenkyi Fianko, welcoming the delegation*

Welcoming the delegation, the Acting Director General of NCA, Rev. Ing. Edmund Yirenkyi Fianko, expressed the Authority's pride in supporting MACRA's efforts to develop its own Broadcasting Monitoring Centre (BMC). He highlighted that Ghana's BMC has undergone continuous updates, rigorous testing, and refinement since its inception, ensuring its effectiveness.

Rev. Fianko further noted that the BMC now features fingerprint intelligence technology, enhancing its ability to conduct efficient data searches and analysis. Commending the delegation for selecting Ghana as a benchmark, he emphasised the importance of knowledge

exchange and expressed hope that, in the future, Ghana would also have the opportunity to share knowledge from Malawi's advancements once their system is fully established.



- ***Mr. Daud Suleman, Director General of MACRA speaking at the meeting***

Mr. Daud highlighted the need to strengthen Malawi's digital infrastructure, acknowledging the country's growing digital landscape while also highlighting key challenges, including low internet penetration (36.9%) and a youthful population (average age: 17 years) heavily reliant on digital platforms. He noted that MACRA is actively implementing policy reforms and adopting new technologies to create a safe and well-regulated digital environment.

The delegation included members of the Malawi Parliament, representatives from civil society, the Malawian media, and the ICT Association of Malawi.



- ***A group picture of the delegation and some Management Staff of NCA***



- *The delegation touring the NCA BMC*

During their visit, the delegation toured the NCA's BMC, gaining firsthand insight into its operations and technological advancements.

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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.