



## National Communications Authority

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### **NCA Hosts National College of Defence Studies for Study Visit on SMART Governance and Sustainable Development**

**Accra, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.** The National Communications Authority (NCA) hosted participants from the National College of Defence Studies (NCDS) on a study visit at the NCA Tower in Accra. The objective of the visit was to explore the linkage between SMART governance and sustainable development as part of the NCDS' national study tour.



***Acting Director General of the NCA, Rev. Ing. Edmund Yirenkyi Fianko  
welcoming the delegation***

During the meeting, Dr. John Akopari, Dean of the NCDS, provided an insightful context on SMART governance, characterising it as governance that is Simple, Moral, Accountable, Responsible, and Transparent (SMART). He emphasised that SMART governance aims to create more efficient, ethical, and effective government structures capable of addressing complex societal challenges while fostering trust between governments and their citizens.



***Dr. John Akopari, Dean of the NCDS and Brig. Gen. E.K. Boa-Amponsem speaking at the meeting***

Speaking on the NCA's commitment to SMART governance and sustainable development, the Acting Director General of the NCA, Rev. Ing. Edmund Yirenkyi Fianko, referenced the NCA Act (Act 769 of 2008), specifically Section 5, which mandates the Authority to carry out its functions in a manner that prioritizes transparency, accountability, and the protection of consumer interest. He cited examples such as the publication of statistics and information on the industry, gazetting of guidelines, schedules of fees, all of which, he stated, reflects the Authority's open and responsive approach.

Rev. Ing. Fianko further highlighted the Authority's compliance with the Right to Information (RTI) Law and its consistent engagement with stakeholders to ensure inclusive and consumer-focused regulation.

The delegation comprised high-ranking officials of the Ghana Armed Forces and senior officials of the College.

Also present were representatives from the Ministry of Communication, Digital Technology, and Innovations (MoCDTI), who elaborated that the principles of accountability and responsiveness are not only central to the SMART governance framework but are also mandated by law.



***A cross-section of the delegation***

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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.*