



National Communications Authority

Press Release

GHANA AND BURKINA FASO SIGN MOU TO DRIVE AFFORDABLE CROSS-BORDER MOBILE COMMUNICATION

Ouagadougou, 24th November, 2025: The National Communications Authority (NCA) of Ghana and the Autorité de Régulation des Communications Électroniques et des Postes (ARCEP) of Burkina Faso have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Free Roaming between the two countries. The signing ceremony took place on 21st November, 2025 as part of the Digital Week event in Ouagadougou, where Ghana participated as Guest of Honour.

This MoU establishes the framework for technical and regulatory collaboration, paving the way for seamless mobile communication across borders. Mobile subscribers travelling between the two countries will be able to make calls, send messages, and use data services without incurring additional roaming charges. With this development, Ghana has successfully concluded free roaming arrangements with all its neighbouring countries.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, the NCA's Deputy Director General for Technical Operations, Mr. Suleman Salifu, emphasised that the collaboration reinforces the longstanding relationship between the NCA and ARCEP Burkina Faso. He reaffirmed Ghana's commitment to deepening regional connectivity and ensuring that communication services become more accessible, affordable and seamless for citizens. Mr. Salifu further expressed confidence that the agreement will further strengthen institutional cooperation and lay the foundation for more joint initiatives in the future.



Deputy Director General for Technical Operations, NCA, Mr. Suleman Salifu (seated left) and Executive Secretary of ARCEP, Patrice Compaoré signing the MoU in the presence of their respective Ministers

On his part, ARCEP's Executive Secretary, Patrice Compaoré, indicated that the elimination of the roaming charge will allow Burkinabé travelers in Ghana, as well as Ghanaian nationals in Burkina Faso, to communicate at rates similar to those charged in their countries of origin. He noted that this agreement will help strengthen bilateral cooperation by facilitating exchanges and communication between the two countries.



Mr. Suleman Salifu (left) and Mr. Patrice Compaoré exchanging the signed MOU

Subsequent to the signing of the MoU, Regulators and Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) of both countries will continue to work collaboratively towards the implementation and testing of the agreed roaming services prior to the launch of the service in April 2026.

The NCA takes the opportunity to acknowledge the guidance of the Minister for Communication, Digital Technology and Innovations, as well as the cooperation of MNOs in ensuring the successful conclusion of this agreement.

In attendance were Hon. Samuel George, Ghana's Minister for Communication, Digital Technology and Innovations; Dr. Aminata Zerbo/Sabane, Burkina Faso's Minister of Digital Transition, Posts and Electronic Communications; and Mobile Network Operators of both countries.

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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.