

# **MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY- GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT**

This ICT Policy Statement is designed to guide the process of the deployment and exploitation of ICTs within the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General's Department to support its organisational activities and operations within the framework of the national ICT4AD vision.

## **VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS OF THE MINISTRY**

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

To develop and maintain an efficient and reputable legal system whose well-motivated staff would exhibit high standards of professionalism.

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

To promote justice, human rights and the rule of law through the formulation and monitoring of the implementation of policies and programmes, to contribute to good governance, development and the eradication of poverty.

## **STRATEGIES FOR ATTAINING THE STATED MISSIONS**

The Ministry is committed to the implementation of the following core strategies towards the attainment of the missions for the realisation of the vision:

- Formulating policies, monitoring and evaluating the impact of those policies towards the efficient operation of the legal system.

- Preparing, revising and reforming laws to facilitate the realisation of the policy objectives of the government with regard to economic and social growth.
- Broadening the scope of legal aid services to the vulnerable and the disadvantaged.
- Providing and developing the human resource capacity to manage civil, criminal and international cases.
- Advising the government/MDAs on legal matters as well as regulating investment procedures and systems.
- Promoting social justice by facilitating the operations of a fair, efficient and transparent legal system.
- Improving economic crime prevention, transparency and public accountability.
- Improving public awareness of the nation's laws and statutes.
- Providing finance and administrative support services to enhance sector operations.
- Collaborating with international institutions.

## **THE ICT DEPLOYMENT AND EXPLOITATION POLICY GOALS**

The Ministry realising the critical roles ICTs play in ensuring efficiency adopts the following strategies to facilitate the deployment and exploitation of ICTs.

- Improve the Management Information Systems of the Ministry.

- Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the management and administrative functions of the Ministry through the deployment and exploitation of ICTs.
- Provide training to staff at all levels in ICT skills like understanding the computer to enhance their efficiency
- Deploy and utilise ICTs to collect, collate, process, analyse and disseminate legal information.
- Enhance and strengthen ICT facilities and capacities of the Ministry and its agencies.
- Utilise ICTs for the computerisation of the country's laws and statutes to make it more accessible.
- Deploy and exploit ICTs to modernise and improve justice delivery in Ghana.

## **ICT DEPLOYMENT AND EXPLOITATION COMMITMENTS**

The Ministry, in implementing its stated ICT strategies, is committed to:

- Automating the processes of the library as a means of gaining effective control over its collections and making more effective use of library staff time by eliminating routine and labour-intensive tasks.
- Establishing a Ghana Statute Law database to ensure easy access by government departments, the legal profession and the public at large.

- Establishing a dynamic and interactive website on which information on the delivery of justice could be accessed and views on policy initiatives can be collated.
- Introducing computer assisted research services such as LEXIS and WESTLAW to provide full text of all reported cases, electronic citations to unreported cases, rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure and selected law reviews to improve the justice delivery system.
- Introducing computer-assisted legal instruction to facilitate training of staff.
- Establish a bulletin board to promote discussions on law reform in Ghana.
- Setting up a wide area network to facilitate contact and exchange of information and resources with all the Attorney General's offices in all regions.
- Establish distance-learning centres to facilitate instantaneous training of lawyers.
- To provide intensive computer training to all lawyers so as to enhance their efficiency.

## **THE FOCUS OF THE ICT PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES OF THE MINISTRY**

The Ministry as part of the on-going government-wide initiative to improve Government administration and service delivery to the public through the use of ICTs is committed to implementing programmes and initiatives aimed at the deployment and exploitations of ICTs to facilitate and improve its

administrative operations and activities as well as its service delivery to the public at large.

The Ministry is commitment to use ICTs to modernise the legal institutions and develop electronic versions of the country's statutes to facilitate effective legal administration and easy accessibility to the statutes of the country.