

# **ICT POLICY STATEMENT FOR MINISTRY OF INFORMATION**

## **PREAMBLE:**

This ICT Policy Statement is designed to guide the process of the deployment and exploitation of ICTs within the Ministry of Information to support its organizational activities and operations within the framework of the National ICT4AD vision. The Ministry is responsible for the administration of the provision and the delivery of information and training at all levels with the information system in Ghana. Its role extends to both the public and private information institutions.

## **VISION STATEMENT**

The attainment of a free, united, informed and prosperous society with good governance through development communication

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Ministry of Information exists to facilitate the free flow of timely and reliable information and feedback between the government and its various publics and to assist in the development, co-ordination and implementation of policies

## **STRATEGIES FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF STATED MISSIONS**

The Ministry is committed to the implementation of the following broad strategies towards the attainment of the missions for the realization of its Vision :

- Ensuring effective information dissemination of government policies and programmes to all.
- Providing the necessary human resources to support information delivery for national development.
- Encouraging private sector involvement in the information sector.
- Improving quality of information delivery and training at all levels.
- Strengthening research base for effective information delivery.
- Promoting effective planning and management of the information sector.

- Facilitating the delivery of modernized public services in the area of provision of government information through the deployment and the exploitation of Information and Communications Technologies within the society and the economy.
- Providing a favourable environment for services related to electronic government and electronic business and commerce.
- Promoting the deployment and the use of ICTs to facilitate universal access to public and government information and services to support the promotion of the principle and practice of good governance.
- Encouraging information sharing, transparency and accountability and facilitating the process that will lead to reduction in bureaucracy within and between organisations within the civil, public service and the private sector.

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

- To effectively implement e-government and governance strategy for Ghana.
- To broaden and improve access to government information to a wider section of society, both nationally and internationally.
- To strengthen the ICT resource capacities and facilities of information delivery institutions.
- To improve the efficiency and effectiveness of information management and administrative functions of the Ministry through the deployment and exploitation of ICTs.
- To deploy and utilize ICTs as tools for improving the quality and timeliness of information delivery to the public in a cost effective manner.
- To effectively disseminate government information, policies and programmes to all.
- To train information officers in ICTs to support information delivery for national development.
- To involve the private sector in information delivery using ICT tools.
- To strengthen research facilities to serve as information sources.

## **THE ICT DEPLOYMENT AND EXPLOITATION COMMITMENTS**

The Ministry in implementing its stated ICT goals directed at strengthening and improving information delivery using ICTs is committed to:

- i) Effectively implementing e-government and governance strategies for Ghana by linking all Ministries, MDAs and MMDAs to the Government of Ghana Portal.
- ii) Developing a national website to improve quick and easy access to government information by both local and international communities.
- iii) Providing training in ICT to personnel in the information sector as well as equipping the training institutions in the use of ICT tools for e-journalism.
- iv) Introducing best ICT practices and techniques in the day-to-day administrative functions of the Ministry.
- v) Facilitating the provision of computers and their accessories to all Public Relations Officers in the MDAs and MMDAs, information officers in the regions, districts and communities to enhance their performance.
- vi) Networking information offices countrywide to improve information delivery at all levels, in line with Ministry's Development Communication Project.
- vii) Providing training opportunities in ICT for Information Officers to improve their capacity in modern information delivery techniques.
- viii) Collaborating with the private sector in information and knowledge sharing as partners in national development.
- ix) Equipping research Centres with ICT tools to enhance and facilitate data management processes for effective information delivery.

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

- The Ministry of Information is committed to the implementation of programmes and initiatives aimed at facilitating the process of 'ICT in Information' within the information system and in this respect the Ministry is fully committed to the deployment and exploitation of ICTs to facilitate information delivery at all levels.

- 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.