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“To facilitate the right of access to information: promote, and sustain awareness of the citizenry in their right of access to information and of institutions in their obligation to disclose information.”

MISSION



“To build an informed citizenry, to promote transparency in public discourse, protect, monitor and enforce the right of access to information and to hold public institutions accountable.”

CORE VALUES



- **Transparency**
- **Accountability**
- **Fairness**
- **Professionalism and**
- **Independence**



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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Cherished Reader,

The past Quarter has been one of progress, partnerships, and purposeful action. From July to September 2025, the Right to Information Commission intensified efforts to advance transparency, accountability, and citizen empowerment across the country. Through public sensitization, institutional monitoring, stakeholder engagements, and high-level collaborations, the Commission has taken

bold steps to make the Right to Information Act, 2019 (Act 989) a living reality for All Ghanaians.

This report captures the highlights of these months—stories of openness, compliance, and partnerships that reinforce our shared commitment to good governance and sustainable development.

By
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Power of Information

Access to information is a fundamental human right that empowers citizens, drives transparency, and fuels national development.

RIGHT TO INFORMATION COMMISSION LAUNCHES 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROMOTING TRANSPARENCY



Ms. Genevieve Shirley Lartey Esq., Executive Secretary, RTI Commission Ghana addressing Members of the Board, Staff and the media at the Press Launch

On Tuesday 19th August, 2025 the Right to Information Commission (RTIC) officially launched its 5th Anniversary celebrations alongside the annual RTI Month at a press briefing held at the RTIC Head Office, Dzorwulu.

The event was chaired by the Executive Secretary, **Ms. Genevieve Shirley Lartey, Esq.** This year's celebration is themed: **“RTIC @ 5: Championing Transparency and Accountability Through Access to Environmental Information in a Digital Era.”**

In her remarks, Ms. Lartey emphasized that the 5th Anniversary is not merely a celebration, but also a call to action. She urged the Commission and Stakeholders to reflect on progress made over the past five years, recognize the challenges that remain, and renew their shared responsibility in advancing transparency and accountability in Ghana.

The Executive Secretary also outlined a series of activities planned to mark the milestone, including;

- Media and Civic engagements
- A Stakeholders' Conference

- Team bonding programmes and
- Thanksgiving Service.

She further indicated that the Commission will join the International community in commemorating the **International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI)**, later this year. Members of the Press present were also given the opportunity to ask questions.

In attendance were Mrs. Elizabeth Asare, (Deputy Board Chair) Nana Kwame Duah and Mrs. Victoria Susuawu, (Board Members) as well as Management and Staff of the Commission.



Mr. Stephen Owusu Esq., Gen. Manager, Legal Department, RTI Commission, moderating at the Event



GALLERY





Strengthening National Partnerships:

RTI COMMISSION PARTICIPATES IN THE LAUNCH OF GHANA'S 2025 VNR REPORT ON SDGs

The Executive Secretary of the Right to Information Commission, Ms. Genevieve Shirley Lartey Esq., represented the Commission at the National Launch of Ghana's 2025 Voluntary National Review (VNR) Report on the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the Banquet Hall, Jubilee House on 8th July, 2025.

The 2025 VNR Report offers a comprehensive review of Ghana's progress toward achieving the SDGs, highlighting notable successes, challenges, and areas for improvement. The launch event brought together high-level government officials, Civil Society Organizations, and Development Partners to reflect on the nation's development journey and reaffirm their commitment to

sustainable growth.

Ms. Lartey's participation underscores the Commission's advocacy for access to information as a driver of Transparency, Accountability and Inclusive development in the implementation of the SDGs. The Right to Information Commission's efforts to promote access to information and transparency are essential in ensuring that citizens are informed and engaged in the national development process.

The Commission's involvement in the VNR process aligns with its mandate to promote openness in public institutions and reinforces the national agenda of leaving no one behind in the implementation of the SDGs.

RIGHT TO INFORMATION COMMISSION ENGAGES GIZ GHANA IN STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP MEETING



Ms. Genevieve Shirley Lartey Esq., Executive Secretary of RTI Commission and delegates of RTI Commission in a meeting with Ms. Astrid Kohl, GIZ Country Programme Director and Mr. Kweku Lartey Obeng, Component Manager of GIZ Ghana

On Monday, 14th July 2025, the Executive Secretary of the Right to Information Commission, Ms. Genevieve Shirley Lartey Esq., led a delegation on a courtesy working visit to the GIZ Ghana Country office in Cantonment, Accra.

The visit aimed to strengthen collaboration between the two institutions in promoting transparency and accountability in public governance.

The visit also served as an opportunity to formally introduce Ms. Lartey in her new role as Executive Secretary, following her recent appointment by His Excellency President John Dramani Mahama. She was warmly received by Ms. Astrid Kohl, GIZ Country Programme Director and Mr. Kweku Lartey Obeng, Component Manager.

The RTI Commission delegation included Mr. Stephen Owusu, Esq., General Manager- Legal Department, Mr. Kofi Amoah Sarpong, General Manager PPBME & EIC Department, Mr. Michael Duodu - Sakyiama, PPBME, Ms. Audrey Korlekuor Odjeawo from the Executive Secretary's office and Mr. Frederick Kofi Amoah, Corporate Affairs.

Ms. Lartey expressed appreciation to GIZ Ghana for its longstanding support and emphasized the importance of strengthening the partnership to enhance transparency and accountability within the public governance space.

She reiterated the Commission's commitment to promoting and enforcing the constitutional right of access to information which remains a cornerstone of democratic governance and public accountability.



Ms. Genevieve Shirley Lartey Esq., Exec. Sec. of RTI Commission with GIZ delegates after the meeting



Ms. Genevieve Shirley Lartey Esq. (2nd from right) Exec. Sec. of RTI Commission with distinguished persons in a group picture

RTIC GHANA PARTICIPATES IN GLOBAL IDUAI 2025 CELEBRATION IN MANILA, PHILIPPINES



Ms. Genevieve Shirley Lartey Esq. Executive Secretary of RTI Commission passing over the mantle to the Philippines

The Right to Information Commission (RTIC) Ghana took centre stage at the 2025 International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI) Global Conference, held in Manila, Philippines, from 29th to 30th September, 2025. This year's theme, "Ensuring Access to Environmental Information in the Digital Age," highlighted the growing importance of digital tools and open data in empowering citizens and protecting the planet.

RTIC Ghana was represented by the Executive Secretary Ms. Genevieve Shirley Lartey, Esq., and Mr. David Oppon Kusi, a Member of the Board. The Commission's participation positioned Ghana among over 30 nations that convened to explore the future of access to environmental information in an increasingly digital world.

One of the most poignant moments of the conference was the IDUAI 2025 Handover Ceremony, during which Ms. Lartey formally passed the mantle to the Philippines' Presidential Communications Office. This symbolic exchange marked Ghana's successful tenure as host of

IDUAI 2024 and reaffirmed the country's leadership in advancing the right to information globally. The ceremony symbolized the continuation of a shared international commitment to deepening transparency and access to information.

Preceding the main event, the AI4IA (Artificial Intelligence for Information Accessibility) virtual forum on September 28 explored how AI technologies can revolutionize public access to environmental data. Discussions focused on leveraging machine learning and digital platforms to enhance transparency, especially in climate governance and sustainable development.

The conference also featured dynamic panel discussions, keynote addresses, and workshops that addressed critical issues such as digital inclusion, open data, ecosystems, and the role of civil society in environmental monitoring. Notably, the Philippines highlighted its position as a founding member of the Open Government Partnership (OGP), reinforcing the importance of collaborative reform for transparent governance.

RTIC Ghana's participation in IDUAI 2025 was more than ceremonial—it was a reaffirmation of the Commission's mission to empower citizens through access to information. As environmental governance and digital transformation converge, the Commission remains poised to lead efforts in building inclusive, tech-driven systems that uphold democratic values and foster active civic engagement.



Ms. Genevieve Shirley Lartey Esq. (2nd from right), Executive Secretary of RTI Commission with some distinguished members at the Event

Power of Information

The Right to Know. The power to Transform



RTIC PAYS RESPECT TO 'FALLEN HEROES'

On Monday, 11th August 2025, the Executive Secretary of the Right to Information Commission, Ms. Genevieve Shirley Lartey, Esq., led a delegation from the Commission to the Ceremonial Garden at Jubilee House to pay their last respects to the eight compatriots who tragically lost their lives in a recent helicopter crash.

The delegation led by Ms. Genevieve Shirley Lartey, Esq., included Mr. Stephen Owusu, Esq., Head of the Legal Department; Ms. Kate Swanzy, General Manager, Administration; Mr. Vincent Opoku, General Manager, Finance; Ms. Audrey Korlekuor Odjeawo, Executive Assistant to the Executive Secretary and Mr. Frederick Kofi Amoah, Corporate Affairs Unit.



The Commission joined the nation in mourning the loss of these patriots. May the souls of the departed rest in peace.



Ms. Genevieve Shirley Lartey Esq., Executive Secretary of the Right to Information Commission with delegates from the Commission lay flowers and pay their respects to deceased patriots at the Ceremonial Garden, Jubilee House



RTI COMMISSION PARTICIPATES IN THE IX OGP GLOBAL SUMMIT IN SPAIN

The Executive Secretary of the Right to Information Commission (RTIC), Ghana, **Genevieve Shirley Lartey, Esq.**, proudly represented the Commission at the **IX Open Government Partnership (OGP) Global Summit** held in **Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain, from 7th to 10th October 2025.**

This year's Summit convened over **2,000 participants** from more than **70 countries**, including institutional regulators, policymakers, civil society organizations, non-governmental bodies, and academics. The gathering provided an important platform for sharing ideas, forging collaborations, and exploring innovative ways to build trust, strengthen democratic governance, and promote transparency across the globe.

The discussions emphasized three central themes—placing citizens and their rights at the heart of governance, reinforcing transparency and accountability within public institutions, and embracing technology and open data as powerful tools for improving service delivery and citizen engagement.

Throughout the Summit, Mrs. Lartey actively contributed to several high-level sessions, including thought-provoking roundtable discussions on “Powering Reforms: Advancing Open Government Strategies,” “Resilience and Democratic Quality in Times of Crisis: A Global Call,” and “A Transformative Administration: Openness, Proximity and Resilience.” Her participation highlighted Ghana’s steady progress in promoting access to information and championing open governance principles.

In recognition of its efforts, **the Right to Information Commission of Ghana** received a **certificate of participation in the 2025 Open Government Challenge**, reaffirming the country’s dedication to advancing transparency and accountability through the effective implementation of the Right to Information Act, 2019 (Act 989).

Beyond the plenary sessions, the Executive Secretary engaged in a series of **strategic bilateral meetings** to strengthen partnerships and expand cooperation in support of Ghana’s open government agenda. These discussions were held

with **Mr. Omar Seghrouchni**, President of the Commission on the Right of Access to Information, Morocco; **Mr. Tarik Nesh-Nash**, Senior Regional Coordinator for Africa and the MENA Region, Open Government Partnership; and **Mr. Guilhem Arnal**, Task Leader, Agence Française de Développement.

These engagements yielded promising prospects for collaboration and practical follow-ups that will further enhance the implementation of the Commission’s key programmes and initiatives. The RTI Commission’s active participation in the Global Summit reinforces Ghana’s growing reputation as a strong advocate for transparency, accountability, and citizen participation in governance.



The Executive Secretary of RTI Commission, Ms. Genevieve Shirley Lartey Esq. (middle) with Mr. Guilhem Arnal (right), Task Leader, Agence Française de Développement.



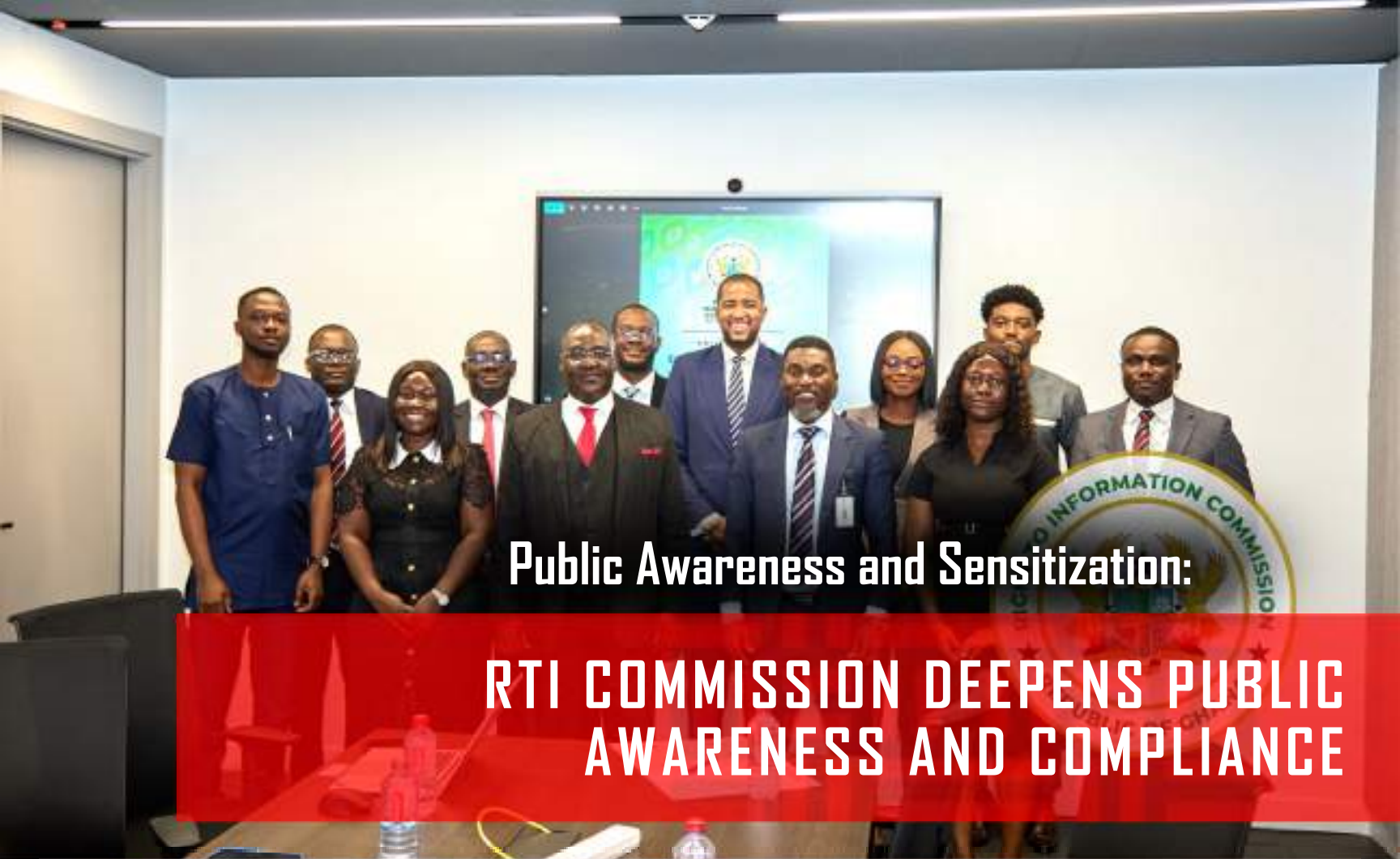
Ms. Genevieve Shirley Lartey Esq., Executive Secretary of RTI Commission at the IX OGP Global Summit, Spain



The Executive Secretary of RTI Commission, Ms. Genevieve Shirley Lartey Esq. (left) with Mr. Tarik Nesh-Nash (arrowed), Senior Regional Coordinator for Africa and the MENA Region, Open Government Partnership and delegates of RTIC, Ghana.



A section of participants at the Summit



Public Awareness and Sensitization:

RTI COMMISSION DEEPENS PUBLIC AWARENESS AND COMPLIANCE

As part of its drive to make the Right to Information Act, 2019 (Act 989) a practical reality, the Right to Information Commission has intensified its institutional sensitization programmes for public and key private institutions.

Through both in-person and virtual sessions, the Commission’s facilitators have been equipping stakeholders with essential knowledge of the Act. These sessions cover the history and purpose of the law, how to apply for information, offences and exemptions, the functions of the Commission, preparation of Information Manuals, and procedures for internal reviews and appeals.

The engagements are interactive, with participants receiving clear guidance and answers to their pressing questions—ranging from exemptions to safeguarding personal information. By bringing the law closer to institutions, the Commission is ensuring smoother implementation, greater compliance, and a stronger culture of transparency across the country.

Throughout the quarter, the Commission’s headquarters in Accra and the Zonal Office in Kumasi scaled up nationwide sensitization programmes aimed at making Act 989 accessible, practical, and widely understood.



The Enforcement, Investigations, and Compliance (E.I.C) Department at the head office, Accra, engaged key institutions including the Ghana AIDS Commission, National Investigation Bureau (NIB), Institute of Engineering, University of Media, Arts and Communication (UniMAC), Medical and Dental Council, Bank of Ghana (BoG), Audit Service, National Lottery Authority, as well as the Ablekuma West and Adenta Municipal Assemblies.

These sessions provided stakeholders with a clear understanding of the provisions of Act 989 and its role in advancing transparency, accountability, and good governance.

The Kumasi Zonal Office launched a vibrant awareness campaign that extended to schools, civil society groups, and the Media. A live programme on Adehye FM clarified misconceptions about the law and encouraged active public participation, while face-to-face engagements with institutions such as Ridge School, Ashanti Regional Coordinating Council,

AAMUSTED, Cambridge School, and Associations including Traditional Herbalists, Tailors (Bantama), and Si wo Bo Na Boa Wo Nua Association offered practical guidance on how to request information, exemptions under the law, and the importance of Proactive disclosure. These lively interactions deepened understanding of Act 989 and strengthened trust between institutions and the public. These sessions provided practical knowledge on how to request information, exemptions under the law, and the importance of proactive disclosure—fostering trust between citizens and institutions.





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