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VISION



“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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FOREWORD

Warm greetings from the Right to Information Commission.

October was a momentous month in the Commission's journey — one that combined reflection, engagement, and celebration. As part of activities marking our **5th Anniversary**, the Commission deepened its outreach through a series of **Media engagements** across leading Television and Radio platforms. These interactions provided an opportunity to educate the public on the significance of the Right to Information Act, 2019 (Act 989) and to highlight the Commission's ongoing efforts in promoting transparency and accountability nationwide.

The month also featured a **Stakeholders' Engagement**, which brought together key partners, public institutions, and civil society actors to discuss progress, share

insights, and renew collective commitment towards advancing the culture of information access in Ghana. This dialogue reaffirmed the vital role of collaboration in strengthening good governance.

The celebration was climaxed with a **Thanksgiving Service**, where staff and stakeholders gathered to express gratitude for five impactful years of upholding citizens' right to information. It was a moment of reflection and inspiration — a reminder of how far we have come and the work that still lies ahead.

As you read through this edition, we invite you to relive these moments with us and stay connected to our mission of empowering citizens through access to information.

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Ms. Genevieve Shirley Lartey Esq., Executive Secretary, RTI Commission delivering her speech at the 5th Anniversary Stakeholders Conference held at the Mövenpick Ambassador Hotel, Accra.

The Right to Information Commission (RTIC) marked a significant milestone on October 23, 2025, with a grand Stakeholders' Conference held at the Mövenpick Ambassador Hotel, Accra.

The event, themed **“RTI @ 5: Championing Transparency and Accountability through Access to Environmental Information in a Digital Era”**, brought together esteemed guests from public and private institutions, the Media, Civil Society Organizations, and international partners.

The conference provided a platform to share achievements, discuss policy directions, challenges and explore collaboration opportunities aimed at advancing the work of the Commission. Dignitaries in attendance included Ms. Genevieve Shirley Lartey, Executive Secretary of the RTIC; His Royal Majesty King Tackie Teiko Tsuru II, Ga Mantse, Dr. Dominic Akurutinga Ayine, Minister for Justice and Attorney General, representing His Excellency, the President of Ghana and Hon. Felix Kwakye

Ofosu, Minister of State for Government Communications.

In her opening remarks, Ms. Genevieve Shirley Lartey highlighted the Commission's progress, achievements, and challenges over the past five years, and outlined strategic priorities, and vision for the Commission's future growth. Hon. Felix Kwakye Ofosu commended the Commission's steadfast commitment to promoting access to information and transparency, while Dr. Dominic Akurutinga Ayine reaffirmed the government's commitment to open administration, inclusive governance, and accountability.

As part of the anniversary celebration, the Commission officially unveiled its 5th Anniversary Commemorative cloth, symbolizing unity and the collective journey of Ghana's transparency agenda.

The event was attended by members of the Governing Board of RTIC, the Technical Advisor to the Executive Secretary, Management and staff of the Commission, Civil Society Organizations, and other key stakeholders.



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RTIC CLIMAXES 5TH ANNIVERSARY WITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE



The Right to Information Commission (RTIC) climaxed its 5th Anniversary and 2025 RTI Month on Sunday 26th October 2025, with a Thanksgiving Service at the Anglican Church, University of Ghana, Accra.

The Executive Secretary, **Ms. Genevieve Shirley Lartey**, led Management, Staff, and Governing Board Members; Mrs. Elizabeth Asare, Nana Kwaku Duah, Mrs. Susuawu, Mr. David Oppon-Kusi and Kweku Sersah-Johnson, Technical Advisor to the Executive Secretary, among others, in celebrating God's faithfulness

throughout the 5-year journey. The all-white attire worn by the celebrants symbolized victory and success.

The Clergy offered thanks for God's guidance and favour for the Commission in promoting transparency and accountability. Special prayers were said for the Commission's continued commitment to advancing the right to information and national development.

The Commission made a donation to the Anglican Church in appreciation of their hospitality and support in hosting the Thanksgiving Service.





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ONGOING SENSITIZATION EFFORTS BY THE COMMISSION

As part of its mandate to promote awareness and compliance with the Right to Information Act, 2019 (Act 989), the Right to Information Commission (RTIC) intensified its sensitization drive in **October 2025**, with engagements in **Accra and Kumasi**.

These outreach activities formed part of the Commission's broader effort to educate public institutions on their obligations under the RTI Act, foster proactive disclosure of information, and strengthen the culture of transparency and accountability across the public sector.

In **Accra**, the Commission engaged key institutions including the **Ghana Health Service (GHS)**, **National Identification Authority (NIA)**, **Civil Service**, and the **Ghana Integrated Iron and Steel Development Corporation (GIISDEC)**. Discussions focused on ensuring that these institutions establish effective RTI structures, designate and train Information Officers, and promote open access to public information.

In **Kumasi**, sensitization sessions were extended to staff and students of **Peace Educational Complex (New Juaben)**, **Juaben Anglican JHS**, **Juaben Roman Catholic School**, and the **Centre for National Culture**. The team also monitored activities at the **Ashanti Regional Coordinating Council** and interacted with six branches of the **Hairdressers and Beauticians Association** in Kumasi.

These engagements created a vibrant platform for dialogue on the objectives and provisions of Act 989, particularly on procedures for requesting information, exemptions, and the Commission's enforcement powers. Participants expressed great enthusiasm and sought clarifications on how the law protects their right to access information and enhances institutional accountability.

Through these sustained engagements, the Commission continues to affirm its commitment to ensuring that citizens across the country enjoy their constitutional right to information while supporting public institutions to uphold the principles of openness, transparency, and good governance.



MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE INITIATIVES

To complement its sensitization efforts, the Commission also conducted follow-up monitoring visits in **October 2025** to assess the level of compliance among selected public institutions in **Sunyani**.

The exercise focused on reviewing progress made in implementing earlier recommendations, particularly the designation of Information Officers, the establishment of functional RTI units, and the adoption of proactive disclosure mechanisms.

Institutions visited included the **Rent Control Department, Fisheries Commission, Births and Deaths Registry, Department of Community Development, Lands Commission, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ), Statistical Service, Ghana Immigration Service (GIS) – Sunyani, and the Ghana Education Service (GES)**.

The follow-up visits revealed encouraging signs of progress, with several institutions taking steps to improve record management and strengthen

internal RTI structures. However, some gaps remain, particularly in the areas of capacity building and awareness creation at the decentralized levels.

The Commission remains steadfast in providing the necessary guidance and support to ensure full compliance with the RTI Act by all public institutions, thereby deepening the culture of transparency and accountability in governance.

As the Right to Information Commission continues its nationwide sensitization and monitoring initiatives, plans are underway to extend these activities to more regions in the coming months.

The Commission remains resolute in its mission to build an informed citizenry and an open, transparent public sector that upholds the right of every Ghanaian to unimpeded access to information.

Together, we advance the vision of a transparent and accountable governance system—one institution, one citizen, and one conversation at a time.



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