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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

By Coporate Affairs / The Editorial Team



Ms. Genevieve Shirley Lartey Esq. (Executive Secretary)

We are delighted to welcome you to the April 2026 edition of the Right to Information Commission’s Newsletter. April was a productive and impactful month for the Commission, marked by significant engagements, insightful discussions, and strategic initiatives aimed at advancing transparency, accountability, and citizen participation in governance.

In this edition, we bring you highlights from our Staff Durbar, sensitisation programmes, and monitoring exercises, all undertaken to promote greater awareness and understanding of the Right to Information Act, 2019 (Act 989), and to strengthen compliance with its provisions.

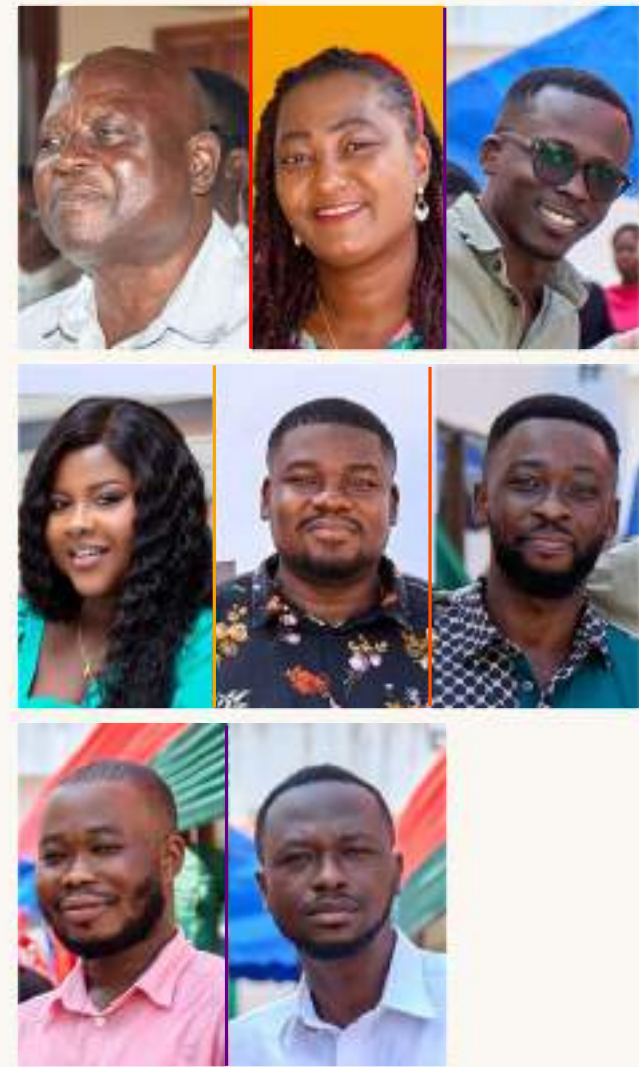
You will also discover inspiring stories of progress and innovation as the Commission continues to deepen public access to information and foster a culture of openness across public institutions.

As always, this newsletter serves as more than a summary of our activities—it is your gateway to staying informed, empowered, and connected to the Commission’s mandate of promoting the fundamental right to information.

We sincerely appreciate your continued readership and support, and we invite you to join us in championing the right to information as a powerful tool for building a more transparent, accountable, and inclusive society.

We hope you enjoy this edition and thank you for journeying with us.

THE EDITORIAL TEAM



RIGHT TO INFORMATION COMMISSION HOLDS STAFF DURBAR



Ms. Genevieve Shirley Lartey Esq., Executive Secretary of RTI Commission addressing Management and Staff at the Durbar

The Right to Information Commission (“the Commission”), on Thursday, 30th April 2026, held a Staff Durbar at its Head Office in Dzorwulu, Accra.

The durbar, the third since the assumption of office by the Executive Secretary, marked the successful conclusion of her departmental engagement sessions and brought together Management and staff of the Commission for reflection, engagement, and alignment on the Commission’s strategic direction.

In her opening address, the Executive Secretary, Ms. Genevieve Shirley Lartey, Esq., highlighted key achievements of the Commission during the period under review, expressed sincere appreciation to staff for their dedication and resilience, and provided updates on ongoing initiatives and operational priorities aimed at strengthening the Commission’s mandate.

A key highlight of the event was the launch of the Commission’s inaugural Staff Recognition Award Scheme, established to acknowledge and reward outstanding performance,

commitment, and excellence among staff.

The award recipients were:

- Emmanuel Donkor – Estate Unit
- Michael Duodo-Sakyiama – PPBME Department
- Nana Kwamena Esa De Veer – Accounts Department
- Louis Opoku – Legal Department

Management congratulated the awardees and encouraged all staff to continue demonstrating professionalism, teamwork, and an unwavering commitment to the Commission’s mandate.

The Commission remains committed to fostering a motivated workforce and strengthening internal engagement as it continues to promote transparency, accountability, and the effective implementation of the Right to Information Act, 2019 (Act 989).



The Executive Secretary of RTI Commission (right), together with Management presenting the overall best performing Staff award to Emmanuel Donkor (left) of the Estate Unit.



Mr. Sersah-Johnson, Technical Advisor to the Exec. Secretary, reading the Citation of an award recipient during the Staff Recognition awards.



Louis Opoku (right) of the Legal Department, receiving his award.



Ms. Genevieve Shirley Larley Esq. (right), Executive Sec. of RTI Commission and Management presenting an award to Nana Kwamena Esa De Veer (left) of the Accounts Department



Michael Duodu-Sakyiama (middle) with colleagues from PPBME Department after receiving his award.



Staff of the Commission during the staff durbar

RTI COMMISSION INTENSIFIES MONITORING OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT



The Right to Information (RTI) Commission has intensified its nationwide compliance monitoring exercise as part of its mandate to promote transparency, accountability, and the public’s constitutional right to access information. Throughout April 2026, the Commission carried out inspections to ensure public institutions adhere to the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2019 (Act 989).

In the Greater Accra Region, public institutions that were monitored, included the Ghana Commodity Exchange, National Peace Council, Ghana Shippers Authority, Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology, and the Department of Urban Roads. The monitoring focused on key compliance indicators such as the establishment of information units, appointment of designated information officers, responsiveness to information requests, record management practices, and public awareness of the right to information. Findings revealed varying levels of compliance, while some institutions demonstrated strong commitment to transparency and efficient information dissemination, others fell short in critical areas. The exercise also highlighted operational challenges faced by certain institutions in implementing the Act.

In addition, the Ashanti and the Bono Regional Offices also conducted monitoring exercises to assess compliance levels within their

respective jurisdictions. The institutions monitored by the Kumasi office were Lands Commission, Ghana Shippers Authority, and National Communications Authority. The Bono Regional Office also monitored a wide range of institutions, such as the Department of Urban Roads, Births and Deaths Registry, Fisheries Commission, Ghana Education Service, Ghana Immigration Service, Population Council, Rent Control, Tourism Authority, and the Department of Community Development.

In line with its oversight responsibilities, the Commission has published and will continue to publish the lists of institutions found to be compliant and non-compliant with the RTI Act. This measure is intended to promote accountability but also to encourage institutions to strengthen their internal systems improve access to information. Institutions that fail to comply risk sanctions and corrective measures as stipulated under Act 989. The Commission reaffirmed its commitment to safeguarding the public’s right to information and urged all institutions to prioritize compliance and cooperate fully with monitoring activities.



RTIC Staff with officials of the Ghana Commodity Exchange following a monitoring exercise

SENSITIZATION EXERCISES



Beyond monitoring activities, the RTI Commission continues to educate and sensitize public institutions on their responsibilities under the RTI Act, 2019 (Act 989). Access to information empowers citizens to hold government accountable and make informed decisions, and the Commission remains dedicated to fostering a culture of transparency and openness.

In the Upper East Region, officers from the Bolgatanga office conducted sensitization sessions with institutions including Intercity STC Coaches Limited, the Department of Social Welfare, the Department of Rural Housing, and the Rent Control Department. Presentations covered the origins of the RTI Act, procedures for accessing information, the powers and functions of the Commission, and exemptions under the law. Participants were trained and encouraged to embrace transparency and accountability in their operations.

Building on these efforts, the Ashanti Regional Office sensitized staff of the Public Procurement Authority in Kumasi. The session provided an overview of the law, procedures for access, exemptions, and offenses under Act 989. Participants actively engaged in discussions, raising questions about the relevance of exemptions, the Commission’s enforcement powers, and the role of public institutions in ensuring effective implementation of the Act.

Through these sensitization efforts, the RTI Commission continues to strengthen institutional capacity and deepen understanding of the RTI Act, ensuring that access to information becomes an integral part of governance across the country.



RTIC Staff after sensitization engagements with public institutions in the Upper East Region



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