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U.S.-Ghana Cyber Study Visit

Senior representatives from the United States and Ghana participated in a U.S.-Ghana Cyber Study Visit to facilitate stronger bilateral cooperation on cyber issues, including building government capacity to address emerging challenges and shared threats.

The Honorable Minister for Communications, Ursula Owusu-Ekuful, led the Ghanaian delegation, which also included Cybersecurity Advisor Albert Antwi-Boasiako, Director General of the National Communications Authority Joe Anokye, and Bureau of National Communications Director Kwabena Adu-Boahene. Mr. Robert Strayer, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cyber and International Communications and Information Policy at the U.S. Department of State, led the U.S. government interagency discussions. Representatives from the Department of State, The Department of Justice, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Reserve, the Federal Communications Commission, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation discussed key cyber and Internet policy topics, such as improving cybersecurity, including the protection of critical infrastructure, and combatting cybercrime. The delegation received an official tour of the National Cybersecurity Communications and Integration Center. Additional discussions with non-governmental organizations and the private sector emphasized the benefits of public-private partnership on cyber policy.

The visit was conducted as part of the Security Governance Initiative, a partnership between the United States and Ghana that seeks to enable Ghana to develop and enhance policies, systems, and processes to more efficiently and responsibly deliver security and justice to their citizens.

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For updates on Ghanaian cyber and internet policy, visit the National Cyber Security Centre at the Ministry of Communication at www.cybersecuritygov.gh and contact info@cybersecurity.gov.gh.

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