

## GCAA PLEDGES SUPPORT TO 2010 CENSUS

The Ghana civil aviation authority (GCAA) together with Ghana Airport company limited (GACL) have affirmed their immense support towards this year's population and housing census scheduled to take off the latter part of September.

The authority, along with GACL, assured the Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) that they would avail themselves in any means possible to support the census exercise.

The declaration of support was made known when the census team paid a courtesy call on GCAA in Accra to solicit for their support during the census and asked for flight schedules during the census night.

The team, led by the Deputy Government Statistician, Mrs. Philomena Nyarko, also asked permission in order to allow census enumerators have access to the Airport.

The deputy Government Statistician further asked for the number of flights that would depart and would be on transit on the start of the exercise.

In his welcome address, the Director General of GCAA, Air Cdre Kwame Mamphey, asserted that he did not foresee any challenge because his outfit was updated with the departure and arrival schedules of aircraft.

Mr. Mamphey emphasized that before the start of the census the GCAA and GSS would meet to iron out any possible challenges.

The Director General assured that they would jointly work with GSS to make the census a success, and there wouldn't be any resistance whatsoever, adding that they would not hesitate to give their support.

"This forthcoming census is yet another opportunity to join our hands to work for our dear nation. We grant you the permission to enter all our airports, and they will provide the enumerators with the necessary facilities or accommodation where possible," he assured.

Air Cdre Mamphey intimated that security would be provided at various places, urging enumerators to call on GCAA at any point in time for assistance.

In a later development, the census team also met with the air force, Navy and Immigration Service on the same issues, and they all pledged their support to enhance a successful population census.

The Head of publicity and Education Unit of GSS, Mr. David Kombat, expressed appreciation to GCAA and GACL for their avowed support.

The head of publicity and Education Unit of GSS entreated them to endeavour to give information regarding their age, ranks education levels and other particulars in orders to help enumerators to not visit their households twice.

He said the GSS was planning to organize a sensitization programme to sensitize their personnel with the requisite information needed, saying they would also give them copies of questionnaire to study and know the necessary information they would supply.

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