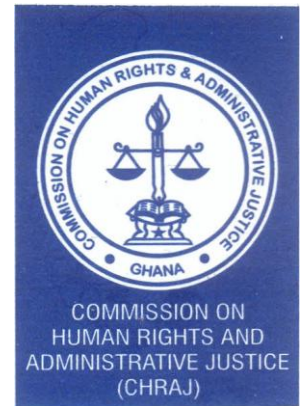




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PRESS STATEMENT: CHRAJ, GISF SIGN LANDMARK MOU TO ADVANCE DIGITAL RIGHTS, AI GOVERNANCE, CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION

The Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ) and the Ghana Internet Safety Foundation (GISF) have signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Accra aimed at strengthening Ghana's digital rights ecosystem through capacity building, policy collaboration, and public education on emerging digital technologies.

The agreement was signed on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at the CHRAJ Head Office and marks a major step in Ghana's efforts to promote responsible digital transformation while safeguarding citizens' rights in an increasingly technology-driven environment.

Under the partnership, GISF will provide technical expertise and capacity-building support to CHRAJ in key areas such as digital rights, artificial intelligence (AI) governance, child online protection, cybersecurity awareness, digital privacy, digital inclusion, and responsible technology use.

Officials from both institutions said the collaboration reflects Ghana's broader digital transformation agenda and aligns with global efforts to promote ethical AI, responsible innovation, and the protection of fundamental human rights in digital spaces.

They added that the MoU will pave the way for training programmes, policy dialogues, research collaboration, and nationwide awareness campaigns aimed at strengthening institutional capacity and improving public understanding of digital rights and online safety.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, the CHRAJ Commissioner Dr. Joseph Whittal, who also serves on the Board of the Data Protection Commission, said the rapid evolution of technology requires new approaches to human rights protection in the digital space.

He explained that traditional human rights frameworks are being challenged by online realities, stressing the need for institutions to adapt, build expertise, and equip staff and stakeholders to effectively respond to emerging digital risks, especially those affecting children and vulnerable groups.

Dr. Whittal noted that judges and legal practitioners also require targeted training, as many may not fully understand the complexities of the digital environment, yet are increasingly called upon to adjudicate cases involving online rights violations.

He further emphasized that CHRAJ staff must also be trained in digital rights investigations, as new forms of abuse, privacy violations, and cyber-related offences demand updated knowledge and tools beyond traditional human rights enforcement methods.

On his part, Gabriel Ofori Appiah, Director of Outreach and Awareness at GISF, said the organization established in 2014 focuses on online safety with special emphasis on child protection, digital citizenship, and public awareness on responsible technology use.

He highlighted GISF's commitment to providing practical training on AI governance, responsible data use, and digital literacy, noting that many users still lack understanding of how emerging technologies collect and process personal information.

Dr. Emmanuel Adinkrah, President and Founder of GISF, who joined the ceremony virtually, described the partnership as timely given the rapid growth of artificial intelligence and the increasing need to protect users' rights in digital environments.

He stressed that digital interactions now transcend geographical boundaries, making it essential to ensure that the rights of Ghanaians are protected both locally and globally, regardless of where online engagements take place.

Dr. Adinkrah added that the next phase of the partnership will focus on designing and rolling out capacity-building programmes for CHRAJ staff, as well as developing public awareness campaigns to educate citizens on digital rights and online safety nationwide.



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