

## **CONSTITUTION REVIEW COMMISSION**

## **Press Release**

## STATEMENT ON PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

- 1. The Constitution Review Commission commenced the first round of public consultations on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2010 ending on 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2010. These consultations were held at the Community and District levels and they covered all the one hundred and seventy (170) administrative Districts of Ghana, including Bawku, Yendi and Biakoye, which recently experienced a number of conflicts.
- 2. Throughout the consultations, citizens participated actively and in their numbers in learning about the Constitution and its operation. This was done through discussing issues surrounding the Constitution and making submissions for a review of the Constitution.
- 3. Submissions made were received orally, in writing and electronically. Submissions so far received by the Commission number roughly 30,000.
- 4. The Commission wishes to express its profound gratitude to all who have made submissions to it and participated in the various consultations. The Commission also wishes to thank the officials of the various Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies; officials of the National Commission for Civic Education and all the Traditional and Religious leaders without whose support and assistance the consultations would not have generated so much enthusiasm and yielded so many results.

- 5. The Commission also wishes to advertise its follow-up consultations calendar as follows:
  - Round Two Community and District Consultations (July-September 2010)
  - Regional Consultations (August-September 2010)
  - Regional Mini Consultations (August-September 2010)
  - National Mini Consultations (August-September) and
  - The National Constitution Review Conference (January 2011)
- 6. The immediate consultative activity on the Commission's calendar is the Follow-Up Community and District Consultations. These will take place in all communities in Ghana and are meant to ensure that persons who were unable to attend any of the Community and District Consultations conducted between April and June this year will have the opportunity to meet officials of the Commission, learn about its work and make input to the constitution review process.
- 7. The Commission wishes to urge all Ghanaians to continue to support the process through the subsequent stages of this information gathering phase of this very important national exercise.
- 8. For more information, contact Dr. Raymond Atuguba, the Executive Secretary of the Commission on 0244-675611; 0302-771184/85/88 or by email: <a href="mailto:atugubaatuguba@yahoo.com">atugubaatuguba@yahoo.com</a> or <a href="mailto:submissions@crc.gov.gh">submissions@crc.gov.gh</a>.

Thank you.

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