

Ghanaian government urged to integrate ICTs into curriculum

A Ghanaian information and communications technology expert urged the government to place ICT as well as technical and vocational skills in its education and skills development programmes to enhance socio-economic.



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The chief executive of Akatsi-North District in the Volta Region of Ghana, James Gunu, said without such programmes in place, the country would lag behind.

He said that blending ICT with the educational system, which must also be of quality, accessible and affordable, was the stimulant the country needed to advance.

"Technology helps eliminate [the] human factor and bureaucracy, reduces corruption, strengthens human security and removes hunger and poverty," he said during a presentation entitled The role of Information Communication Technology in Educational Development at the Development Festival in the Akatsi-South District of the Volta Region.

"It [technology] helps accelerate development growth, brings education to global standards, builds trust in the governance system, enhances job creation and makes life easy and living simple," added Gunu.

Main challenges

According to him, the main challenges facing Ghana presently could be linked to the country's inability to make practical ICT and bond it with technical and vocational skills training and development.

Meanwhile, he appealed to the community to end the sour relationship between them and teachers urgently.

He said that despite the infrastructure, logistics and teachers provided to schools by the government, output would remain low if stakeholder cooperation is low.

Meanwhile, the Member of Parliament for Akatsi-South, Bernard Ahiafor, pledged to donate five computers for a proposed computer laboratory for the community basic school in the region.

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