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### PRESS RELEASE

#### CHIEF JUSTICE DECLARES MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> TO FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH, 2024 AS ADR WEEK NATIONWIDE

##### TO ALL MEDIA HOUSES.

We wish to bring to the attention of the general public that the Chief Justice, Her Ladyship Justice Gertrude Sackey Torkornoo has declared **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2024** as ADR Week for this Legal Year Term.

The theme for the week is ***"Building the Pillars of Justice through Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)"***.

The rationale for the ADR week is to afford the ADR Directorate of the Judicial Service the opportunity to engage the general public to inform the citizenry of the presence of ADR within the court system, its importance in seeking re-dress and how to take advantage of such an important process for a meaningful access to justice for all especially the poor and the vulnerable.

It is also to afford court users whose cases are pending before the courts, the benefit of using ADR during the week under what we call "Mass Mediation Exercise."

One Hundred and Thirty-Six (136) Courts, comprising Thirty-Five (35) Circuit Courts and One Hundred and One (101) District Courts shall participate in the ADR Week by devoting the whole week for settlement of Court cases with ADR across the country.

There will be a Press briefing at the **Commercial Court 'A', Cape Coast** in the Central Region, **on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of March, 2024 at 9.00am** prompt, to mark the official opening of the ADR Week.

The Bar, disputants, the Media and the public are therefore encouraged to participate fully and cooperate with the Judicial Service to make this Legal Year Term's ADR Week a success.

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) has been adopted by the Judicial Service of Ghana as Core Component of its adjudication process dubbed "Court-Connected ADR" since 2005. The aim of this programme is to ensure that access to justice in Ghana is made easier, cheaper, non-adversarial, expeditious and flexible.

Pursuant to this, the Chief Justice in a policy directive on the Court-Connected ADR Programme, has instituted an ADR Week in every Legal Year Term, to give parties the opportunity to settle their cases through mediation and to run programmes and activities to create awareness on the availability of ADR as a compliment to the Courts.

For further information, please contact the ADR Department within the Law Court Complex, High Street, Accra on Mobile No. **0242004573** or emails on [nationalccadr@gmail.com](mailto:nationalccadr@gmail.com).

Thank you.



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