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**PRESS RELEASE**

**HONOURABLE CHIEF JUSTICE DECLARES MONDAY 16TH TO FRIDAY 20TH MARCH, 2026 AS ADR WEEK NATIONWIDE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**TO ALL MEDIA HOUSES.**

We wish to bring to the attention of the general public that the Chief Justice of Ghana, His Lordship Justice Paul Baffoe-Bonnie, has declared Monday 16th to Friday 20th March, 2026 as ADR Week for this Legal Year Term.

The theme for the week's celebration is "Adoption of Innovation and Technology to enhance access to Justice Delivery 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 on the presence of ADR within the court system, its importance in seeking justice, and how to take advantage of such an important process for meaningful access to justice, especially for the poor and the vulnerable.

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

One Hundred and Thirty-Eight (138) Courts nationwide, comprising Thirty-Five (35) Circuit Courts and One Hundred and Three (103) District Courts, shall participate by devoting the whole week to the settlement of court cases with ADR across the country.

There will be a Press Briefing at the High Court, Sunyani, in the Bono Region, on **Monday 16th March, 2026 at 10:00 am prompt**, to mark the official opening of the ADR Week.

The Honourable Chief Justice of the Republic of Ghana, will address the media.

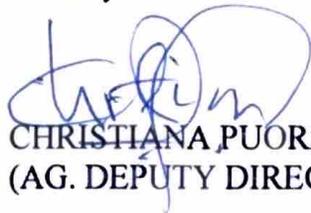
The Bar, court users, the media, and the public are therefore encouraged to participate fully and cooperate with the Judicial Service to make this Legal Year Term's ADR Week a success.

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

Pursuant to this, the Chief Justice, in a policy directive on the Court-Connected ADR Programme, has instituted an ADR Week which is to be celebrated thrice every Legal Year Term, to give parties the opportunity to settle their cases through mediation and to run programmes and activities to create awareness of the availability of ADR as a complement to the adjudication process in the courts.

For further information, please contact the ADR Department within the Law Court Complex, High Street, Accra on Mobile No. 0243621987 or **email** us at [nationalccadr@gmail.com](mailto:nationalccadr@gmail.com).

Thank you.



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