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Ghana joins in World Statistics Day



The Government Statistician, Dr. Grace Bediako, has called on Statisticians to let integrity and professionalism be their hallmark.

She said the importance of statistics is critical if meaningful development is to be achieved.

According to her, achieving the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) and reversing the spread of HIV/AIDS will be elusive without accurate statistics.

Dr. Bediako was speaking at a forum to mark this year's World Statistics Day in Accra.

She said the MDG's have proved to be a powerful tool for building the political will, needed, and goals to provide a focus for both government and civil society.

This, she noted can only be realized if reliable data about them is available for policy makers and implementers.

Dr. Bediako said it is unfortunate that many developing countries still lack the capacity to produce, analyse and use the range and quality of statistics required to support effective development.

This, she noted does not make it possible for governments of developing countries to be held accountable for their decisions.

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