

## **Report – Interaction with the Ministry of Transport, Ghana**

### **1. Meeting Between CUTS and MOT Chief – January 20, 2016**

We had a brief meeting with the Chief Director for the Ministry of Transport (MOT) on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 to discuss the CREW Project, update and what the Centre needs from the MOT.

Issues discussed were:

1. Issues emerging from the DCR
2. CUTS desire to partner the MOT on the RTA
3. CUTS to serve as a knowledge partner on the consumer and competition issues related to the transport

#### **Feedback from the Discussions:**

The MOT expressed their appreciation to CUTS on the work done in the passenger transport sector. He mentioned to him that Mr. Prempeh had briefed him on the Bangkok trip through the report he submitted.

He indicated that he had read the Edaya's article on the RTA and it was great that we had met him personally.

On the proposed RTA Meeting, he indicated that he would meet with Mr. Kumi to finalize the administrative issues and Prempeh would be given to go ahead to start the logistics.

### **2. Meeting between CUTS and Mr. Lawrence Kumi – January 20, 2016**

We also met with the Lawrence Kumi thereafter. He remarked that the last quarter was busy for the MOT due to BRT and some procurement issues which got the Transport Minister resigning from office (<http://myjoyonline.com/news/2015/December-23rd/transport-minister-dzifa-attivor-resigns-over-controversial-bus-branding-deal.php>) over bus branding deal. In fact the Agric Minister has been reassigned to the MOT.

I mentioned to him that we are almost rounding up on the CREW Project in the weeks ahead and that it would be helpful to have the meeting as mentioned in February.

He then suggested that the he would discuss with the Chief Director to have Mr. Rudolph Berkely to be assigned to the RTA and the meeting.

He also indicated that by the time Prempeh is back from his private trip, that would have been done.

**3. UPDATE - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2016:**

Today we met with Mr. Prempeh at the MOT and briefed him our meetings as contained in the email sent last week. He said that he would remind the duo (Mr. Kumi and the Chief Director) concerning everything that needs to be done for the RTA meeting. Also to remind the Chief to officially assign Mr. Rudolph Berkeley to the RTA matters.

He also confirmed that since Rudolph was transferred from the DVLA to the MOT, he has not been given any assignment and that the RTA could be a good start for him.

He said that all these internal consultation would be done before Thursday and the RTA date would be set.