



POLICY & ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

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Part I

What is Data Protection?



- Article 18 (2) 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana.
- Data Protection is the legal process of safeguarding personal data through the establishment of controls of access and use of such information.
- Data Protection Act, 2012 (Act 843).
- Founded on eight main principles that must be complied with when handling personal data.
- Prudent data management.

Data Protection Principles

- Accountability
- Lawfulness of Processing
- Specification of Purpose
- Compatibility of Further Processing With Purpose of Collection
- Quality of Information
- Openness
- Data Security Safeguards
- Data Subject Participation.



Importance of Data



- Data is intended to represent facts and it is the foundation on which statistical analysis is built. It is of the utmost importance that data is collected and presented correctly so that appropriate results are presented, which leads to proper decision making and resource allocation.
- For the country to progress/develop it needs information which is data to make decisions, implement and monitor programs (social and economic).

Data Management



- Data management is an essential area of responsible research.
- Expedite the scientific process; saving time and resources in the long run.
- Use or re-use the value, the uniqueness, and the importance of data.
- Ensure that research data and records are accurate, complete, authentic and reliable.
- Ensure research integrity and replication.
- Increase research efficiency.
- Enhance data security and minimize the risk of data loss.
- Prevent duplication of effort by enabling others to use your data.

When does Data Protection apply?



The scope of the DPA is very wide. It applies to the processing of personal data. Broadly speaking, this means that everyone must comply if they handle information about people. This includes information about employees, customers, contacts, sources, or people you are investigating or writing about.

Part II

Data Protection & Sustainable Development

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ People Centred
- ✓ Equal Rights and Justice
- ✓ Proactive Governments
- ✓ Well functioning Institutions
- ✓ Participation of Empowered Citizens



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



How?



- ✓ **Structures and Systems become well documented facilitating determined directions and processes for change.**
- ✓ **Rules of the game become well documented and predictable.**
- ✓ **Enhanced capacity of citizens (individuals) to make their own choices and influence decision-making processes that affect their lives.**

Part III

Conclusion

- ✓ Implementation of the data protection law, standards and policies can enhance the development, capacity and use of data towards the attainment of the SDGs.
- ✓ Sustainable development depends on accurate data and our ability to acquire or generate such data pivots on trust
 - Data Protection is the key to the Trust.

**Questions,
Comments, etc.**