



# ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTRE



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## PRESS STATEMENT

### **CAUTION AGAINST IMPROPER MEDIA-BASED DISPUTE RESOLUTION ACTIVITIES**

The Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Centre wishes to draw the attention of the general public, media houses, and all stakeholders to the increasing trend of dispute resolution activities being conducted on electronic media platforms, particularly through live broadcast sessions.

While the Centre acknowledges the important role of the media in promoting access to justice and public awareness, it is deeply concerned about the growing practice where individuals and media platforms purport to engage in resolving disputes publicly without adherence to established legal and professional ADR processes.

ADR is a recognised professional and legal practice governed by established principles, procedures and ethical standards. Mechanisms such as negotiation, mediation and arbitration are not arbitrary engagements; they require the involvement of trained and certified practitioners to ensure fairness, confidentiality, impartiality, and legal enforceability of outcomes.

Public or media-driven dispute resolution sessions, especially those conducted without due regard to confidentiality, consent, and procedural fairness, risk undermining the integrity of ADR practice. Such activities may also expose parties to undue public scrutiny, reputational harm, and outcomes that are not legally binding or enforceable.

The ADR Centre, as the regulatory body overseeing the development and practice of ADR, hereby serves notice that it will take appropriate steps to address and curb unregulated and unethical ADR-related activities. The Centre remains committed to upholding the highest standards of professionalism within the ADR industry.

To this end, the Centre will engage key stakeholders, including the National Media Commission and the Ghana Journalists Association, on how media institutions can responsibly support and promote ADR without contravening its core principles and ethical requirements as enshrined in Ghana's Alternative Dispute Resolution Act, 2010 (Act 798).

The Centre further encourages members of the public to seek dispute resolution services through the ADR Centre or duly recognised private ADR institutions, where qualified professionals ensure that processes are conducted in accordance with the law and best practices.

ADR remains a vital tool for the peaceful, efficient, and confidential resolution of disputes. Its credibility and effectiveness must be protected through strict adherence to professional standards.

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