

## Ghana Journalists Association (GJA)

Founded in 1949, the Ghana Journalists Association (GJA) has become the umbrella organization representing Ghanaian Journalists. It is registered as a professional association and listed as one of several bodies on the board of the National Media Commission.

In its activities GJA tends to achieve higher professional standards, to promote and defend press freedom and to create solidarity among Ghanaian journalists and with other journalists both in Ghana and abroad.

To realize these objectives GJA organizes educational programmes, workshops, seminars and lectures on issues relevant to media development and growth.

### Collaboration with FES

In two decades, cooperation of GJA and FES proved to be very steady and intensive. GJA and FES dealt intensively with questions of ethics and media law.

Furthermore, the institutions concentrated on establishing and defending higher professional standards of journalists.

Among numerous rewarding and interesting projects, the “Media Dialogue” and the “GJA Media Encounter”, a lecture programme taking place at irregular intervals, proved to be particularly successful fruits of the collaboration. This programme enables senior journalists and editors to interact and exchange information with leaders of government, business, civil society and other sectors of society.

With assistance from FES, GJA has published several books concerning media issues. Titles of some books already published are:

- “The Boundaries of Privacy and Public Interest” (1994)
- “Code of Ethics” (1994)
- “The State of the Media in Ghana” (1995)
- “The Legal Regime and Press Freedom in Ghana” (1997)
- “Practical Guide to Media and Law” (1998)
- “Agenda 2006 – The one-stop Reference for Media, Parliament and Advocacy Groups” (2005)

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