

REPORT ON THE SEPTEMBER EDITION OF ICT4D FORUM

The September edition of the ICT4D forum held on September 27th 2012 deliberated on the topic “The effective use of ICT tools to enhance development”. The resource person was Mr. Salifu Baba, IT tutor at the Dabokpa Vocational Technical Institute in Tamale.

The resource person, in his introduction said Inforgraphic survey says that people love their tablets, predicting how Tablets, IPHONE, IPAD, IPOD, SMARTPHONE, blackberry etc will evolve by 2015 thus predicting the death of the PC and the desk phone. This means that what we are cleaving for now will soon be dead. This means that other people have developed their nation through ICT and are moving forward.

Mr. Salifu referenced ITU report in 2009 that looked at the fact that global uptake of ICTs has been increasing and that demand has been strongest in developing countries. This means that developing countries have considered ICT as tool to enhance development.

In his presentation he said, ICT is no doubt an accelerator of social and economic development in the modern world and that it is a vital tool in sustaining any sector of the economy and improves the socio-economic status of any society for sustainable development. He stressed on how ICT could help Ghana in her Economic/Industries

On education, he opined that access to e-books and other materials can aid students in their research and academic works. In Transportation, he spoke extensively on how developed countries’ transportation system is solely hooked to Technology.

Mr. Salifu mentioned that Health care in other nations has been enhanced by ICT and that people go through health care without stress which means productive hours are saved. In Governance and Government services, the delivery of public services can be performed more effectively and efficiently through the use and adoption of ICT solutions.

Mr. Salifu Baba concluded his presentation by opining that the way people live and carry out their activities is gradually being transformed due to improvements in ICTs and urged all to embrace this new development.