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NATIONAL OUTREACH ON PENSIONS IN THE CENTRAL REGION

The National Pensions Regulatory Authority (NPRA) as part of its quest to improve informal pension coverage in Ghana is organising an outreach programme in Central Region to create awareness of pensions. The move is to educate and sensitise both formal and informal sector workers on pension matters.

The outreach programme would begin on Monday, 15th May and ends on Friday, 19th May 2023. It is specifically, to encourage the informal sector workers in the area to understand and appreciate the need to prepare towards retirement.

The outreach programme also seeks to encourage informal sector workers to join and actively participate in pension schemes to help alleviate old-age poverty.

The Minister for Employment and Labour Relations, Honourable Ignatius Baffour Awuah will join a team from the NPRA led by its Chief Executive Of-ficer, Mr Hayford Atta Krufi to undertake the five-day exercise under the theme, "Pension For All" The outreach programme would take the team to the Cape Coast metropolis, Mfantseman and Agona West Municipalities.

The Central Regional Minister, and the Central Regional Minister, Mrs Justina Marigold Assan in a meeting with the NPRA at Cape Coast on the programme welcomed the initiative. He expressed the hope that the exercise would help to identify the many informal sector workers in the region who are not on pensions and sign them on to pensions schemes.

She said the collaboration between the NPRA and the Regional Coordinating Council is an indication of the government's efforts in addressing old age and retirement challenges among the people.

Some pension Corporate Trustees will join the campaign to encourage and aid prospective pension contributors to register on pension schemes.

The team will address members of the Local Council of Churches, the Muslims Communities, students and staff of tertiary educational institutions, Traditional Leaders, and Informal Sector Groups among others.

There will also be Pensions Forums for identifiable groups like the Driver Unions, Market Women, Ghana Hairdressers and Beauticians Association Tailors and Dressmakers Association, Ghana Hoteliers Association, the Ghana Enterprise Agency and other Individual self-employed.

The Authority as part of the outreach will mount stands at various markets and offices to explain pension matters and help address challenges people face in relation to pensions. END

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National Pensions Regulatory Authority (NPRA) regulates both public and private pension schemes in Ghana