

# Implementation of Data Protection Legislation in Ghana ----Challenges & the Way Forward----

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## Implementation of DPL in Ghana - Study Background

- Data Protection Legislation (Act 843) passed in May 2012
- Data Protection Commission set up with a Governing Board in November 2012
- Government officially launched the Act in November 2014



## Implementation of DPL in Ghana - Key Milestones

- DPC was admitted to international body of regulators in 2014
- Know Your Rights (KYR) campaign - Early 2015
- Online Registration Portal - Mid 2015 (Data Controllers & Data Processors)
- Data Protection Conference - Jan 2016

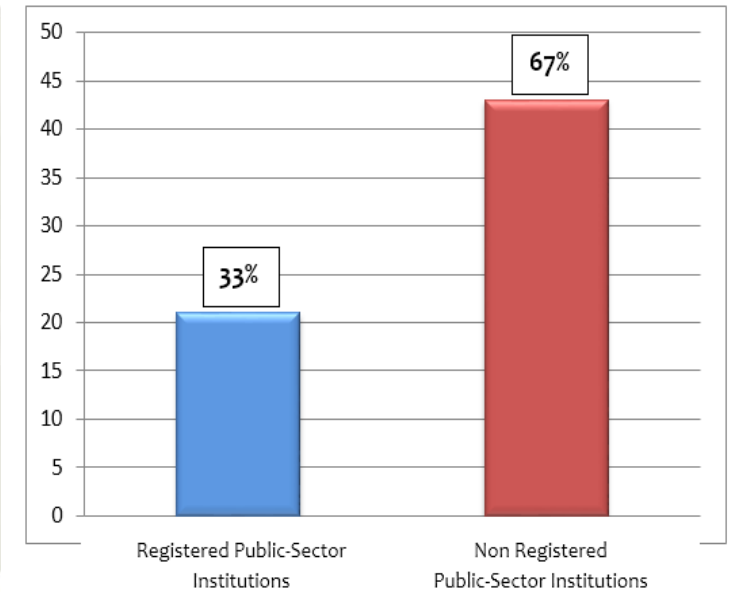
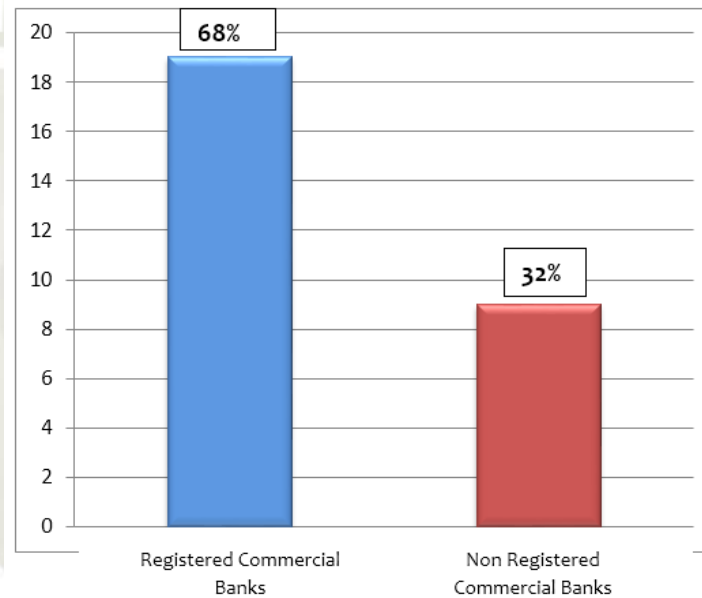


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	Key Sector		Other Sectors
1	Communication/Information Technology	1	Engineering
2	Education	2	Entertainment
3	Telecommunication	3	Manufacturing
4	Financial Services	4	Professional Services
5	Government	5	Real Estate/Housing
6	Health	6	Transportation/Tourism
7	Hospitality/Tourism	7	Informal Sector
8	Marketing	8	Energy
9	Mass Media	9	Mining
10	Security/Law Enforcement	10	Informal Sector/Others

*Sectors considered for registration of Data Controllers & Data Processors by the Commission*

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*Comparative analysis of registration status of Commercial Banks & Public Sector Institutions as at December 31, 2015*



## Implementation of DPL in Ghana - Key Challenges

- Citizens' lack of appreciation of Data Security issues
- Lack of Awareness
- Registration Costs
- Inadequate Infrastructure - Data Localization



## Implementation of DPL in Ghana - Key Challenges [CONT'D]

- Lack of Government/Public Sector Commitment
- Financial Challenges
- Lack of In-Country Data Protection Expertise
- Enforcement Challenges



## Implementation of DPL in Ghana - Lessons Learned/Recommendations

- **Awareness Campaign**
  - about existence of DPC itself
  - appreciation of data security issues
  - about rights of Citizens
  - obligations of Data Controllers/Data Processors, etc.



## Implementation of DPL in Ghana - Lessons Learned/Recommendations [CONT'D]

- Government Commitment
- Independence of the Commission
- Financial/ Logistics Support
- Setting up of investigations and enforcement units within the Commission

## Implementation of DPL in Ghana - Lessons Learned/Recommendations [CONT'D]

- International/Bilateral Support
  - knowledge transfer
  - development of data protection expertise
  - support on policy guidance
  - sharing of international best practices on data protection.