

BRIEF STATEMENT

Plastics waste management has become one of the biggest and complex challenges which requires innovative and integrated solutions to reduce additional cost to conventional development. Plastics management is very important to the development of our country as it resonates national development agenda and amply reflects in the National Development Blue Print – National Medium-Term Development Framework.

The government of Ghana has shown its commitment to solving the plastic waste menace by joining the Global Plastic Action Partnership (GPAP) Initiated under the auspices of the World Economic Forum. This initiative was launched in close coordination with the United Nations Development Program's (UNDP) Waste Recovery Platform, aimed at promoting sustainable waste recovery in Ghana.

The goal of the National Plastic Action Partnership (NPAP) is to dramatically reduce the Country's plastic waste and pollution, and to fast-track progress towards zero leakage of waste into the environment, especially the ocean. This will change how plastics are manufactured, used and re-used.

Ghana under the leadership of the Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation, is in the process of adopting a National Plastics Management Policy that will leverage the comprehensive management of plastics to drive sustainable development, green job creation and environmental protection. The policy aim will be achieved by enabling the development of a vibrant and market driven domestic recycling industry.

The Government of Ghana, in collaboration with the secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions, with funding from the Norwegian Agency for Development (NORAD) is implementing the "Marine Litter and Microplastics" Project with the objective of promoting environmentally sound management of plastic wastes and achieving the prevention and minimization of the generation of plastics. Additionally other development partners like the German Development Cooperation, Commonwealth Ocean Alliance are also supporting.

Ghana is committed to playing its leading role by partnering with the private sector, informal sector, industry associations, NGOs, CSO, Development Partners and countless academics in our efforts to find tangible solutions to the plastic pollution crises that has plagued Ghana, Africa and to a large extent, the world for decades.