

The Ghana Minister of Trade, Industry and President's Special Initiatives, Mr. Alan Kyeremanten has inaugurated a private sector-led Plastic **waste** Management Task Force, which is to contribute to the proper management of the plastic **waste** problem in Ghana.

The Task Force comprises representatives of:
National Association of Sachet Water Producers
Ghana National Association of Manufacturers of Plastics'
Importers of Plastic Products
Users of Plastic Products
Recyclers of Plastic Wastes
Public sector institutions and agencies supporting the Task Force are:
Ministry of Trade, Industry and President's Special Initiative
Ministry of **environment** and Science
Ministry of Tourism and Modernisation of the Capital City
Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development
Accra Metropolitan Assembly
The Associations have agreed as a demonstration of their commitment to work with the Task Force, to pay various levies to finance its operations throughout the country. The National Plastic **waste** Management Task Force, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Charlotte Anumel of the National Association of Sachet Water Producers, will perform the following functions, among others:

Divide the country into convenient zones for plastic **waste** management
Mobilize resources, technical and financial, from the various groups for its work
Provide litterbins at strategic locations for plastic **waste** collection and **disposal**
Support plastic recycling and **incineration**
Support the education of the general public on proper utilization and **disposal** of plastics
Discharge any other functions that will contribute to the **abatement** of the plastic **waste** menace.