# **GHANA**

#### ONE-STOP BUSINESS AND POLICY CENTRE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ECO-INNOVATIVE MSMES AND SUPPORTING POLICIES IN THE E-WASTE AND END-OF-LIFE VEHICLE SECTOR (ECOBPC)

# BACKGROUND

In Ghana, less than 40 % of urban residents are served with solid waste collection services. While about 13,000 tons of waste is produced daily, only 10 % is properly disposed of. This increases the pressure on the few existing landfills. The growing population and changing lifestyles in particular increase the amounts of e-waste and End of Live Vehicles (ELV), as well as imports of e-waste and of ELV. Around 49,000 kilo tonnes of e-waste arises in Ghana every year. While reuse and refurbishment of used Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE) and vehicles and components thereof are at a high level, unsound treatment and disposal of e-waste and ELV cause enormous environmental and health damages. This waste can be turned into business opportunities for eco-entrepreneurship.

## **OBJECTIVES**

To facilitate a green economy for the end-of-life electronics value chain by creating income generating opportunities and reducing environmental degradation through improved resource recovery and waste prevention and management in the Greater Accra region (Accra and Tema) Ashanti Region (Kumasi). Specifically the project aims to promote sustainable patterns of consumption and production through a resource efficient e-waste management.

## **ACTIONS**

- » Conducting a needs assessment report, established network, Eco BPC established training and standardisation & auditing material in place.
- » Training of MSMEs and policy makers on eco entrepreneurship and developing a training toolkit
- Undertaking an impact assessment report, as well as reporting on best practices and replicability strategies
- » Developing a stakeholders network for continuous exchange between the respective stakeholders

### UNIVERSITY OF CAPE COAST

#### **PARTNER:**

The University of Northampton

#### **LOCATION:**

Ghana- Greater Accra, (Accra and Tema) and Ashanti, (Kumasi) regions



