



## ***Press statement***

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### **Pilot the use of ceramics in public offices to combat plastic waste and address climate Change**

As the country faces the escalating challenges of climate change, pollution, and waste management, it is crucial that innovative solutions are explored to reduce our ecological footprint and protect the future of our planet.

In light of this, CCCFS is calling on the Honorable Minister for Environment, Science and Technology to consider piloting the use of ceramics in government offices, a practice successfully implemented in the state of Rajasthan in India. This initiative has shown promising results in reducing plastic waste and offers a unique opportunity to take a tangible step towards creating a more sustainable Ghana.

The use of ceramics in offices is an effective and environmentally friendly solution to the growing plastic pollution crisis. Plastics are one of the largest contributors to environmental degradation, particularly when they are single-use items such as plastic cups, plates, and bottles. These plastics end up in our landfills, rivers, and oceans, exacerbating the impact of climate change by contributing to the accumulation of greenhouse gases and harming wildlife.

By replacing plastic items with ceramic alternatives, Ghana can significantly reduce its reliance on single-use plastics, which are not biodegradable and persist in the environment for hundreds of years. Ceramics, on the other hand, are durable, reusable, and have a much lower environmental impact. They can be used repeatedly without generating waste, making them an ideal solution for daily use in government offices, workplaces, and public institutions.

#### **Why this matters for Ghana and the climate**

Ghana, like many nations, is grappling with the urgent need to combat climate change while fostering a sustainable future. By adopting the use of ceramics in government offices, Ghana will not only lead by example in the fight against plastic waste but will also inspire other sectors of society to adopt similar practices. This initiative aligns with global sustainability goals and reinforces Ghana's commitment to mitigating the effects of climate change.

Additionally, reducing the consumption of plastic has a direct positive effect on reducing carbon emissions. The production, transportation, and disposal of



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plastic items generate significant greenhouse gas emissions. Shifting to ceramics helps minimize this carbon footprint and contributes to cleaner air, water, and healthier ecosystems.

We at CCCFS believe that Ghana has the potential to become a regional leader in sustainability, and it starts with small but impactful actions like the use of ceramics. We encourage the Honorable Minister for Environment to take bold steps in piloting this initiative to make Ghana a beacon of environmental leadership in West Africa.

We urge all stakeholders, including government officials, businesses, and the general public, to support this initiative and embrace sustainable practices that will help mitigate the devastating effects of climate change.

Let's act now, for a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable Ghana.

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