

### **Cabinet Decisions taken on 23 January 2009**

Cabinet has taken note that the Ministry of Environment and National Development Unit, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Culture and Human Resources, the Environment Care Association and the United Nations Development Programme, would implement a project entitled '**Segregation of Waste in Schools**'. The project aims at -

- (a) sensitising school children at an early age to acquire the habit of sorting waste and making them responsible citizens who care for the environment;
- (b) influencing parents, through children, to sort their household waste and resort to composting; and
- (c) reducing waste channelled to landfill or incinerator and also reducing greenhouse gases such as methane and carbon dioxide.

In the first phase, the project would be implemented in primary schools. Each school will be provided with labelled plastic bins and polypet bags for the sorting and storage of waste which can be recycled. The sorted waste (paper and plastic) will be regularly collected by appropriate recycling companies.

Cabinet has further taken note that the School Compost Project, launched on a pilot basis in 2005, would now be extended to all primary schools.