

# **NEWSLETTER #8**

# **ABOUT**

ReSoCart-ED means Recycling Solutions for Non-Reusable Printer Cartridges in Emerging and Developing Countries. The project is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety, and Consumer Protection (BMUV), started in May 2022 and runs until December 2024 (applied). ECOLOGICON GmbH and Umweltcluster Bayern e. V. form the ReSoCart-ED consortium to examine whether and how the recycling of printer cartridges could be an economically sustainable business model in Ghana.

### TRIAL COLLECTION STARTED!

EPA provided the Project with an official approval (HA 611/618/01) to commence a trial collection of waste toner cartridges! Caritas/Maredes and their partners in Kumasi and Tamale already started the collection. After a first counting and approval end of May more than 1500 pieces or merely 1.5 tons of waste toner cartridges had been gathered yet in all three collection points.



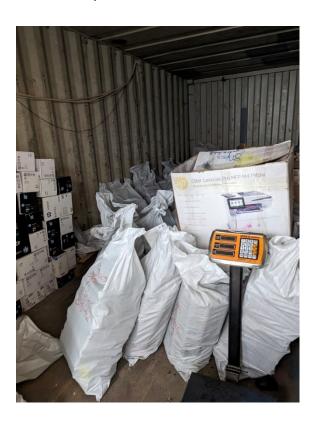


Fig. 1: Left: License for the trial collection of waste toner cartridges granted by EPA Ghana; Right: First collected cartridges in Accra



#### TRAVEL TO GHANA OF RESOCART-ED TEAM IN JUNE

Between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of June the team members of ReSoCart-ED have been visiting Ghana for the first, a third, or, respectively fourth time during the project. A lot of stakeholders and partners have been visited as well as the collection sites in Accra, Kumasi and Tamale.

Thank you! We had a great, inspiring and productive time with you!





Fig. 2: Left: Having fun preparing the workshop; Right: Tree planting to celebrate project sustainability

# BEYOND REFILL - WORKSHOP (13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE)

The most important part of the visit in Ghana was the "Beyond Refill"-Workshop we hosted at the IBIS Styles Hotel in Accra. We gathered all stakeholders of the project for an informative talk about ReSoCart-ED and a deep discussion with partners involved in the field of waste toner cartridge recycling in Ghana. We were very happy to host a hybrid event with more than 50 participants, in which we were able to transfer opening words by Charlotte Dieter from BMUV to the audience in Ghana and could mirror the high interest in the project back to the German audience. The fruitful discussion about the presented results and business-case calculations was only shortly interrupted by a refreshing coffee break.



Fig. 3: Panel discussion board f.l.t.r: Nana Yaw Konadu, Florian Werthmann, Larry Kotoe, Gerald Adu-Gyamfi, Viktor Klein



Instantly, the discussion continued intensely between the panel guests and the audience. Main points were the request for a prolonged collection time for the trial, a clear strategy of the EPA (Larry Kotoe) and E-Waste fund (Gerald Adu-Gyamfi) how to integrate the toner cartridges in the existing structures for the e-waste collection (Nana Yaw Konadu, ERG), and the commitment by the Mesti-PIU project to continue the efforts of the trial collection even after ReSoCart-ED ends by including toner cartridges into their e-waste collection scheme.



Fig. 4: Participants of "Beyond Refill" workshop

### PROJECT-TREE PLANTING AT CARITAS

Planting a tree in the partner country is an important act in the BMUV funded EXI-projects. In front of Caritas Ghana in Accra two orange trees had been planted by the ReSoCart-ED team together with their local partners. The subsequent strategy meeting at Caritas focused on the possibilities how to support of the collection to increase the gathered number of cartridges as soon as possible.



# **IMPRINT**

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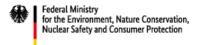
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