

**STATEMENT BY THE HON MINISTER OF STATE FOR
TRANSPORTATION, GODFREY BAYON TANGU, AT THE
LAUNCHING OF THE NEW CHARTERS FOR EIGHT PUBLIC
SECTOR AGENCIES AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING ON
THURSDAY, 13TH MARCH, 2008**

The Chairperson,

The Chief Advisor to H.E. the President

Colleague Ministers

Heads of Departments and Agencies

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure to make this brief statement on the occasion of the launching and signing of new charters for eight public sector agencies including that of the Department of Urban Roads and the Ghana Highway Authority which are agencies of the Ministry of Transportation.

The Department of Urban Roads is mandated by the instrument establishing it to develop and manage the urban roads network in its area of jurisdiction. This of course includes the installation and management of road traffic signals. The Ghana Highway Authority on the other hand manages the entire trunk road network of the country.

Indeed, the provision of basic access to urban communities and settlements for the purpose of the facilitation of economic and social activities lies at the core of the objective of these agencies.

These activities are carried out by these agencies in close collaboration and support of the metropolitan, municipal and district assemblies and all stakeholders.

Mr. Chairman, the task assigned to these agencies can be challenging when considered against the backdrop of their need to establish in every municipality and the limitation of resources to provide good roads.

The Ghana Highway Authority on the other hand has been established to construct and maintain the major trunk roads

The two agencies since their establishment have lived up to their objectives notwithstanding the constraints confronting them.

The launching and signing of these charters by the two agencies this afternoon provides a definitive indication of the laid down procedures of service delivery and which our customers can hold us to.

It is worthy to note that with the recent launching of the Local Government Service by His Excellency the President, the department of urban roads will be fully integrated into the Metropolitan and Municipal Assemblies and therefore cease to be a civil service department.

The challenge of the provision of satisfactory and adequate services to the community members must however continue to be met.

The Chairperson, in the road sub-sector of the transport sector our activities require frequent interaction between the road agencies, the communities,

Complaints by stakeholders will be given critical attention by the agencies, the contractors and the ministry.

The provision of good, safe and reliable roads is at the heart of this Government and we shall endeavour to live up to this.

The Chairman,
The Chief Advisor to H.E. the President,
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Heads of Departments and Agencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I wish to thank the Ministry of Public Sector Reform for the invitation to be part of this launching and signing ceremony.

Thank you for your attention