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International Day of Zero Waste

The Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) joins the global community in commemorating the

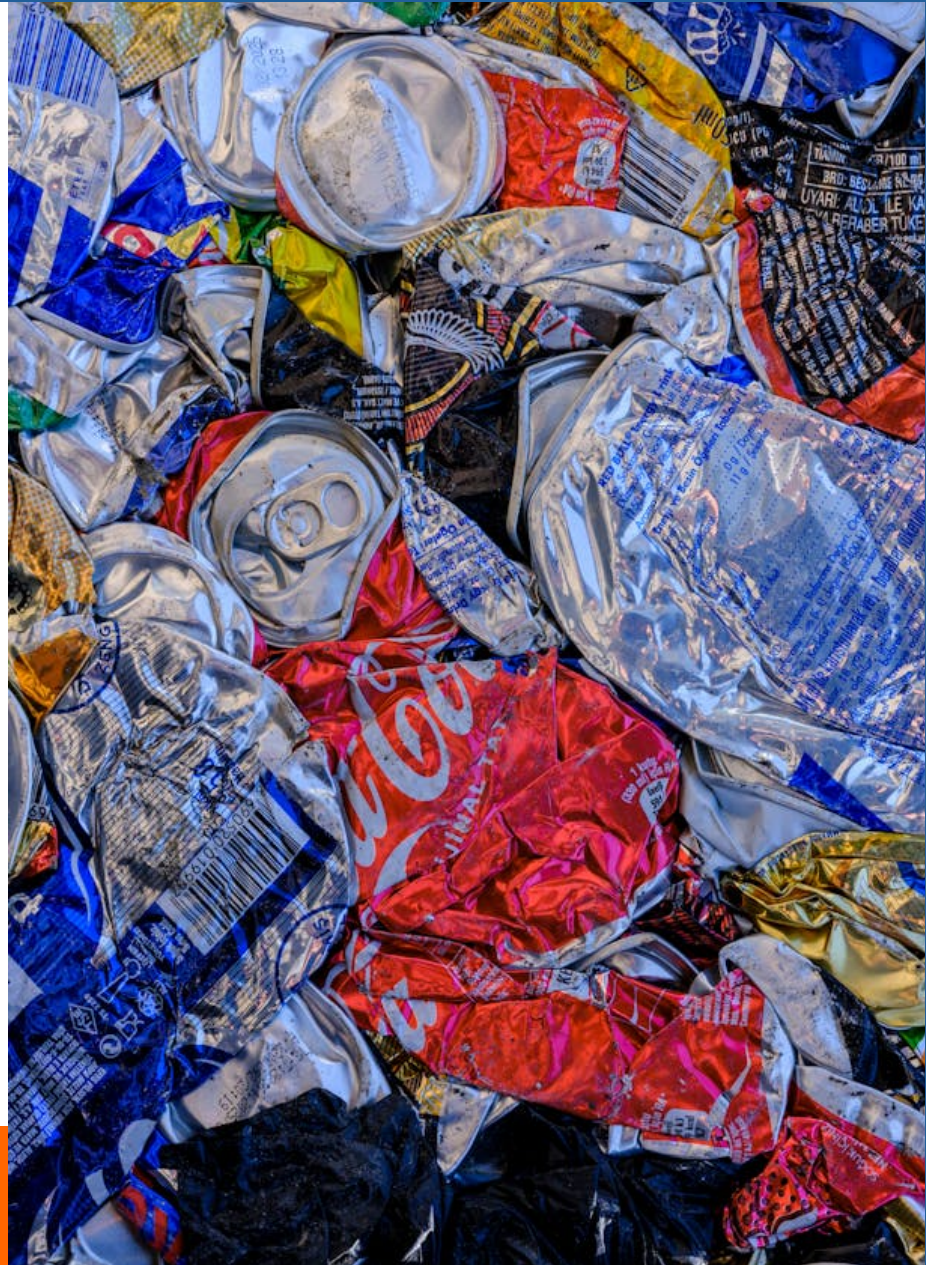
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This day reminds us that the choices we make every day - what we consume, how we use resources, and what we throw away—have a lasting impact on our planet. Transitioning to zero-waste practices is not just about reducing waste, but about rethinking systems, promoting sustainable production and consumption, and advancing a circular economy.

From households to industries, and from local communities to national policies, collective action is key to reducing pollution, conserving resources, and mitigating climate change. By embracing reuse, recycling, and responsible consumption, we can move closer to a cleaner, more sustainable future.

On this day of zero waste, the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) emphasises the vital importance of science, innovation, and evidence-based policy in tackling the growing challenge of waste and its effects on the environment, human health, and the climate.

**Small actions, big impact –
towards a world with zero waste.**



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