

## Policy think thank calls for National Alcohol Policy



• Mrs Wilhelmina Asamoah launching the BPI biannual development magazine

THE Baraka Policy Institute (BPI), a think tank that promotes social justice and national development through advocacy and research has called on the government and policy makers to expedite action on a national alcohol policy.

Addressing participants at the second Anniversary durbar by the BPI, Mr Salem Kalmoni, President of the institute, said Ghana could take a cue from African countries such as South Africa and Kenya who had enacted legislation on alcohol.

Mr Kalmoni noted that as a think tank working to promote the overall wellbeing of the citizenry, it was open to pressing issues of the day that needed a push and mentioned the issue of promotion of and accessibility to alcoholic beverages as one of national concern that needed a national policy to regulate.

The second anniversary durbar of the BPI was held on the theme: Education and wellbeing — a twin necessity

for national development. The chairman for the event was Mr Alhassan Andani, the Managing Director of Stanbic bank, who is also Board chairman for BPI.

The event was used to launch the BPI biannual development magazine *The Baraka*. The magazine is expected to be an information and policy direction platform for developmental issues in education and general wellbeing of the citizenry.

Welcoming participants to the event, the Executive Director of the Institute, Mr Haruna Zagoon-Sayeed, noted that while education was the prime catalyst for any developmental efforts, the wellbeing of citizens, both physical and material, must be the ultimate goal for any development agenda.

*The Baraka* was launched on behalf of the Minister of Education, Prof. Naana Jane Opoku-Agyemang, by Mrs Wilhelmina Asamoah, Director of Tertiary Education at the Ministry of Education.