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Global Plastic Pollution Agreement: A Historic Moment!

On the 2nd of March 2022 in Nairobi, Heads of State, Ministers of the Environment, and other officials from 175 nations supported a historic resolution to End Plastic Pollution and build an international legally enforceable agreement by 2024 at the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-5) in Nairobi. The resolution covers the whole lifetime of plastic, from manufacturing to design to disposal.

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Report Launching for 'The Plastic Deluge: In the Sylhet City Corporation Area, Bangladesh'



In 2021, Sylhet City Corporation generated around 54 tons of plastic waste per day. Sachets, one-time-use utensils, personal care items, and other single-use plastic products were largely found in this trash. Under the University of Portsmouth, STEPP (Sustainable Transitions to End Plastic Pollution) initiative, the Environment and Social Development Organization (ESDO) has released a new study report titled & 'The Plastic Deluge: In the Sylhet City Corporation Area, Bangladesh'



Virtual stakeholder consultation and roundtable meeting were organized by Environment and Social Development Organization-ESDO today to discuss the strategy for phasing out Single-Use Plastic (SUP) products. Syed Marghub Murshed, Former Secretary of Bangladesh and President of ESDO dignified the event as the chief guest.

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environmental groups and researchers have called for worldwide action. On the 13th of January 2022, Environment and Social Development Organization-ESDO held both physical and virtual media briefings to address the problem of dangerous chemicals detected in both beach and recycling pallets.

Public Urged for Strict Legislation and Enforcement for Nationwide Ban on Single-use Plastic





To raise public awareness about the hazardous environmental consequences of using single-use plastic products and to make people understand the importance of waste segregation, Environment and Social Development Organization - ESDO held a day-long mobile and signature campaign to gain public support on "Banning Single-use Plastic and Support Waste Segregation" on February 14, 2022, at multiple locations in Dhaka city.

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The virtual roundtable was jointly organized by non-governmental organizations Association for Land Reform and Development (ALRED), Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA), Environment and Social Development Organization (ESDO), and Prothom Alo. Experts called on the government to make the highest political commitment to stop the use of plastic, especially single-use plastic, and polythene products to protect life and biodiversity

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On 7th March 2022, ESDO had a courtesy visit with the Chief Executive Officer of Meena Bazar Supermarket. ESDO conducted the visit to let them know about plastic free shops and zero waste lifestyle. Meena Bazar is one of the Bangladesh's popular and leading supermarket which has eventually moving towards less plastic policy. They have already taken some initiatives such as they have introduce reusable bags in their super shop. Also, they have started Extended Producer Responsibility - EPR policy and they are gradually coming out of plastic packaging.





Webinar on "UN System Response to Marine Litter and Plastic Pollution"

The Geneva Beat Plastic Pollution Dialogues aim to encourage more interaction and engagement among stakeholders in Geneva and abroad. They also plan to deal with the plastic issue and encourage coordinated measures that can lead to more efficient decision-making. This session was organized in partnership with the United Nations Environment Management Group (UN-EMG) and GRID-Arendal, which featured the launch of the UN-EMG Report on mapping the UN response to marine litter and plastic pollution. This webinar was attended by one of the ESDO's team member Hridita Ferdous.

Webinar on Global Plastic Treaty: Opportunities for South East Asia

With the recent developments and upcoming UNEA 5.2. Asian Research Institute for Environmental Law organized a webinar on the opportunities of South East Asia on the Global Plastic Treaty where the partner organizations Global Alliance for Incineration Alternatives (GAIA), Environment and Social Development Organization - ESDO, and Greenpeace. Secretary-General of ESDO Dr. Shahriar Hossain participated the session as a Guest Speaker, and also presented presentation highlighting the comparison of Japan and Rwanda Resolutions to be Adapted at UNEA 5.2.



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