

# Quarterly E- bulletin

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Environment and Social Development Organization- ESDO

## Inception workshop on “Plastic-Free Campus” Project to enhance Sustainable Environment

To enhance a sustainable environment, the Environment and Social Development Organization (ESDO) and Mutual Trust Bank Limited (MTBL) initiated the "Plastic-Free Campus" project. An initial workshop was officially inaugurated on January 22, 2023, in Dhaka. By educating the younger generation about the toxicity of plastic and preparing young students to reject single-use plastic, this initiative aims to encourage leadership in the next generation. The "Plastic Free Campus" project, will assist educational institutions



in Bangladesh in the global fight against single-use plastic pollution. The purpose of Plastic Free Campus (PFC) is to support educational institutions in their fight against single-use plastic pollution. PFC promotes schools in improving our health, social justice, and the environment. Two of Bangladesh's primary sources of plastic pollution are schools and universities.

Read more: <http://bansup.esdo.org/to-enhance-sustainable-environment-esdo-and-mtbl-initiate-plastic-free-campus-project/>

## Orientation workshop on “Plastic-free Campus” with Teachers and Girl Guides Association



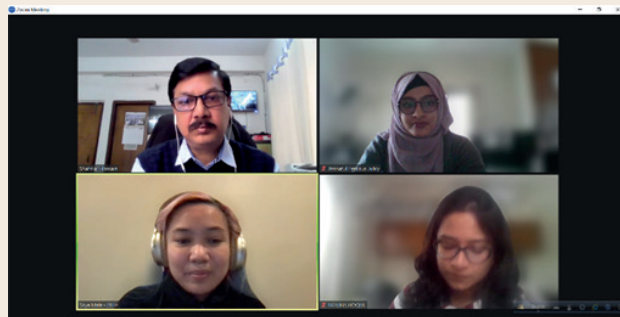
Following the successful inception workshop for the "Plastic-free Campus" initiative, the Environment and Social Development Organization-ESDO organized a two-day orientation training with the teachers of the targeted schools and the Girl Guides on January 23 and 24. By giving the teachers and volunteers an in-depth insight into the project's activities, this orientation provided to prepare them for forthcoming PFC project activities. A booklet was presented in the orientation workshop to instruct the teachers and young girl guides on the responsibilities of teachers in carrying out the project and inspires the

students to live a life free of plastic. In addition to question-and-answer sessions, discussion and group work on related issues, energizer sessions, and expectation mapping, the workshop's activities included audio-visual presentations, poster presentations, lectures on plastic pollution, zero waste, and educational tools conducted in these sessions.

Read more: <http://bansup.esdo.org/orientation-workshop-on-plastic-free-campus-with-teachers-and-girl-guides-association/>

## Meeting on Plastic education program implementation with BFFP

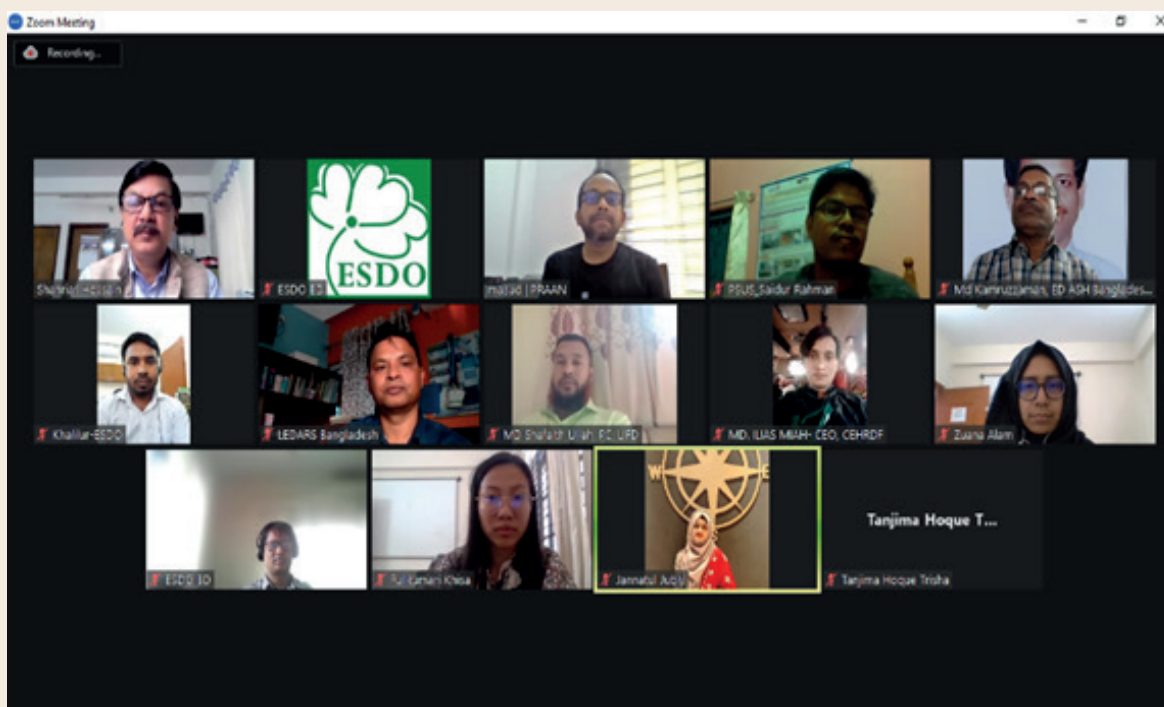
A zoom meeting was arranged by BFFP to discuss plastic education curriculum implementation. The expected action plan, inception, and orientation activities, teachers' manual, and Plastic-free related activities were also discussed. The event was successful through the active participation from the networking countries and participants were able to have a clear conception of the upcoming project and already start.



## Stakeholder and Consultation meeting on “Initiating a Platform in Bangladesh Network on Banning Single-Use Plastic from the coastal area of Bangladesh”

Environment and Social Development Organization-ESDO organized a virtual stakeholder and consultation meeting on "Initiating a Platform in Bangladesh Network on Banning Single-Use Plastic" to discuss this topic and the ways to ban SUP from the 12 coastal areas of Bangladesh.

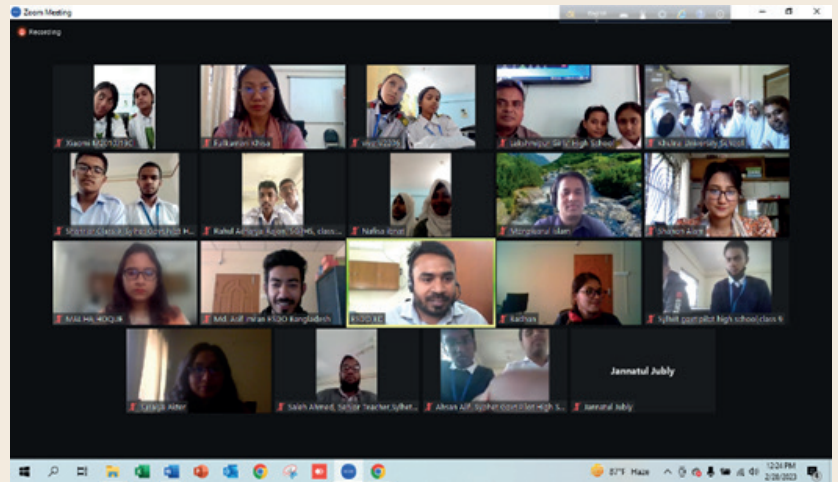
CSO members participated in the meeting as stakeholders and actively voiced their opinions on SUP. The major discussion topic at the meeting was not all types of plastic but single-use plastic products and how to gradually remove them from Bangladesh's coastal areas. Single-use plastic products (SUPPs) may be the essence of convenience, but the damage they cause to the environment and to human health through production, distribution, and littering makes constitute a serious hazard.



Read more: <http://bansup.esdo.org/virtual-stakeholder-and-consultation-meeting-on-initiating-a-platform-in-bangladesh-network-on-banning-single-use-plastic/>

## Girl Guides and Boy Scout Online Orientation Workshop

Environment and Social Development Organization-ESDO held a virtual orientation training with the selected five-division Girl Guides and Boy Scout association on February 28, 2023. By giving the volunteers in-depth knowledge of the project's activities, this introduction provided to prepare the volunteers for upcoming PFC project activities. Both the Boy Scout Association and the Girl Guides Association give opinions on this effort, highlighting their gratitude for it and expressing a willingness to involve students in this outstanding effort to make selected campuses plastic-free.



Read more: <http://bansup.esdo.org/orientation-workshop-on-plastic-free-campus-with-girl-guides-and-boy-scout-association/>

## Volunteer Orientation Workshop on Plastic-free Campus at Rangpur Zilla School

The "Plastic Free Campus (PFC)" project was developed by the Environment and Social Development Organization (ESDO) in collaboration with the Mutual Trust Bank Limited (MTBL), Bangladesh; Plastic Solution Funds (PSF); and Break Free from Plastic (BFFP) in order to assist school children in Bangladesh in the fight against single-use plastic pollution. Ten schools in five divisions of Bangladesh—Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna, Sylhet, and Rangpur—have been included in the project. Building second-generation leadership, educating the younger generation about the dangers of plastic, and empowering young people to reject single-use plastic are the goals of this project. As a result, on February 16, 2023, in Rangpur Zilla School, Rangpur, an orientation workshop with the girl guides and scouts was organized. Together with teacher representatives from both institutions, six female guides from Rangpur Government Girls High School and seven scouts from Rangpur Zilla School attended the orientation



workshop. The session was intended to be participative and engaging. The project goals, plans, and primary activities of ESDO were revealed at the workshop. In addition, they have been informed of their roles and obligations as volunteers. The session helped the participants understand their roles and duties as well as the project's anticipated outcome. In order to ensure the successful execution of the Plastic-free Campus initiative, this workshop created a connection between the volunteers and ESDO.

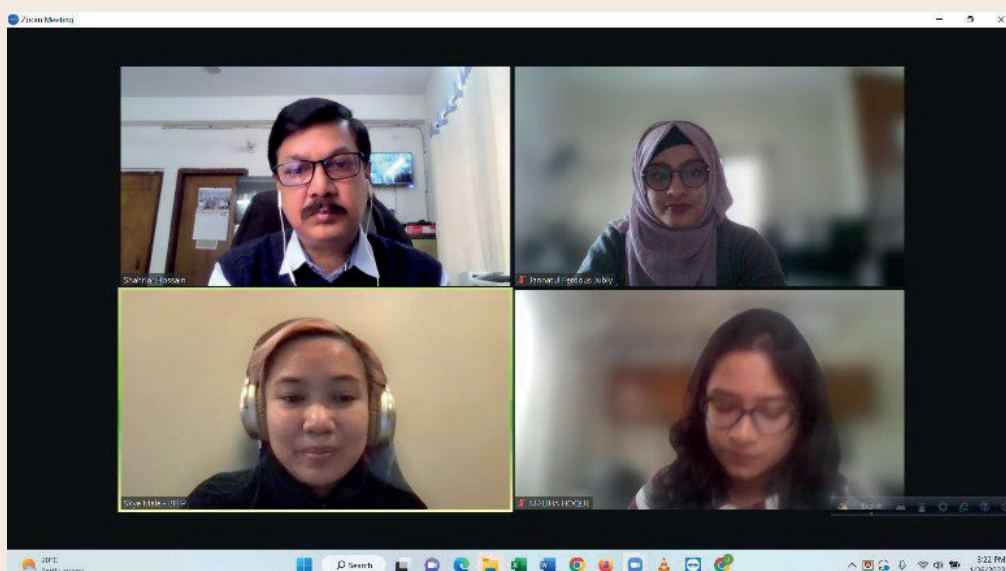
## 3 Day long Training Session on How to Conduct Student class for PFCP

Environment and Social Development Organization-ESDO held a 3-day long training workshop with the ESDO's PFCP teammembers. This training session was conducted by Khalilur Rahman, Assistant Program Officer at ESDO and all the team members who attend this training session also participate in various team-building activities. This session also discussed how to conduct student classes in selected schools under the PFCP. Siddika Sultana, Executive Director at ESDO, and Monowarul Islam, Head of Program preside this training session.



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# International Webinar

## Webinar on SDG 5 on gender equality and SDG 6 on clean water and sanitation



A Webinar was organized by the Stakeholder forum for a sustainable future. This webinar will focus on SDG 5 on gender equality and SDG 6 on clean water and sanitation and synergies and tradeoffs with other goals. It will continue to investigate ample opportunities for establishing integrated approaches to SDG implementation with a particular focus on methods that unite a variety of stakeholders to quicken the goals' advancement. In order to

empower communities, sectoral players, and cross-sectoral partnerships at various levels, good practices will be discovered. The goal is to encourage the development of communities of practice that will make progress together up until and after the 2023 SDG Summit.

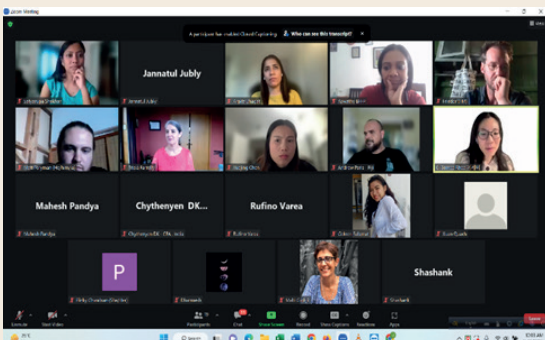
## Webinar on SDG 7 on Energy and SDG 8 on Sustainable Economic Growth

A Webinar was organized by the Stakeholder forum for a sustainable future. This webinar focused on SDG 7 on access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all, and SDG 8 on sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all, and synergies and tradeoffs with other goals. In order to empower communities, sectoral actors, and cross-sectoral alliances at various levels, good practices will be found. The



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## Break Free From Plastic AP Policy WG Meeting on Plastic pollution Science Policy



A zoom meeting was arranged by break free from plastic on the plastic false solution with CSO members. Since there are some exciting possibilities for joint/coordinated action campaigns, they have invited members from the False Solutions, Petchem, and Corporate Accountability WGs to our upcoming meeting, which will have a fantastic agenda. The meetings will focus on taking action, so any additional suggestions for action from members would be greatly appreciated.

## A webinar on Regional Report-Strategy discussion

A Regional Situation Report on Plastics waste or pollution meeting was held to discuss the plastics issue around India, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka which has a growing concern at the moment. This was a brainstorming session; all the countries' representatives share their activities on regional reduction strategy for plastic pollution. The meeting was conducted by Tripti Arora, Coordinator, at IPEN SA Hub| IPEN Gender Coordinator from New Delhi. Siddika Sultana, Executive Director at Environment and Social Development Organization-ESDO from Bangladesh, Chalani Rubesinghe, Project Planning, and Mgt. officer/ Instructor/ Researcher on chemical contamination at the Centre for Environmental Justice (CEJ) from Sri Lanka, Piyush Mohapatra, Senior Programme Coordinator at Toxics Link, from India, was also present in this webinar. All the representative from these countries shared their ideas and regional strategy for plastic pollution and single-use plastic reduction, Ban on plastic polythene bags, and a proposal for the plastic treaty. Siddika Sultana, Executive Director from ESDO also shared their study report on the Transboundary movement of plastic pollution, documentation on plastic pollution in Bangladesh rivers, Refused Derived Fuel from plastic waste, single-use plastic pollution in Mangrove Forest in Sundarbans, Bangladesh.



## The stealth export of waste plastic clothes to Kenya webinar

A Webinar was organized by BFFP: MarchCampaigns on Regional Trashion: The stealthexport of waste plastic clothes to Kenya. This webinar focused on polyester production tothe brands and their policies on fossil fuel-derived fibers. fossil fashion: the usedclothing trade on its inexorable journey tobecoming waste. How plastic waste fromtextile industries affects land and ESDO attended this webinar as a member.

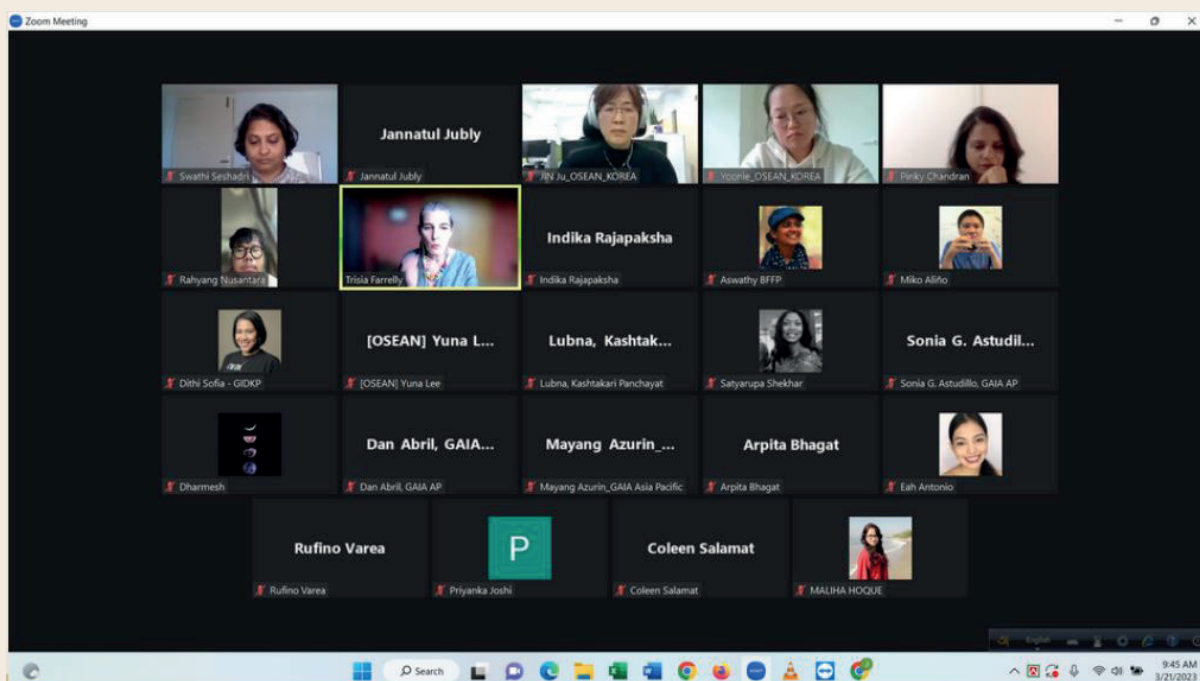
## High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic Pollution Webinar titled “Reducing Plastic Production and Consumption”

Governments of Norway and Rwanda, organized a webinar on a High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic Pollution titled “Reducing Plastic Production and Consumption” with speakers from Government, Business, Scientists, Civil Society and the UN. The focus discussion point of the webinar was to identify which one is a feasible option for plastic pollution; plastic recycling or refusing plastic. On behalf of ESDO, Maliha Hoque Program Associate of ESDO and Jannatul Ferdous, Project Associate of ESDO joined the webinar.



## A Webinar on BFFP AP Policy WG for INC-2 campaign planning

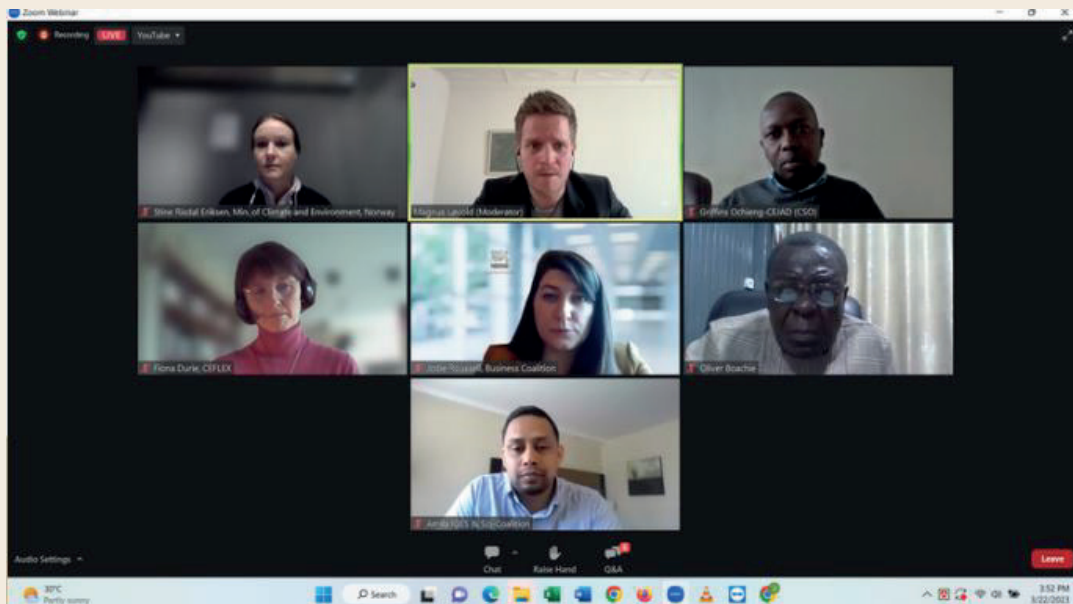
A Break-Free From Plastic AP Policy WG meeting was held to discuss the INC challenges and opportunities INC logistics & schedule, important events, update on HAC membership (who has joined from AP and who is poised to (3 countries in Pacific Islands), and who needs a nudge. All the members' updates on progress, events they attended, and priorities they want to share. In this meeting, plastic circular economy, plastic leakages, microplastic, plastic value chain, and chemicals in plastic products are the more concerning issues, INC-2 lead-up campaign planning with exercises also addressed for the upcoming INC meeting.





## HAC Webinar: Increasing Circularity of Plastics in the Economy

A webinar on Plastics Treaty options for elements titled increasing circularity of plastics in the economy was organized by BFFP with participation from Scientists, Civil society, Businesses, and others introduced to the High Ambition Coalition. This event provides opportunities for Member States and stakeholders to discuss possible options for core obligations and control measures in the plastics treaty to increase the circularity of plastics in the economy. These could be obligations, criteria, guidance, targets, and transparency requirements for product design and manufacturing, reuse, and recycling



## Thirteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention (OEWG-13)

The thirteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group took place from Tuesday, 21 February to Thursday, 23 February 2023, with pre-meetings, including Bureau and regional meetings, held on Monday, 20 February. Given the 3-day duration of the meeting, the Working Group turned its attention to items in its work programme deemed to be of high or medium priority.

On behalf of ESDO, Dr. Shahriar Hossain, Secretary General Participated at the meeting and submitted a statement support the process of draft technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of plastic wastes.



Read more: <https://esdo.org/esdos-statement-at-thirteenth-meeting-of-the-open-ended-working-group-of-the-basel-convention-oewg-13/>

## ESDO's Statement for BRS Regional Meeting



After a three year, BFFP organized a global meeting on March 26-31, 2023 in Vietnam. Since the start of the pandemic, many of member have not had the opportunity to meet again in person as a global movement, so this year BFFP planned to meet in person with purpose review strategy and progress together, to renew and strengthen bonds and the values that make BFFP a vibrant and cohesive movement, share skills , and to do joint planning around key projects and ongoing initiatives (eg Global Plastic Treaty, Reuse, etc). On behalf of ESDO, Dr. Shahriar Hossain, Secretary General of ESDO joined the meeting.