

# Quarterly E-bulletin

April - June 2024







## ESDO urges at the INC-4 to "Taking a Stand Against Plastic Pollution"

The Environment and Social Development Organization - ESDO played a significant role at the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-4) session, which focused on the pressing issue of plastic pollution. The INC-4, held as part of the international efforts to address environmental concerns, brought together various stakeholders, including government representatives, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and scientific experts.

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ESDO's involvement at INC-4 was crucial in advancing the global agenda against plastic pollution. Their advocacy, policy recommendations, scientific contributions, and collaborative efforts played a pivotal role in urging international action and fostering a collective commitment to addressing this critical environmental challenge.





## Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) 100-Day Initiative with ESDO to Implement Plastic-Free Campus Implementation Update Meetings

During the second quarter of 2024, the Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and ESDO advanced the "Single-use Plastic-Free Campus" initiative through a series of meetings. On April 25, chaired by Additional Secretary Dr. Fahmida Khanom, ESDO reviewed the zero-waste village and plastic-free community projects. A subsequent meeting in Rangpur provided an overview of the plastic-free campus initiative before she visit to local schools. On May 13, a meeting focused on progress in six Barishal Division schools, reporting successful teacher and volunteer orientations despite scheduling challenges. Upcoming orientations in Mymensingh and Chattogram were discussed, with sessions held on May 16 and May 19, respectively, both receiving positive feedback.

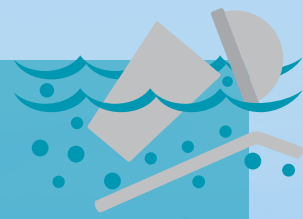


### Plastic-free Campus Visit in Rangpur by the Additional Secretary of MoEFCC

On April 28th, Dr. Fahmida Khanom embarked on a special journey to Rangpur Government Girls' High School and Rangpur Zilla School, where students are taking the lead against plastic pollution as part of ESDO's Plastic-Free Campus project!

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## Plastic-free Campus: Teachers and Volunteers Orientations

In this quarter of April to June, Department of Environment, in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) & ESDO, organized four teacher and volunteer orientations in Bariasal, Mymensingh, Chittagong and Dhaka.



On May 9, 2024, with Barishal Govt. Girls High School and Barishal Zilla School at the divisional office of DoE in Barisal. The workshop aimed to increase awareness about the negative impact of plastic and promote sustainable alternatives.

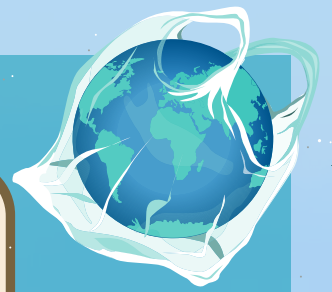
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On May 16, 2024, the Department of Environment (DoE) in Mymensingh, in collaboration with the Environment and Social Development Organization-ESDO, organized a transformative day-long orientation workshop at Vidyamoyee Govt. Girls' High School and Mymensingh Zilla School.

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## Plastic-free Campus: Teachers and Volunteers Orientations



On May 19, 2024, the Department of Environment (DoE) in Chattogram, in collaboration with the Environment and Social Development Organization – ESDO, conducted a day-long orientation workshop at St. Placid School and Pahartali Girls School and College in Chittagong.

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On June 9, 2024, the Department of Environment (DoE) in Dhaka, in partnership with the Environment and Social Development Organization – ESDO, organized a comprehensive orientation workshop. As part of this initiative, Sher-e Bangla Girls School and Sher-e Bangla Boys School have been selected as primary participants.

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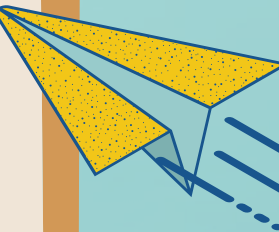


## PLASTIC-FREE CAMPUS: FOLLOW-UP SESSIONS FOR GRADUATION CEREMONIES



As part of our ongoing commitment to fostering environmental consciousness among the younger generation, ESDO conducted follow-up session on project preparation for the graduation ceremonies of schools 10 divisions under the plastic-free campus. This session focused on guiding the students in planning and executing projects aimed at achieving single-use plastic-free campuses.

Students of Rangpur Govt. Girls' High School, Rangpur Zilla School and Lalmatia Girls High School and College giving demo presentation on their 3D model of plastic free campus





# Plastic-free Campus: Graduation Ceremonies



The graduation ceremonies held in Dhaka, Khulna, Rajshahi, and Rangpur celebrate the achievements of schools in adopting sustainable practices, marking significant progress towards a cleaner, greener future.



On June 11, 2024, ESDO celebrated the successful transformation of campuses into plastic-free zones as part of the Plastic Free Campus project. This incredible achievement was a testament to the commitment and perseverance of the ESDO team and the remarkable students of Rangpur Zilla School, Rangpur Govt. Girls School, and Govt. Coronation Secondary Girls' School.

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On June 12, 2024, ESDO celebrated the successful transformation of campuses into plastic-free zones through the Plastic Free Campus project. This remarkable achievement showcased the commitment and perseverance of the ESDO team and the exceptional students of Lalmatia Girls High School and College, Dhaka.

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## Plastic-free Campus: Graduation Ceremonies



On June 30, 2024, ESDO celebrated the successful transformation of campuses into plastic-free zones through the Plastic Free Campus project. This significant achievement highlighted the dedication and perseverance of the ESDO team and the outstanding students of Khulna University School.

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On July 1, 2024, ESDO celebrated the successful transformation of campuses into plastic-free zones through the Plastic Free Campus project. This remarkable achievement showcased the commitment and perseverance of the ESDO team, along with the exceptional students of Laksmipur Girls High School and Prothom Alo Trust Alor Pathsala, Rajshahi.

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## Art Competition and Interactive Discussion by Future Leaders on Environment Day 2024

On June 8, 2024, as part of the World Environment Day 2024 celebrations, the Environment and Social Development Organization – ESDO and Bangladesh Shishu Academy organized an art competition and an interactive discussion session for children. The event, supported by Mutual Trust Bank, aimed to build awareness about environmental issues among children, engage them with the World Environment Day theme, ensure their participation in climate action, and generate ideas from these future leaders on combating climate change.

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## ESDO's Active Participation in Environment Fair-2024: Promoting Sustainable Practices and Environmental Awareness



The Environment and Social Development Organization – ESDO participated in the Environment Fair-2024, an annual event organized by the Department of Environment and the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC). The fair commenced on June 5th and concluded on June 11th, 2024. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina officially inaugurated the fair on World Environment Day. This year's World Environment Day theme was "Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience."

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## Debriefing on the Post-discussion Outcomes from the Fourth Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-4) on the Global Plastic Treaty

On May 26, 2024, ESDO held a significant post-discussion on the fourth Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-4) meeting regarding the global plastic treaty at its headquarters. This debriefing centered on Bangladesh's stance and the international agreement on a new treaty aimed at addressing plastic pollution and marine litter.

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## ESDO Takes Center Stage at OEWG-14 Basel Convention Summit

The fourteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (OEWG-14) is taking place from 25 June to 28 June 2024 at the International Conference Center Geneva (CICG). The meeting is preceded by Bureau and regional meetings held on 24 June 2024.

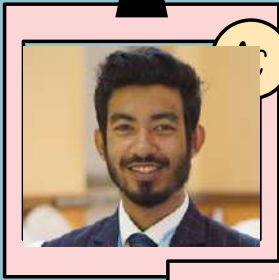
Shahriar Hossain, Secretary General of the Environment and Social Development Organization – ESDO, and Siddika Sultana, Executive Director of ESDO, attend the webinar.

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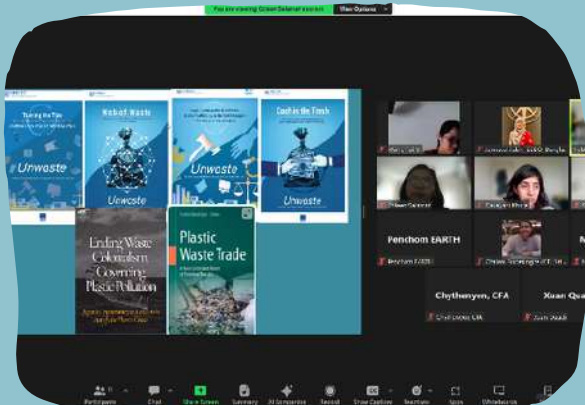
## ESDO's Global Youth Ambassadors



In October 2023, Break Free From Plastic (BFFP) launched a Youth Ambassador Program designed to build capacity and networking among young people, equipping them with the knowledge to organize campaigns against plastic pollution on both national and international levels. This six-month program included training sessions, workshops, campaign planning, and on-ground organizing, providing youth leaders with a comprehensive understanding of the plastics issue and experience in coordinating global campaigns. Asif Imran, Maliha Hoque, and Jannatul Ferdous Jubly participated in and completed the entire program on behalf of ESDO. [For more check on BFFP Website](#)

## "South Asia Debrief- What happened at INC4?" organized by IPEN

PEN's debriefing on INC-4, held on May 22, 2024, focused on outcomes and decisions from the Ottawa conference. Dr. Shahriar Hossain from ESDO highlighted the influence of fossil fuel industry lobbying on reducing primary plastic polymers, with opposition from Korea and Saudi Arabia. He discussed Bangladesh's stance on the transboundary movement of plastics and the establishment of expert groups ahead of INC-5.



## Asia-Pacific Waste Trade Working Group Meeting

The Asia Pacific Waste Trade Working Group, organized by Break Free from Plastic (BFFP), met on May 23, 2024, to update ongoing projects.