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Tackling the Environmental Footprint of Single-Use Plastic Bottles

On December 24, 2024, the Environment and Social Development Organization (ESDO) launched its groundbreaking report, “Environmental Footprint of Single-Use Plastic Bottles: The Pollution and Health Hazards Across the Full Lifecycle.” The event gathered policymakers, environmental activists, and media to address alarming findings, including Bangladesh’s annual consumption of 3.15–3.84 billion plastic bottles—only 21.4% of which are recycled. The report highlighted the dangers of microplastics and harmful chemicals like BPA, emphasizing their threats to ecosystems and human health. This launch marks a crucial step toward reducing plastic pollution and advancing sustainability in Bangladesh. Stay tuned for ESDO’s ongoing efforts!



Plastic Reduction Initiative in Sundarbans Trans-boundary International Natural Ecosystems (PRISTINE)

On December 19, 2024, ESDO spearheaded a groundbreaking Brand Audit in Mongla, Bagerhat, engaging local communities and volunteers in a dynamic effort to tackle single-use plastic (SUP) pollution. The initiative combined clean-up activities with a comprehensive analysis of collected waste, shining spotlight on the environmental impact of SUPs.

Environmentalists, alongside dedicated volunteers, meticulously assessed the waste, identifying the top five corporate polluters.



This critical data underscores the pressing need for sustainable corporate practices. ESDO is now actively collaborating with these identified companies to ensure compliance with their Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) obligations. The Brand Audit reflects ESDO's commitment to a Plastic-Free Future, raising awareness and holding corporate accountable to drive meaningful environmental change.



ESDO Conducts Brand Audit in Mongla to Combat Single-Use Plastic Pollution



ESDO Leads Human Chain and Rally in Mongla to Combat Single-Use Plastic Pollution

On December 19, 2024, ESDO organized an impactful Human Chain and Rally in Mongla, Bagerhat, uniting local communities and volunteers in the fight against Single-Use Plastic (SUP) pollution.

This inspiring event highlighted ESDO's dedication to creating a Plastic-Free Future by fostering public awareness and advocating for corporate accountability. Together, participants reinforced the urgent need for collective action to protect the environment and drive sustainable change.



Outcomes of INC-5 and ESDO's Contributions

Representing Bangladesh, the Environment and Social Development Organization (ESDO) played a pivotal role in advocating for a robust and inclusive treaty. Shahriar Hossain, Secretary-General, and Siddika Sultana, Executive Director, actively participated in the negotiations, emphasizing the needs of developing countries.

ESDO's key interventions called for phasing out hazardous chemicals and plastics, ensuring just transitions for waste-pickers, and strengthening financial mechanisms to support sustainable waste management in developing nations.

