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Advancing a Plastic-Free Asia Pacific: Break Free From Plastic (BFFP) Asia Pacific Regional Consultation 2025

From 27 to 29 October, in Negombo, Sri Lanka, Break Free From Plastic (BFFP) Asia Pacific Regional Consultation 2025 brought together participants from 16 countries and 54 organizations to review progress, strengthen regional collaboration, and set priorities for the next decade. As an active BFFP network member, ESDO participated throughout the consultation, including the False Solutions and Just Transition sessions. Khalilur Rahman and Noshin Naila represented ESDO in discussions on plastic pollution, waste trade, chemical safety, and just transition, and joined the nurdle hunt. During the 10-Year Action Plan session, Ms. Naila highlighted ESDO's work on zero-waste roadmaps, methane reduction, and policy advocacy, aligning with upstream, system-shifting action.



Elevating Bangladesh's Voice on Plastics and Pollution

ESDO at OECPR-7 and UNEA-7

The seventh meeting of the Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR-7) and the Seventh Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) were held from 1-12 December 2025 at UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, under the theme “Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet.” The meetings addressed escalating global challenges related to plastic pollution, chemicals, waste, and environmental justice. Bangladesh actively engaged in both OECPR-7 and UNEA-7. Dr. Shahriar Hossain, representing the Government of Bangladesh, participated in negotiations and policy discussions on plastics, chemicals, and multilateral environmental cooperation, reinforcing Bangladesh's commitment to stronger global action on pollution. ESDO was represented by Ms. Siddika Sultana, Executive Director, who participated in plenary sessions, coordination meetings, and side events. ESDO emphasized the need to address plastic pollution across its full lifecycle, reject false solutions, and ensure adequate financing, accountability, and protection for affected communities, including waste pickers and informal workers. UNEA-7 highlighted both progress and limitations of global environmental governance. ESDO will continue working with government partners, civil society, and international networks to translate global commitments into national action for plastic reduction, safe chemicals management, zero waste solutions, and environmental justice.

