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Stakeholder Consultation Workshop on Single-Use-Plastic (SUP) Reduction in the Sundarbans

ESDO, Arannayk Foundation, and The Bengal Tours Ltd. organized a stakeholder workshop under the UNOPS-supported PRISTINE project to tackle plastic pollution in the Sundarbans.

The Sundarbans, a UNESCO World Heritage site, faces severe plastic waste threats from tourism, harming wildlife and local communities. The workshop brought together tour operators, NGOs, and community leaders to raise awareness and develop strategies for reducing single-use plastics.

Key outcomes included waste audit insights, eco-friendly tourism action plans, and commitments to reusable alternatives. This initiative strengthens collaboration for sustainable tourism and long-term conservation of the Sundarbans.



ESDO Participates in National Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Innovation Grants

On May 13, 2025, ESDO joined government officials, development partners, and civil society at a Dhaka workshop organized by Innovation Grantees under the PLEASE Project. Chaired by the MoEFCC Additional Secretary, the event featured Chief Guest Syeda Rizwana Hasan (MoEFCC Adviser) and special guests from the UN and World Bank.

ESDO's team, led by Executive Director Siddika Sultana, shared insights on sustainable plastic reduction in transboundary ecosystems. A key outcome was the ministry's pledge to enhance inter-ministerial collaboration, including with the Local Government Ministry, to scale up best practices.

This workshop strengthened cross-sectoral efforts to combat plastic pollution in Bangladesh.



NATIONAL KNOWLEDGE SHARING WORKSHOP OF THE PLEASE PROJECT



Youth Action for a Plastic-Free Future: ESDO Hosts Workshop on Youth Engagement in Global Plastic Treaty (INC-5.2)

On 24 May 2025, ESDO organized a workshop in Dhaka to engage Bangladeshi youth in the Global Plastic Treaty (INC-5.2) negotiations.

Educate and mobilize youth on plastic pollution, treaty advocacy, and their role in influencing policy.

Key Outcomes:

- Youth learned about plastic impacts, treaty negotiations, and advocacy strategies.
- Proposal for a youth action group to monitor policies and push for change.
- Strong call for corporate accountability, affordable alternatives, and stricter regulations.
- The workshop strengthened youth commitment to global plastic pollution solutions ahead of INC-5.2 (August 2025, Geneva).

