

## WeCare News Flash-India

### Plastics and Circular Economy



#### India Proposes Special Fund To Help Developing Countries Fight Plastic Pollution

India has proposed setting up a dedicated multilateral fund to support developing countries in tackling plastic pollution. According to the proposal submitted during the final round of negotiations for a legally binding international agreement on plastic pollution in Busan, South Korea, the fund would be modelled on the successful multilateral fund established under the Montreal Protocol, which addressed ozone depletion.

Read more at:

<https://www.etvbharat.com/en/!bharat/india-proposes-special-fund-to-help-developing-countries-fight-plastic-pollution-enn24112707229>

#### Plastic pollution negotiations at the crossroads in Busan

At the midweek of the global plastics stocktake, the fifth and final session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-5) in South Korea's Busan is yet to decide what all should be included in the mandate—from a cut in production to regulating toxic chemicals used in making polymers. The final text of the agreement is due on December 1.

Read more at:

<https://kashmirobsvber.net/2024/12/10/jk-generated-225630-tonnes-of-plastic-waste-in-last-5-years/>



#### NGT directs Lucknow officials to report on action taken to combat rising plastic waste

The National Green Tribunal has directed the Commissioner of Lucknow Municipal Corporation and the District Magistrate Lucknow to appear virtually on the next hearing date and report on actions taken to address the issue of rising plastic waste in Lucknow and the hazard created on account of its improper management.

Read more at:

<https://indialegallive.com/constitutional-law-news/courts-news/ngt-directs-lucknow-officials-to-report-on-action-taken-to-combat-rising-plastic-waste/>

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#### In Busan, India says it will not back 'use' of plastic alternatives

Though the national stand is against plastic waste and for alternative materials, country will not allow itself to be 'pushed into using certain products or materials' during global plastic talks; despite four days of negotiations, disagreements prevail

Read more at:

<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/on-plastic-use-india-takes-differing-positions-at-home-and-abroad/article68923386.ece>

#### New rules proposed on packaging waste management, set to take effect in 2026

In a significant step to revolutionise packaging waste management, the Environment Ministry has introduced the draft of Environment Protection (Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging) Rules, 2024. These rules, notified on December 6, are scheduled to take effect on April 1, 2026. The proposed regulations focus on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), requiring producers, importers, and brand owners (PIBOs) to oversee the entire lifecycle of packaging materials, including paper, glass, metal, and sanitary products.

Read full story:

<https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/environment-ministry-new-rules-revolutionise-packaging-waste-management-2648392-2024-12-11>



#### India calls for clear principles to combat plastic pollution at Busan meet

India urged member states to develop clear principles and scope for a new international treaty on plastic pollution at the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-5) meeting in Busan, South Korea. The environment ministry stated that the new treaty should not overlap with existing multilateral environmental agreements like the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions, and international bodies such as the World Trade Organisation.

Read more at:

<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/india/india-calls-for-clear-principles-to-combat-plastic-pollution-at-busan-meet/>

## WeCare News Flash-Global

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#### Nigeria unveils guidelines for plastic waste management policy



The Federal Ministry of Environment has launched the Implementation Guidelines for the National Policy on Plastic Waste Management. Developed in collaboration with United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) and supported by Japan, this initiative marks a major step toward reducing plastic waste and promoting sustainable, eco-friendly practices.

Read more at:

<https://www.zawya.com/en/economy/africa/nigeria-unveils-guidelines-for-plastic-waste-management-policy-bhgff52>

#### EU and Finland-backed initiative highlights 94% concern over plastic waste in Morocco

The «SWITCH to Circular Economy Value Chains» project, backed by the European Union and the Government of Finland, has unveiled significant insights into Moroccan attitudes towards waste management and the circular economy.

Read more at:

<https://en.yabiladi.com/articles/details/157902/finland-backed-initiative-highlights-concern-over.html>



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