

## **Sri Lanka Supports Article 18: Public Information, Awareness, Education and Research**

Sri Lanka emphasizes inclusive education, awareness, and behavioral change strategies, especially targeting youth, communities, and businesses. Local knowledge and research institutions must be engaged in solutions.

We also highlight the need for dedicated financial support for awareness campaigns, including national media outreach, to ensure sustained public engagement and informed participation in addressing plastic pollution. Dedicated financial support is needed for research on micro / Nano plastic pollution including human health and ecosystem.