

LAW DIVISION
(For Orientation of new
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Permanent Representatives)

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Environmental Governance subprogramme

Overall objective: Promoting policy coherence and strong legal and institutional frameworks to achieve environmental goals in the context of sustainable development

Environmental issues are handled in an inclusive, sustainable and coherent manner, based on integrated policy and effective norms and institutions at all levels of governance

(including global, regional, sub-regional, transboundary and national) SDGs: 1, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17

2030 impact

MTS 2018

The international community increasingly converges on common and integrated approaches to achieve environmental objectives and implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Institutional capacity and policy and legal frameworks enhanced to achieve internationally agreed environmental goals, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs

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Fostering international , including MEAs, coherence & synergy

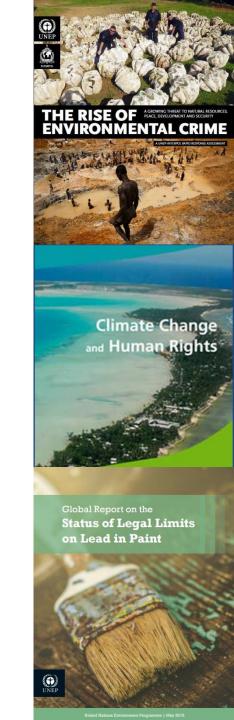
Strengthening laws & institutions

Mainstreaming the environment into development planning and budgeting

Environmental Helping **Bringing the system** Governance and countries bring together through **Conventions** environmental international **Oceans** Climate **Agenda** Change treaties to life environmental Agenda for people and governance Green **Economy &** the planet Env'tal **Finance** Security **Environmental** Agenda Agenda Law and **Governance for** 2030 Agenda for **Urban/Cities** Sustainable **Biodiversity Agenda Development** Making **Agenda Pushing the** environmental frontiers of law work for environmental Chemical **Environment** citizens around and Health Agenda (Pollution) law -National Law the world -International Law

A sustainable, healthier, fairer, more just and prosperous world with legal order

- ✓ Environmental Justice
- ✓ Environmental Rule of Law
- ✓ Human rights and the environment
- ✓ Montevideo Programme: Addressing priority issues and closing legal gaps
- ✓ Adequate, fair, clear and implementable environmental laws
- ✓ Stronger capacities to comply with and enforce environmental obligations
- ✓ Environmental crime and illegal exploitation of natural resources
- ✓ Environmental law and health: Legal limits for lead in paint
- ✓ Legal order of the oceans
- ✓ Green economy law



International Environmental Governance:

Bringing the System together

- ✓ Rio+20 paragraphs 88 and 89, UNGA resolution 70/1 (2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDGs)
- ✓ UNEA resolutions 1/11 & 2/5 on UN system-wide coherence
- ✓ Strategic policy for integrated and coherent environmental governance
- ✓ Synergies among Multilateral Environmental Agreements
 - √ Sound management of chemicals and hazardous waste
 - ✓ Sustainable management of ecosystems and biodiversity





















Strategic Partnerships

- Major groups and stakeholders including Private Sector
- Enforcement agencies:
 - Judiciary
 - Prosecution
 - Parliaments
- Academic Institutions



- UN Institutions
- MEAs Secretariats
- Governments
- Regional Organizations

- Green Customs for trade-related MEAs (plus Interpol and World Customs Organization)
- ECOLEX Gateway of environmental law database (jointly between UN Environment, FAO & IUCN)
- InforMEA and IKM jointly with over 20 MEAs secretariats, UN agencies and international NGOs
- MEAs ACP ACP countries, ACP secretariat, FAO, UN Environment and donor (EU)
- African Elephant Fund Secretariat Donors (various) and elephant range states

SHAPING THE AGENDA GOING FORWARD

New Horizons – Where we are going

- ✓ Engage the world and cooperate inclusively on delivering environmental justice in the context of the 2030 Agenda
- ✓ Promoting fair and just societies, govern the world's natural resources more sustainably
- ✓ Consolidate efforts and activities directed at the implementation of the SDGs
- ✓ Strengthen governance and environmental rule of law to make societies collectively more fit to meet global environmental challenges for 2030 Agenda
- ✓ Improve existing communications strategy to engage business in participating in these efforts and harness resources in pursuit of UN Environment's shared agenda
- ✓ Enhance cooperation within UN system in implementation System-Wide Framework of Strategies on the Environment and its linkages with other partners
- ✓ Development of legal and implementation tools for integrated efficient implementation of SDGs and goals of MEAs at global and national levels

International Environmental Law

Promote Environmental Rule of Law policy and guidance within the UN system as a cross-cutting issue in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

Enhance capacity of key actors to understand and operationalise linkages between **human rights** protection and the environment

Enhance international cooperation in the field of **environmental crime** and develop the knowledge base on its scope and meaning

Encourage normative options to strengthen environmental law and support the establishment of a Member State led process to review, evaluate and monitor the Montevideo Programme

Progressive
Development
of International
Environmental
Law

Support the development and implementation of legal instruments and policies for the sustainable use of **freshwater** resources

Strengthened international environmental law frameworks for the realization of the 2030 Agenda and in response to emerging and progressive issues identified by the Montevideo Programme IV and its mid-term review

National Environmental Law

Strengthened national laws and institutions to ensure the lasting protection of the planet and its natural resources in pursuit of the 2030 Agenda and its goals

Raise **awareness** on environmental issues and **the importance of national environmental legislation**

Develop and strengthen national environmental legislation, including those relating to MEAs

Strengthen institutions and related stakeholders to **establish**, **implement**, **and enforce** those legal frameworks

Development and implementati on of national envi law

Development of tools and guidance documents

Legal and technical assistance and advisory services

International Environmental Governance and MEAs

Strengthening role of UN Environment and UNEA as the leading global environmental authority in the post-Rio+20 landscape

International Environmental Governance and MEAs

Promoting coherence and programmatic synergies in action between MEAs and UN Environment

Promoting environmental sustainability for sustainable development through integration of environmental dimension in international processes and foras

Supporting Member States in implementing the SDGs through enhanced governance, building efficient institutional frameworks and promoting synergies among MEAs

Deepening
cooperation and
collaboration
frameworks with other
UN system bodies on
the environmental
dimension of the 2030
Agenda

International Environmental Governance and MEAs

MEAs Clusters











Cooperation on Enhanced Implementation and Enforcement of MEAs

Strengthen collaboration between UNEP and MEAs for which it provides administrative and programmatic support

Support alignment of implementation of MEAs goals, policies and action plans with implementation of SDGs

Enhance coherence and synergies among clusters of MEAs (e.g. biodiversity, chemicals, wastes, water, seas, land) including knowledge and information sharing

Compliance, implementation and enforcement of MEAs at national, regional, and global levels (UN Environment administered MEAs and others – e.g.UNFCCC, UNCCD, Ramsar)



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