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# Orientation for the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) to UNEP

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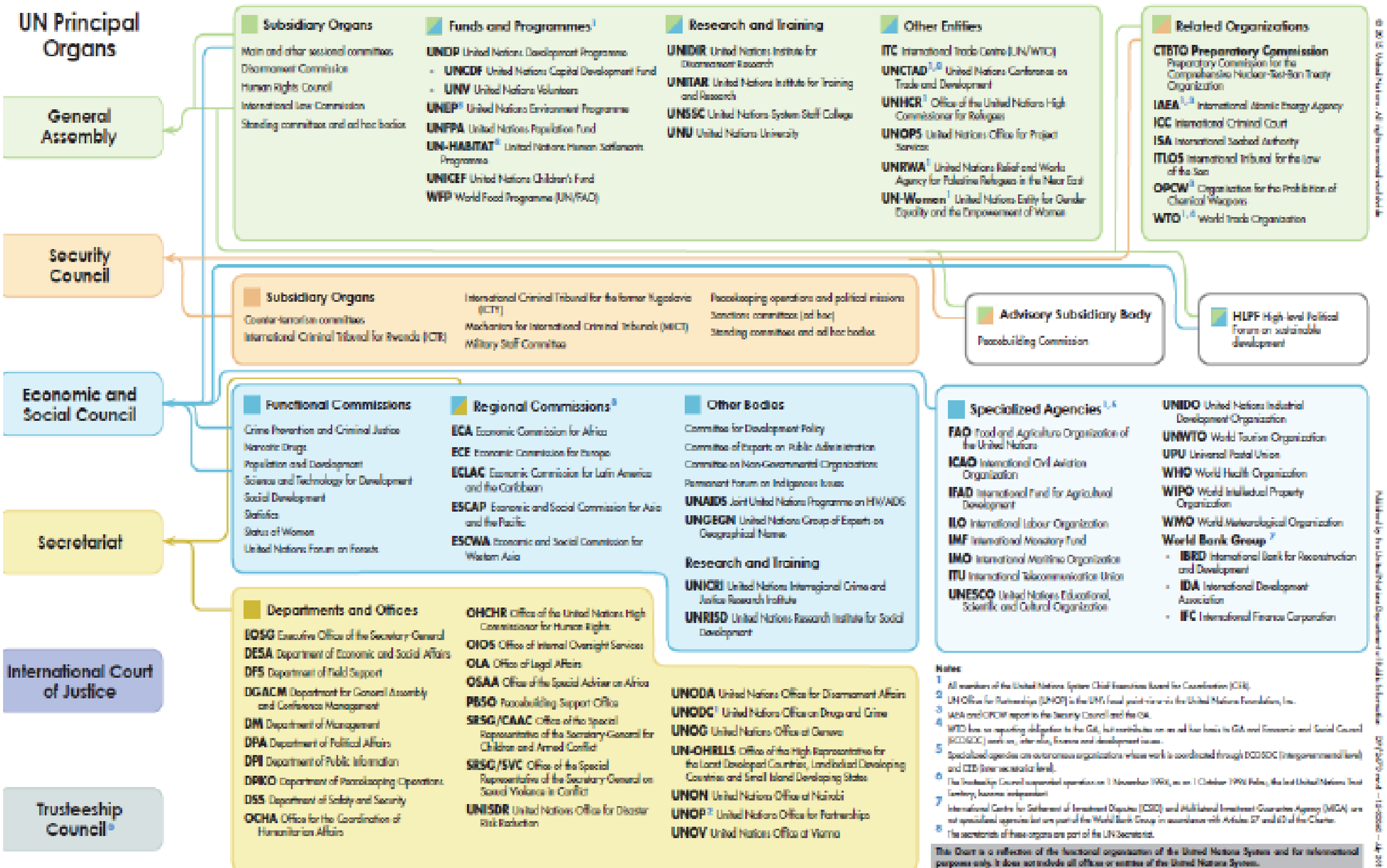


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# 1. History of the UN environment in Nairobi

Established in 1972 at the UN Conference on the Human Environment to promote international environmental cooperation, provide policy guidance and to keep the world environmental situation under review.

## Mission:

“To provide leadership and encourage partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing, and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations”.



Presentation of Stockholm Conference Poster to Secretary-General U Thant (1971)



Delegates discussing a document at the Conference (1972)



# 2. Milestones in Global Environmental Governance-1

- ✚ **1972** GA Resolution 2997 (XXVII) established UNEP, stating its objectives, functions and responsibilities
- ✚ **1980 World Conservation Strategy** - first articulation of sustainable development (Strategy prepared by IUCN with UNEP support)
- ✚ **1983** World Commission on Environment and Development (Brundtland Commission) established by the UN General Assembly
- ✚ **1987** World Commission on Environment Development report - **Our Common Future** – popularized sustainable development and provided for 1992 Earth Summit



# 2. Milestones in Global Environmental Governance<sub>2</sub>

- ✚ UN Conference on Environment & Development (Earth Summit) adopts Rio Declaration & Agenda 21
- ✚ - Convention on Biological Diversity
- ✚ - UN Convention to Combat Desertification
- ✚ - UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
- ✚ 1997 Nairobi Declaration – OP2 first articulation of UN Environment as the global environmental authority
- ✚ 2000 Millennium Declaration - 8 Millennium Development Goals
- ✚ - Ensuring environmental sustainability” (Goal 7)



## 2. Milestones in Global Environmental Governance-3

- ✚ August 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development
- ✚ Re-affirmed UN Environment's important, crucial role in sustainable development; linked poverty alleviation and environmental protection
- ✚ June 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20)
- ✚ General Assembly Resolution 66/288 – Rio outcome document and para 88 on strengthening and upgrading UNEP
- ✚ General Assembly resolution 67/213 reaffirming para 88



**RIO+20**  
United Nations Conference  
on Sustainable Development

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# 2. Milestones in Global Environmental Governance-4

- ✚ Feb 2013 First Universal Session of UN Environment Governing Council /Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC/GMEF) GC/27/1
  - Operationalizing para 88 of the Rio+20 outcome document and recommending to General Assembly the renaming Governing Council to UN Environment Assembly
  - 15 decisions adopted, including on new UN Environment governance structure
  - Open ended Committee of permanent Representative
  - Established - a subsidiary inter-sessional entity of the Environment Assembly
  
- ✚ March 2013 General Assembly resolution 67/251 - the designation of the Governing Council of UNEP to the United Nations Environment Assembly of UNEP
  - UN Environment Assembly is the only Assembly of all General Assembly subsidiary bodies
  
- ✚ June 2014 First session of United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-1)
  - 17 resolutions and 1 decision adopted , Ministerial outcome
  - Articulated that post-2015 development agenda should fully integrate the economic, social, and environmental dimensions in a: coherent, holistic, comprehensive and balanced manner

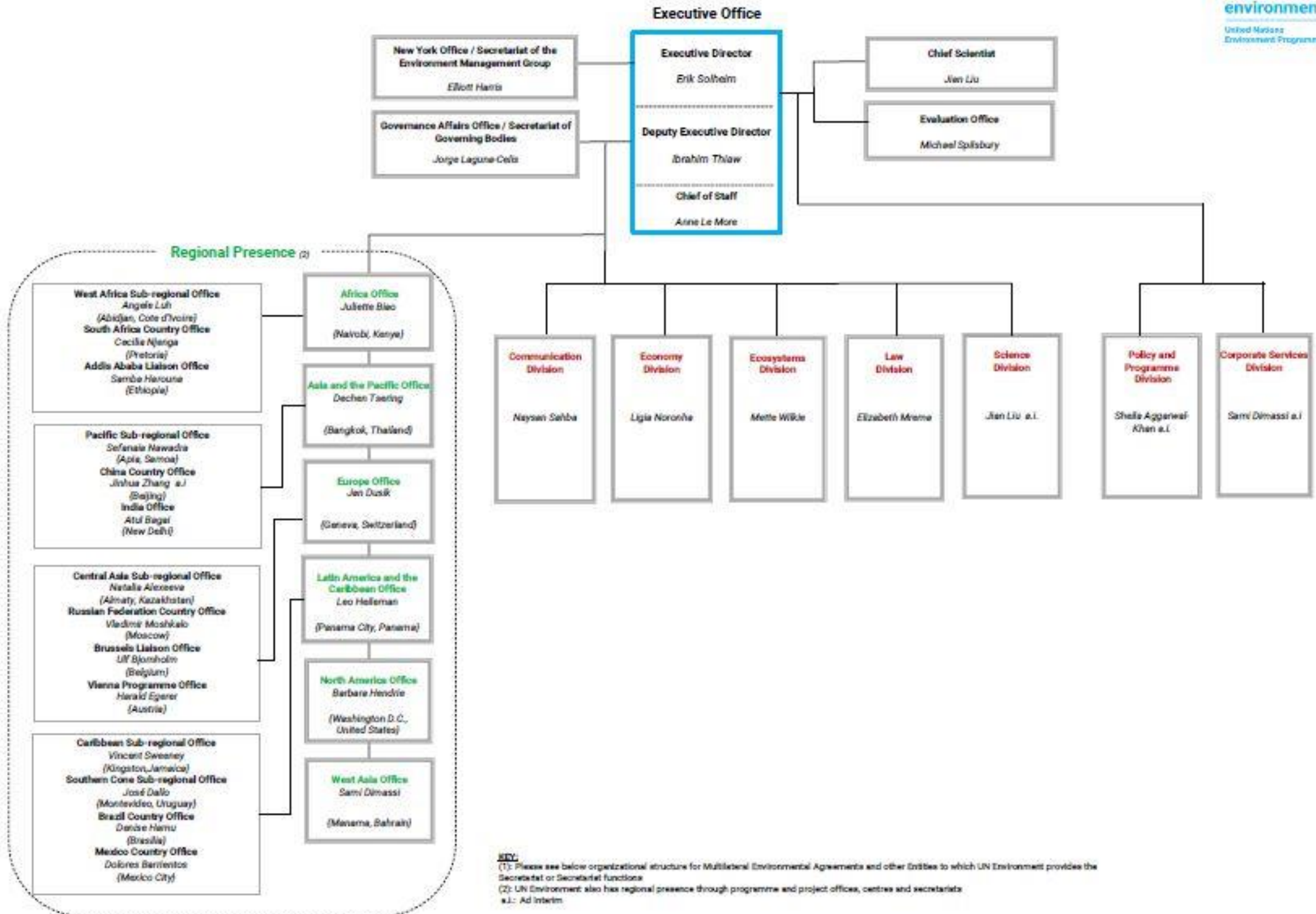




# 3. UN Environment Structure and Organigramme.1

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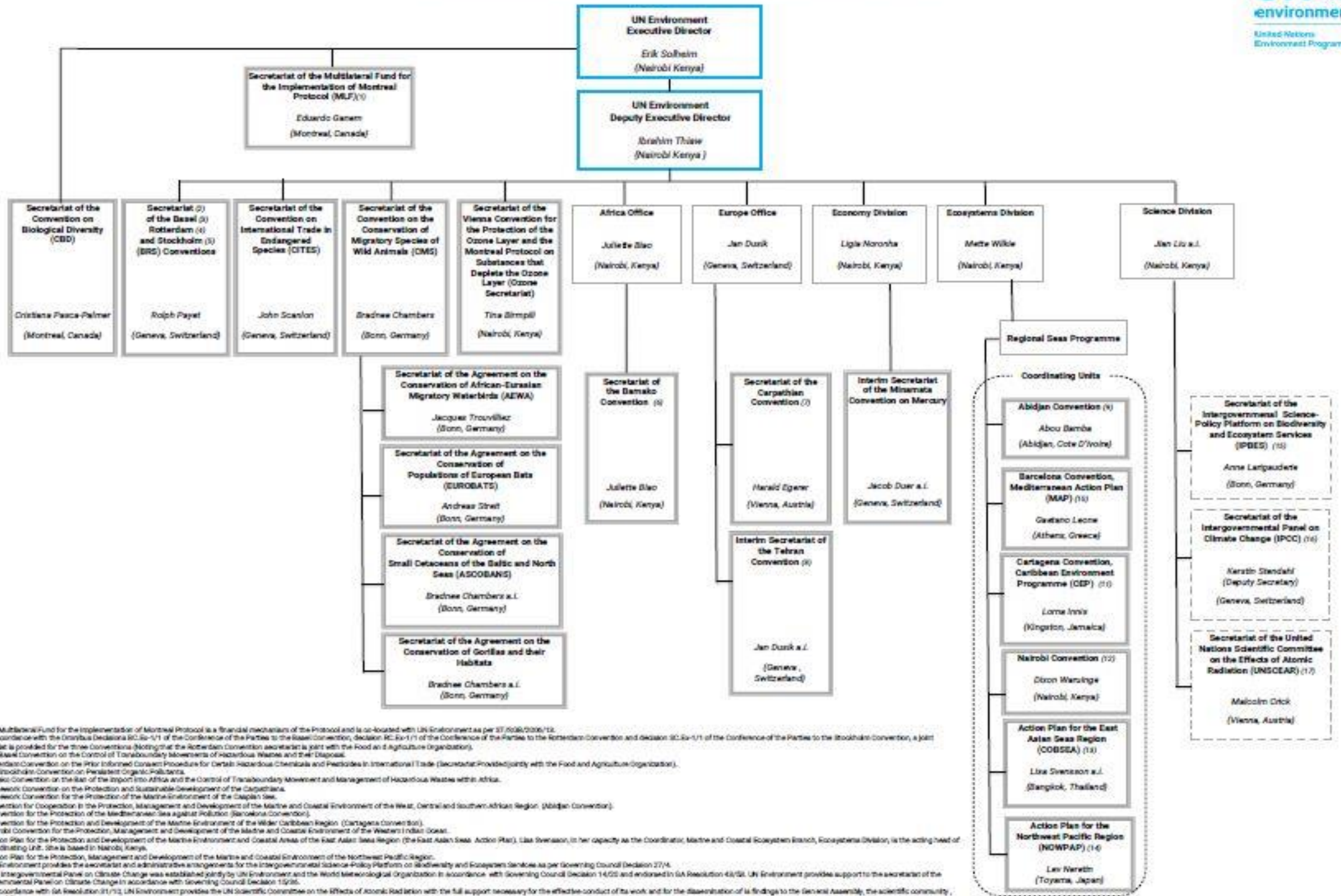
## UN Environment Secretariat<sup>(1)</sup>



# 3. UN Environment Structure and Organigramme.1

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Multilateral Environmental Agreements  
and other Entities to which UN Environment Provides the Secretariat or Secretariat Functions



**Footnote:**

(1) The Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of Montreal Protocol is a financial mechanism of the Protocol and is co-located with UN Environment as per ST/508/2006/12.

(2) In accordance with the Conclusions RC.3a-1/1 of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, decision RC.3a-1/1 of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention, and decision RC.3a-1/1 of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention, a joint secretariat is provided for the three Conventions (Noting that the Rotterdam Convention secretariat is joint with the Food and Agriculture Organization).

(3) The Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal.

(4) Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (Secretariat Provided) jointly with the Food and Agriculture Organization.

(5) The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants.

(6) Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa.

(7) Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians.

(8) Framework Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea.

(9) Convention for Cooperation in the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the West, Central and Southern African Region (Abidjan Convention).

(10) Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution (Barcelona Convention).

(11) Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region (Cartagena Convention).

(12) Nairobi Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean.

(13) Action Plan for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the East Asian Seas Region (The East Asian Seas Action Plan). Lisa Svensson, in her capacity as the Coordinator, Marine and Coastal Ecosystems Branch, Ecosystems Division, is the acting head of the Coordinating Unit. She is based in Nairobi, Kenya.

(14) Action Plan for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Northwest Pacific Region.

(15) UN Environment provides the secretariat and administrative arrangements for the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services as per Governing Council Decision 27/4.

(16) The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change was established jointly by UN Environment and the World Meteorological Organization in accordance with Governing Council Decision 14/02 and endorsed in GA Resolution 44/228. UN Environment provides support to the secretariat of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in accordance with Governing Council Decision 15/06.

(17) In accordance with GA Resolution 41/112, UN Environment provides the UN Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation with the full support necessary for the effective conduct of its work and for the dissemination of its findings to the General Assembly, the scientific community, and the public.

# 3. UN Environment Structure and Organigramme-2

## Nairobi Headquarters

- ❑ Executive Office
  - Office of the Executive Director
  - Office of the Deputy Executive Director
  - Chief of Staffs
  - Chief Scientist
  - Governance Affairs Office, Secretariat of Governing Bodies
  - Evaluation Office
  - New York Office
- ❑ Communications Division
- ❑ Economy Division
- ❑ Ecosystems Division
- ❑ Law Division
- ❑ Science Division
- ❑ Corporate Services Division
- ❑ Policy and Programme Division

# 4. UN Environment Headquarter and regional presence-

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- ❑ **UN Environment is headquartered at the UN compound in Gigiri since 1976**
- ❑ **UN-Habitat headquarters as well as many other UN system agencies and regional offices located in Gigiri**
- ❑ **Over 1,156 staff members based in all UN regions (serving Un Environment programme and Multilateral Environmental Agreement)**
- ❑ **UN Gigiri complex in a 140-acre campus (total of 4,480 UN staff members work in Nairobi)**
- ❑ **UN Office at Nairobi (UNON) provides common services to these offices**

## 4. UN Environment Headquarter and regional presence-2

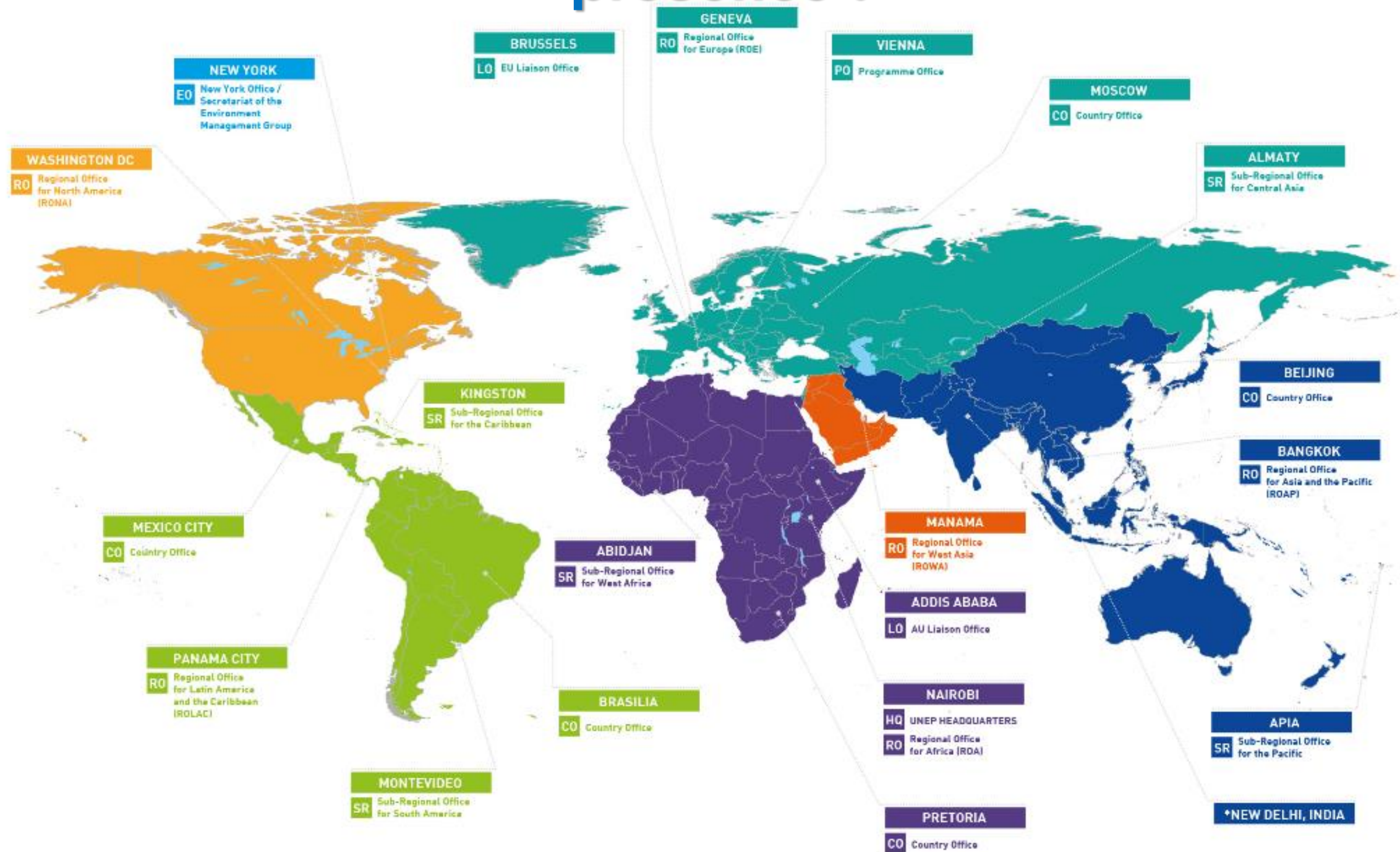
- **2011** UN Environment & UN-HABITAT opened New Office Facility (NOF)
- 6000 square metres of solar panels, energy saving lighting, natural ventilation system and other green features
- Cost of investment repaid through lower energy bills in 10 years



Temporary UNEP HQ in Nairobi (1978)



# 4. UN Environment Headquarter and regional presence-3



**HQ** Headquarters    **CO** Country Office    **SR** Sub-regional Office    **EO** Executive Office  
**RO** Regional Office    **LO** Liaison Office    **PO** Programme Office

\* UNEP has established an initial presence in New Delhi, India effective 16 May 2016 (India will be the sixth national presence)



# 4. UN Environment Headquarter and regional presence-4

Region	Regional/ Subregional Offices	Liaison/Country Offices
Africa	Nairobi Abidjan	Addis Ababa Pretoria
Asia and the Pacific	Bangkok Apia	Beijing
Europe	Geneva Almaty	Brussels Vienna Moscow
Latin America and the Caribbean	Panama City Montevideo Kingston	Brazilia Mexico City
North America	Washington, DC	New York (engagement with UN and with Permanents Missions based in NY )
West Asia	Manama	

## 5. UN Environment Strategic presence

- ✓ Strategic regional presence not equated to physical location but includes strategic partnerships including through South-South and Triangular Cooperation
- ✓ 2015 policy Strengthened UNEP Strategic Regional Presence: *Contributing to The Future We want*
- ✓ Regional Offices increasingly key to the Environment Assembly preparation and follow-up, including through support to Regional Forums
- ✓ Increased role Regional Offices in regional programme planning, coordination and delivery in an integrated manner
- ✓ Enhanced UNEP engagement in Delivering as One UN and UNDAFs at country level and support to Ministerial Forums at sub-regional and regional levels





# 6. Global multilateral Environmental Agreements administered by the UN Environment-1

## ✓ Geneva-based

- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna & Flora (1973)
- Basel Convention on the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes & their Disposal (1989)
- Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (1998)
- Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (2001)

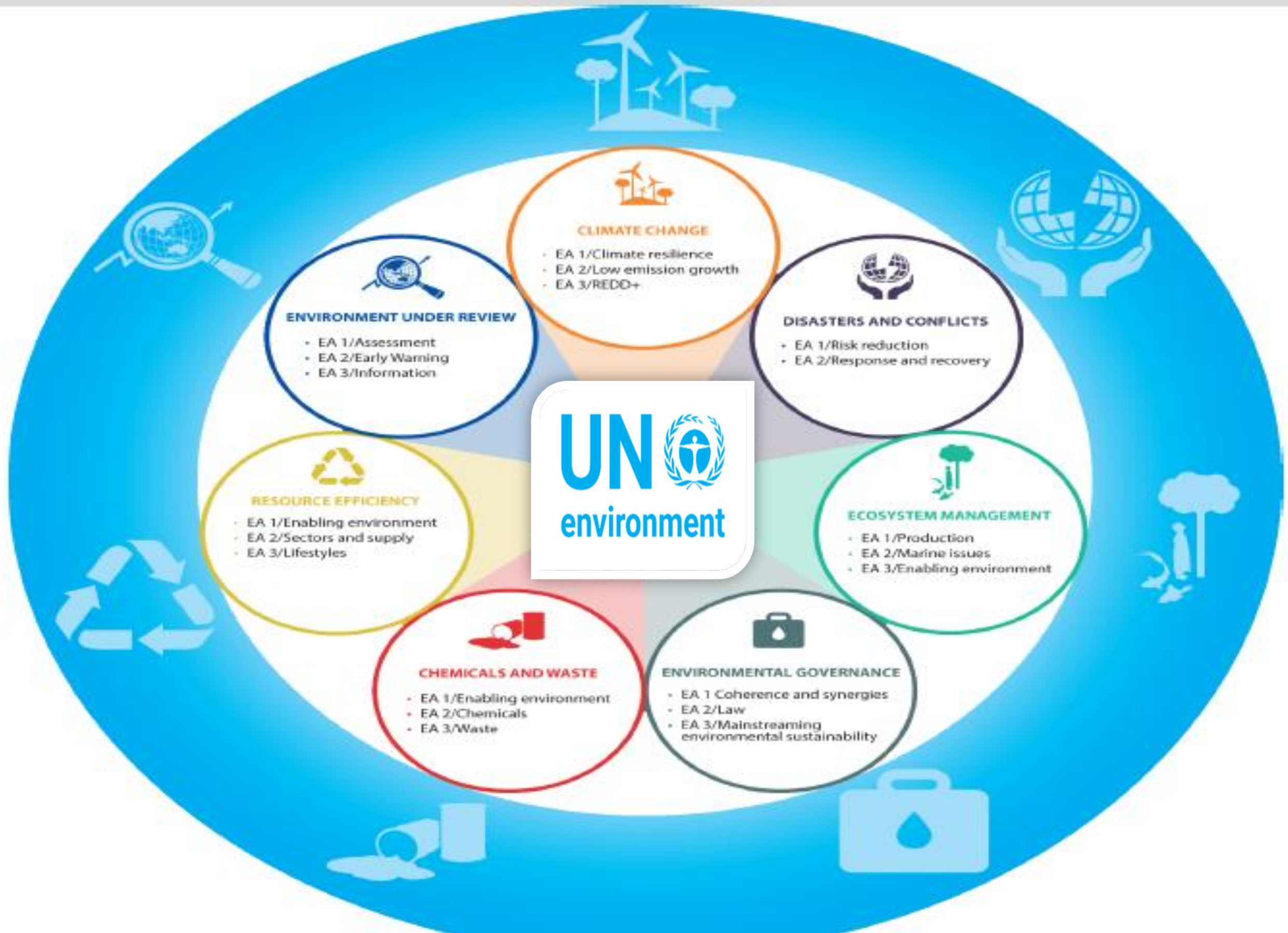


# 6. Global multilateral Environmental Agreements administered by the UN Environment-2

- ✓ **Bonn-Based**
  - Convention on Migratory Species
  - Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
- ✓ **Montreal-Based**
  - Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
  - Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol
- ✓ **Vienna-Based**
  - Carpathian Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians
- ✓ **Nairobi-Based**
  - Secretariat of the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer



# 7. Programme of Work and subprogramme



Thank you...

