



LAW DIVISION

Environmental Governance

Objective: *Promote policy coherence and strong legal and institutional frameworks to achieve environmental goals and sustainable development goals*

2030 impact

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

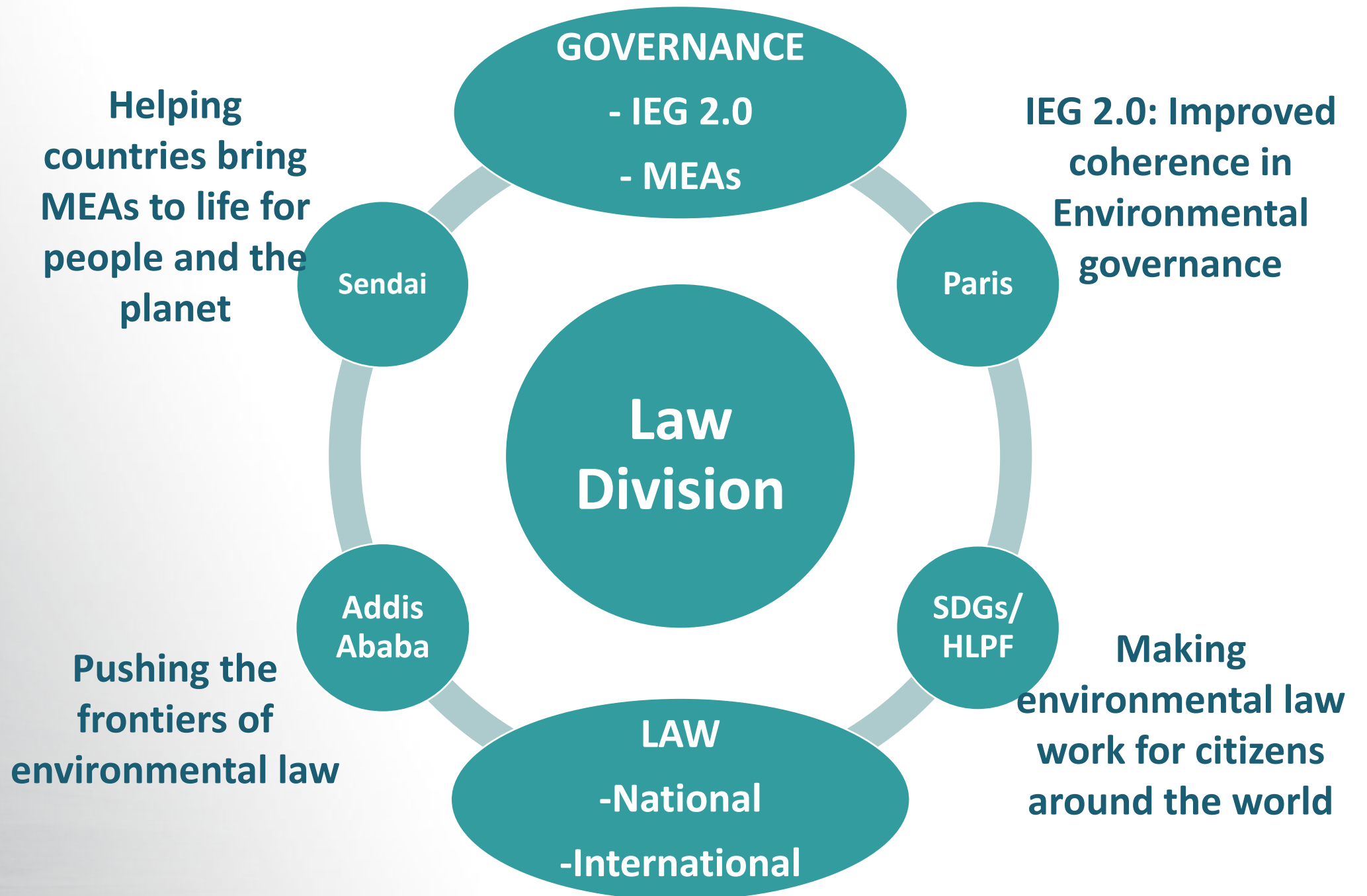
MTS 2018-21

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

MTS 2014-17

The Law Division takes the lead, and works with others, for the environmental governance programme.



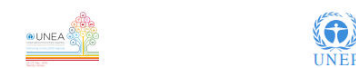
A sustainable, healthier, fairer, more just, coherent and prosperous world with legal order

- ✓ 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



Bringing the environmental governance System and institutions together

- ✓ Implementing Rio+20 – paragraphs 88 and 89, UNGA resolution 70/1 (2030 Agenda for SD and SDGs)
- ✓ Implementing UNEA resolutions 1/11 & 2/5 on UN system-wide coherence
- ✓ Encouraging strategic policies that promote integrated and coherent environmental governance
- ✓ Synergies among MEAs
 - ✓ Sound management of chemicals and hazardous waste
 - ✓ Sustainable management of ecosystems and biodiversity



Strategic Partnerships

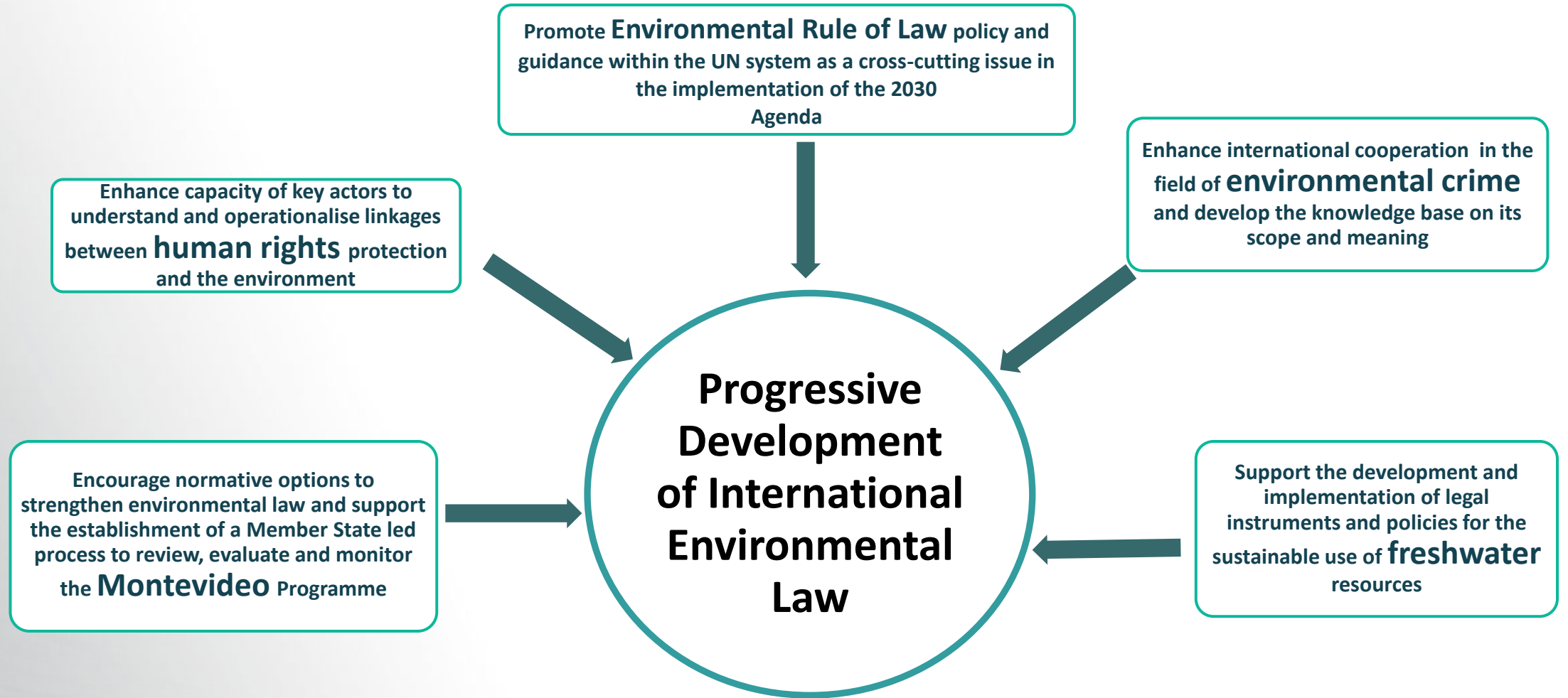
- NGOs
- Civil Society
- Private Sector
- Enforcement agencies:
 - Judiciary
 - Prosecution
 - Parliaments
- Academic Institutions



- UN Organizations
- MEA Secretariats
- Governments
- Regional Economic Organizations
- Development banks
- Faith-based organizations

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

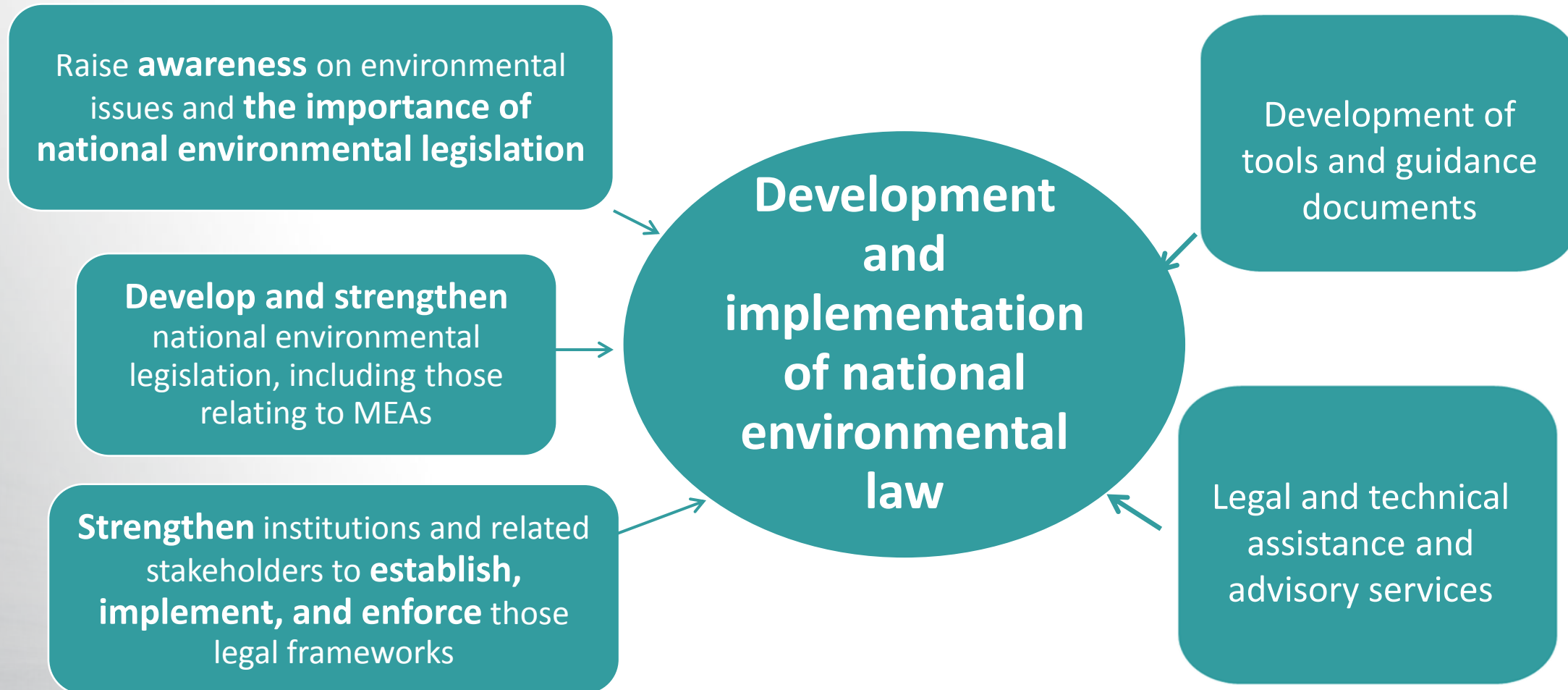
International Environmental Law



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



International Environmental Governance and MEAs



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 (UNEP MEAs and others – UNFCCC, UNCCD, Ramsar)

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 societies that are fair, just and 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 communication strategies to engage business in participating in these efforts and harness resources in pursuit of UNEP's shared agenda
- ✓ Enhance cooperation in implementation System-Wide Framework Strategies on the Environment within UN system
- ✓ Development of legal and implementation tools for integrated efficient implementation of SDGs and MEAs goals at global and national levels