

# Informing a new UNEP Medium Term Strategy 2022-25

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1. Lesson Learned
2. Report of 'discovery sessions'

# Summary of Lessons learned

## Theme

**Why?**

## Lesson

- Strengthen the clarity of purpose, shared understanding of and approach

**How?**

- Strengthen results frameworks
- Resource Allocation
- Clarity of focus

**What?**

- Strengthen Project Designs
- Mechanism for reviewing Composition of Sub-programmes
- Strengthen Sub-Programme's Portfolio of Projects

# Lessons learned

Theme

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Action we will be taking

Why?

- Strengthen the clarity of purpose, shared understanding of and approach

- Revisit core mandates as starting point for MTS
- Broad and innovative consultation on MTS combining formal and informal sessions
- Priority actions are science based to address environmental crises and their drivers
- Strengthen of UNEP's leadership role in the UN and UN reform

# Lessons learned

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<b>How?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strengthen results frameworks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clear line of sight between global, regional and national work</li><li>• Stronger link with SDGs</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reporting results</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analysis of UNEA resolutions in line with MTS and PoW</li><li>• Clarity between what UNEP does and the result of its work</li><li>• Management dashboard</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resource allocation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strengthen allocation processes</li></ul>

# Lessons learned

**Theme**

**Lesson**

**Action we will be taking**

- Strengthen Project Designs

- Review of project cycle management and governance – ‘cradle to grave’

**What?**

- Strengthen Sub-Programme’s Portfolio of Projects

- Regular management review of project portfolios
- Enhance culture of information flow

### 'Discovery Sessions' for Member States

5, 11 & 13 May 2020 (standard format)

26 & 28 May 2020 ('condensed' format)

“The development of UNEP’s next medium-term strategy provides an opportunity to deliver breakthrough societal change against a refreshed global vision and a reinforced narrative for the organization.”

## Who got involved

**106**  
Participants

Member  
States &  
Observers **57**

**5**  
Ministers

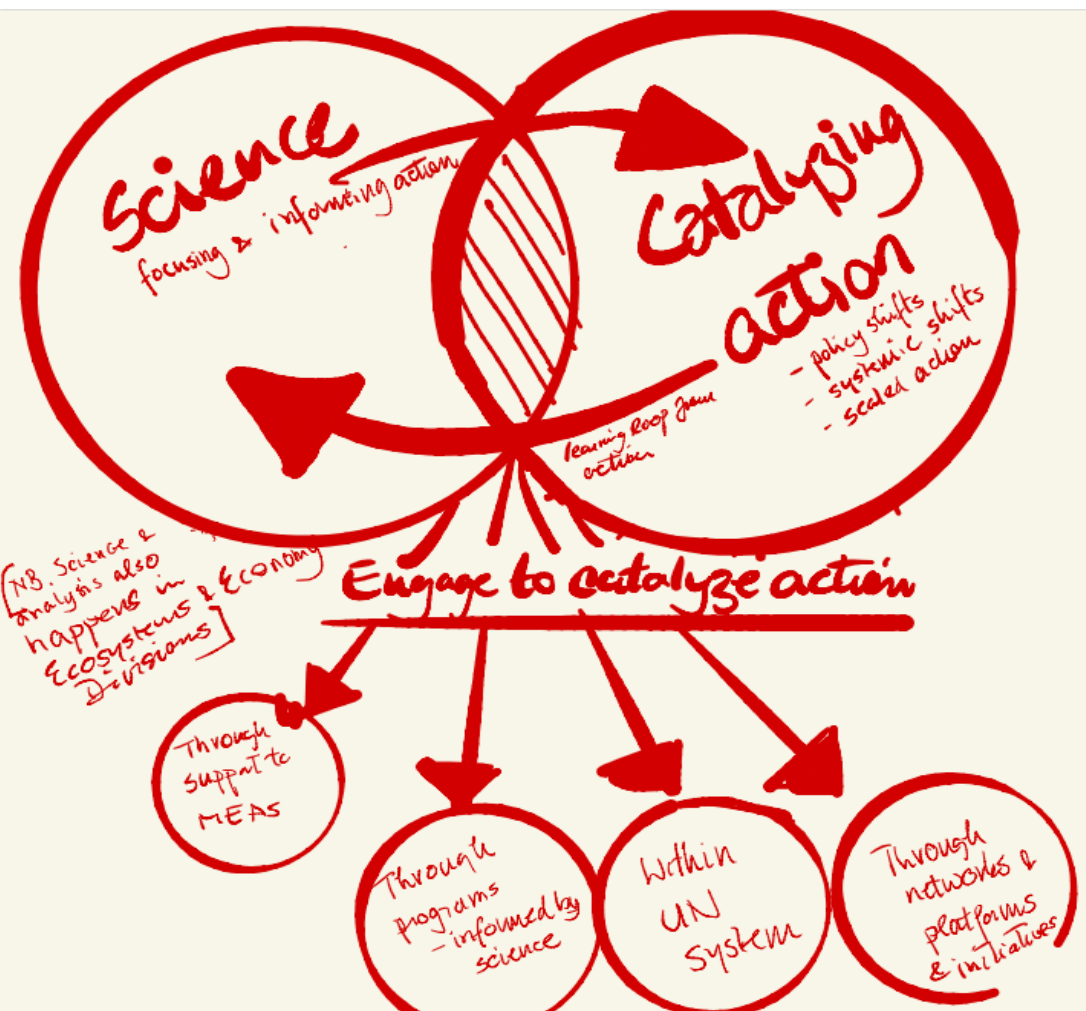
Ambassadors **9**

- ✓ Participants showed appreciation for 'engaging differently' – in an informal and genuine dialogue.
- ✓ Participants confirmed the value of 'discovery' sessions as a complement to formal settings.
- ✓ The sessions demonstrated that virtual meetings work and can allow for broader participation – the 5 'discovery' sessions were attended both by Nairobi-based missions and capitals.



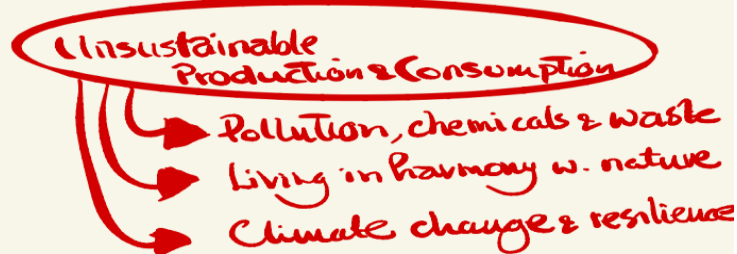
# The Vision

Planetary sustainability for people, prosperity & equity.



Primary Action Areas  
- [recall: Informed by science]

Work on pressure points:



UNEP Executive Director highlighted the UN response to COVID-19 and reflected on a refreshed vision of priority elements for a UNEP strategy for 2022-2025 based, in particular, on the mandate provided by Paragraph 88 of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development outcome document, "The future we want".

# Take-home messages from the 'discovery' sessions (1 of 2)

*The messages listed here should not be considered as consensus views but, rather, contributions towards crystallising the thinking around key themes that will inform the development of the MTS 2022-2025.*

1. The proposed vision steers the UNEP narrative in the right direction – one which is anchored in existing mandates, such as Paragraph 88 of 'The future we want' and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
2. The MTS 2022-2025 needs to be relevant to the realities of a post-pandemic world, whilst continuing to address dimensions of the environmental crises which do not fit within a 'COVID-19 lens'.
3. The MTS provides an opportunity to focus on what matters most and demonstrate impact.
4. The MTS needs to enable UNEP to develop, deliver and digest scientific knowledge for impact as well as recognise and manage data as a strategic asset.
5. UNEP needs to sharpen its communications, to enhance its reach beyond the 'environmental bubble'.

## Take-home messages from the 'discovery' sessions (2 of 2)

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6. The MTS needs to articulate how UNEP can effectively contribute to UN system-wide coherence and leverage the UN Reform.
7. The MTS needs to demonstrate a clear line of sight from local to regional to global implementation.
8. The MTS should position UNEP as the 'docking station' for Multilateral Environmental Agreements and spell out its role in accelerating MEA implementation.
9. UNEP needs to engage non-environmental actors, including business, through partnerships that deliver impact.
10. Whilst the MTS needs to be sharp and focused, it needs to continue to accelerate shifts on key neglected dimensions of sustainability, including gender.

