

Law Division

Orientation session for new members of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

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Law Division's contributions to UNEP

Support countries to strengthen, develop or implement appropriate legal, institutional and governance frameworks at all levels and build the related capacity:

- **to mitigate and adapt to climate change, contributing to the goals of the UNFCCC, Paris Agreement**
- **regarding the coherent implementation of relevant obligations, goals and commitments, as appropriate, under biodiversity-related conventions and other instruments, including the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (CBD, regional seas etc)**
- **to prevent, control and manage pollution of the air and of freshwater, marine, coastal and all terrestrial environments that could affect the environment and human health (incl BRS, Minamata, INC Plastic pollution)**

Law Division three-pronged approach

Supporting countries in strengthening environmental rule of law, through supporting coherent decision making towards more effective legal and institutional frameworks that underpin the achievement of internationally agreed goals to address climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution in the context of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda (normative approach).

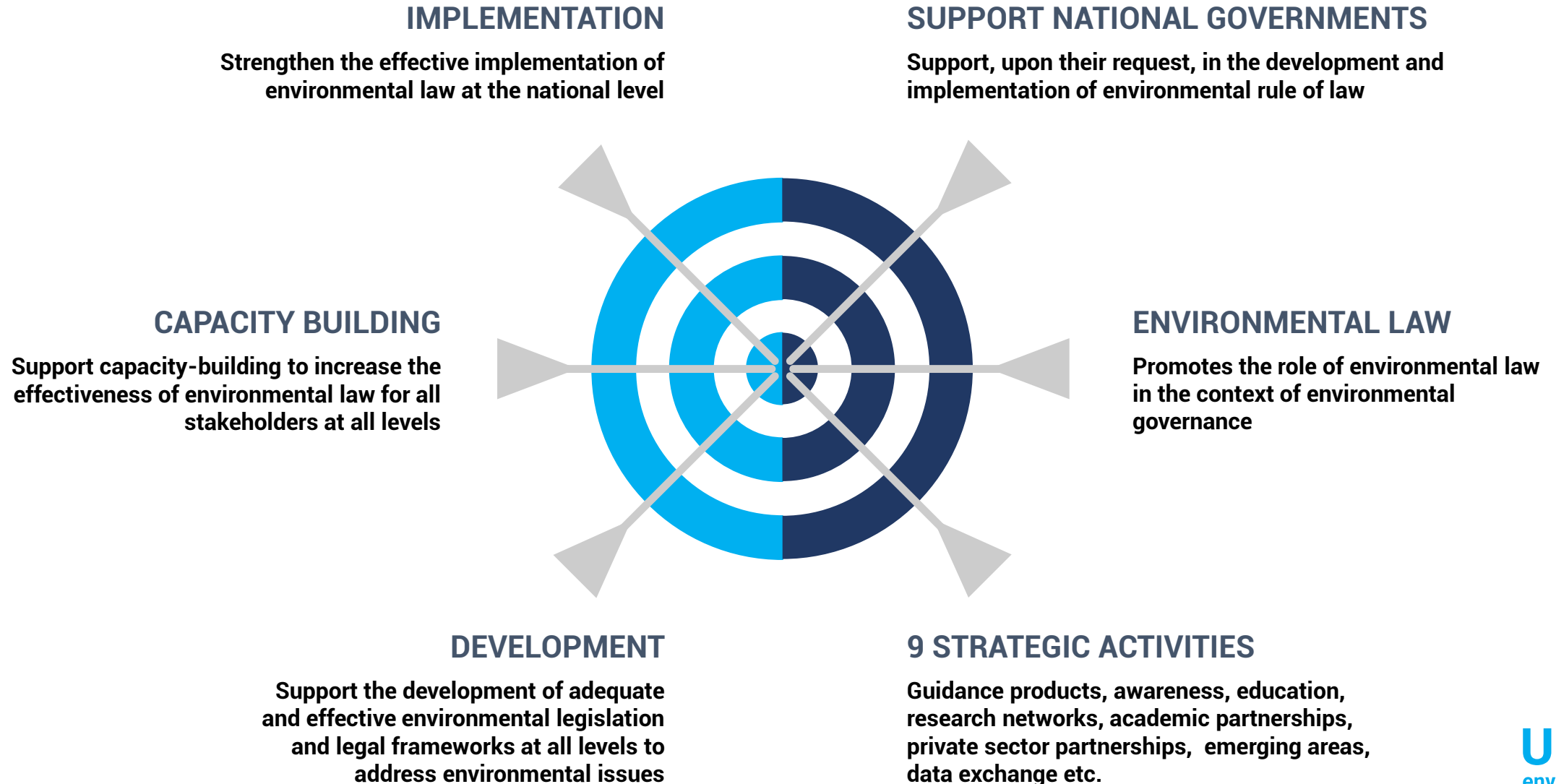


Supporting coherent and synergistic implementation of the Multilateral Environment Agreements (MEAs) through strengthening environmental governance at all levels to accelerate the progress towards the SDGs and address the triple planetary crisis.



Strengthening the transformational role of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) and its intersessional and subsidiary bodies through supporting capacity building for environmental governance to Member States, relevant partners, and policymakers at all levels.

Montevideo Environmental Law Programme



Frontiers in Environmental Law

Main Objectives:

Progressive
development and
implementation of
environmental law
&
Identify and advance
'frontier' law-based
solutions

Areas of Activity:

- I. **Identify and monitor emerging issues, innovative approaches, and other frontier issues**, such as the Right of Nature.
- II. **Monitor and support implementation of law-related mandates** in UNEP to ensure their contribution to the progressive development and implementation of environmental law.
- III. **Build and/or strengthen communities of experts and partnerships** on frontier issues in environmental law.
- IV. **Provide technical advisory support**, upon request, on frontier issues in environmental law, including to UNEP's inter-governmental bodies.
- V. **Develop thought leadership products** (studies, reports, guidelines, digital tools etc.) on frontier issues in environmental law, such as the right to a healthy environment.

MEA's and Policy Coherence

Developing effective environmental policy and governance mechanisms & Enhanced cooperation with the MEAs, to support the implementation of environmental treaties.

- ▶ **Facilitating institutional cooperation and coordination among MEAs and between UNEP and those agreements;**
- ▶ **Increased institutional and individual capacity at all levels for coherent and enhanced implementation of MEAs by strengthening whole-of-the government and whole-of-the society approach; and**
- ▶ **Improved use of science-policy-governance nexus for substantial and durable shifts in system behaviour.**

International Rules and Procedures

- Provides legal and procedural advice to UNEA, CPR, and other subsidiary and intersessional bodies.
- Coordinates legal and procedural support for various entities
- Ensures the smooth functioning of the UN Environment Assembly, CPR, and other subsidiary and intersessional bodies.

Environmental Policy

**Bridging the gap
between science and
law**

Science Policy
Society
Interface

Governance
Systems

Policy
Coherence

Strengthening
Environmental
Policy

Mission

Enable developing countries to
meet and sustain their
compliance obligations under
the Montreal Protocol



OzonAction strengthens the capacity of governments - particularly the operational focal points known as National Ozone Units - and industry in developing countries to elaborate and enforce policies and make informed decisions about alternative technologies needed to implement this treaty.

Collective Intelligence: InforMEA, DaRT, UNEP-LEAP

InforMea is a platform that offers convenient access to information on MEAs. Users can find treaty, text decisions & resolutions adopted by the Governing bodies of MEAs. Additionally, InforMEA offers resources to learn about terms & concepts related to MEAs & offers more than 20 free online courses.

The Data Reporting Tool for MEAs (DaRT) is a pioneering tool designed to assist Parties in maximizing the benefits of knowledge and information management on Biodiversity related convention. Developed by UNEP in collaboration with Secretariat Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD)

The UNEP Law & Environmental Assistance Platform (UNEP-LEAP) serves as the digital foundation for the Montevideo Environmental Law Programme. It enables Member States to seek Assistance directly from UNEP & its Partners.





ENVIRONMENTAL
RULE OF LAW



HUMAN RIGHTS
AND THE
ENVIRONMENT



MULTILATERAL
ENVIRONMENTAL
AGREEMENTS



INSTITUTIONAL
STRENGTHENING

NEWSLETTER

Environmental Governance Update Quarterly Newsletters

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