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CITES CoP20 Outcomes, UNEP MTS 2026 – 2029 and Global Biodiversity Framework

Aligning Resolutions and Decisions for Biodiversity Implementation

Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting
Nairobi, 30 April 2026
9:00 – 12:00 and 13:00 – 16:00 (GMT+3)
Hybrid meeting

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

CoP20 marked a turning point translating ambitious decisions into measurable actions.

Shared Strategic Objectives:

- Halting biodiversity loss
- Enhancing sustainable use of biodiversity
- Strengthening environmental governance
- Mobilizing biodiversity finance

Legality- Strengthening national wildlife trade legislation and enforcement frameworks

Sustainability- Enhancing protection outcomes for CITES-listed species in trade

Traceability- Improving monitoring systems and data quality for listed species

Biodiversity Finance- Closing the finance gap through innovative funding mechanisms

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CITES COP20 OUTCOMES AND UNEP'S MTS 2026–2029

Resolutions (3) and Decisions (352)

CITES outcomes guiding implementation

UNEP strategy

Medium-Term Strategy 2026–2029
PoW 2026–2027 support

Actions

From policy commitments to delivery

- Direct support for "living in harmony with nature"
- Species-specific conservation frameworks aligned with GBF

- Legal acquisition findings supporting sustainable use
- Anti-corruption measures strengthening rule of law

- UNEP secretariat services recognized
- Sustainable finance mechanisms innovation

- Cross-MEA coordination maximizing biodiversity outcomes
- Regional action plans supporting national implementation

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GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK INTEGRATION
CITES COP20 DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO EY TARGETS

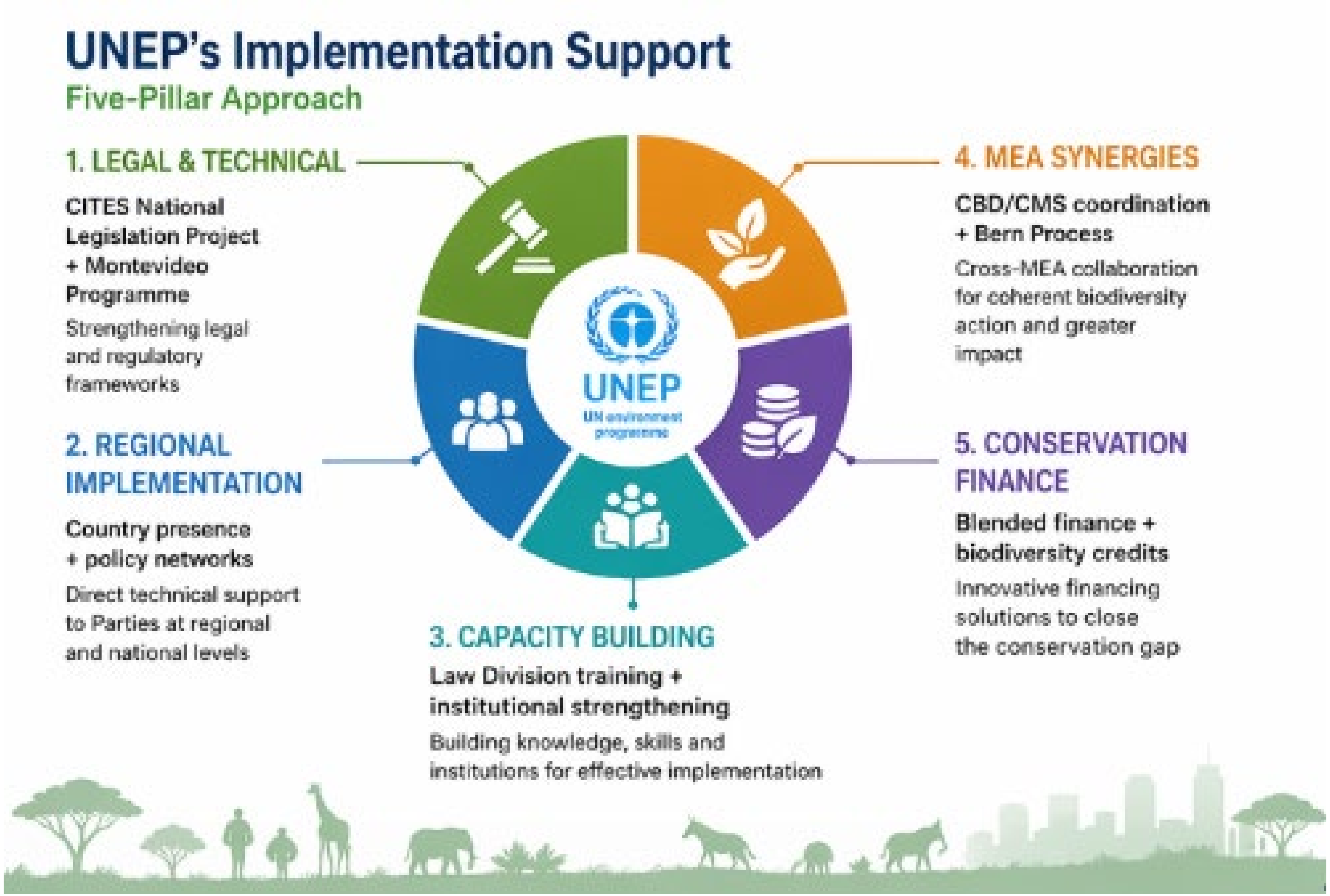
(KMGBF Under The Convention On Biological Diversity)

• 🐾 **Species**	• 🌿 **Sustainable Use & Benefits**	• 🏛️ **Policy**	• 💰 **Finance**	• 🛠️ **Capacity**
•**TARGET 4**	• **TARGETS 5 and 9**	• **TARGET 14**	• **TARGET 19**	• **TARGET 20**

- CITES listings action
- Trade controls support recovery of threatened species
- Legal acquisition findings + traceability ensure sustainable harvest

- Sustainable wildlife trade supports livelihoods

- Legal and traceable trade promotes equitable benefits
- Legal frameworks mainstream biodiversity into decision-making
- Biodiversity credits + sustainable trade financing mechanisms
- Technical assistance + institutional strengthening programmes



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FINANCE, INNOVATION & UNEP'S VALUE

The Biodiversity Finance Gap

The global biodiversity finance gap stands at approximately USD 824 billion per year. Closing it requires innovative instruments and strong policy frameworks.

UNEP's Role in Scaling Finance

1. **Policy Frameworks**

   Enabling environments for private and public biodiversity finance

2. **National Integration**

   Embedding nature finance into national budgeting and planning systems

3. **Bridging Global to Local**

   Translating CITES and CBD decisions into bankable national programmes

Bonds & Credits

Nature-backed securities and biodiversity credits

PES & Debt Swaps

Payments for ecosystem services and debt-for-nature swaps

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