

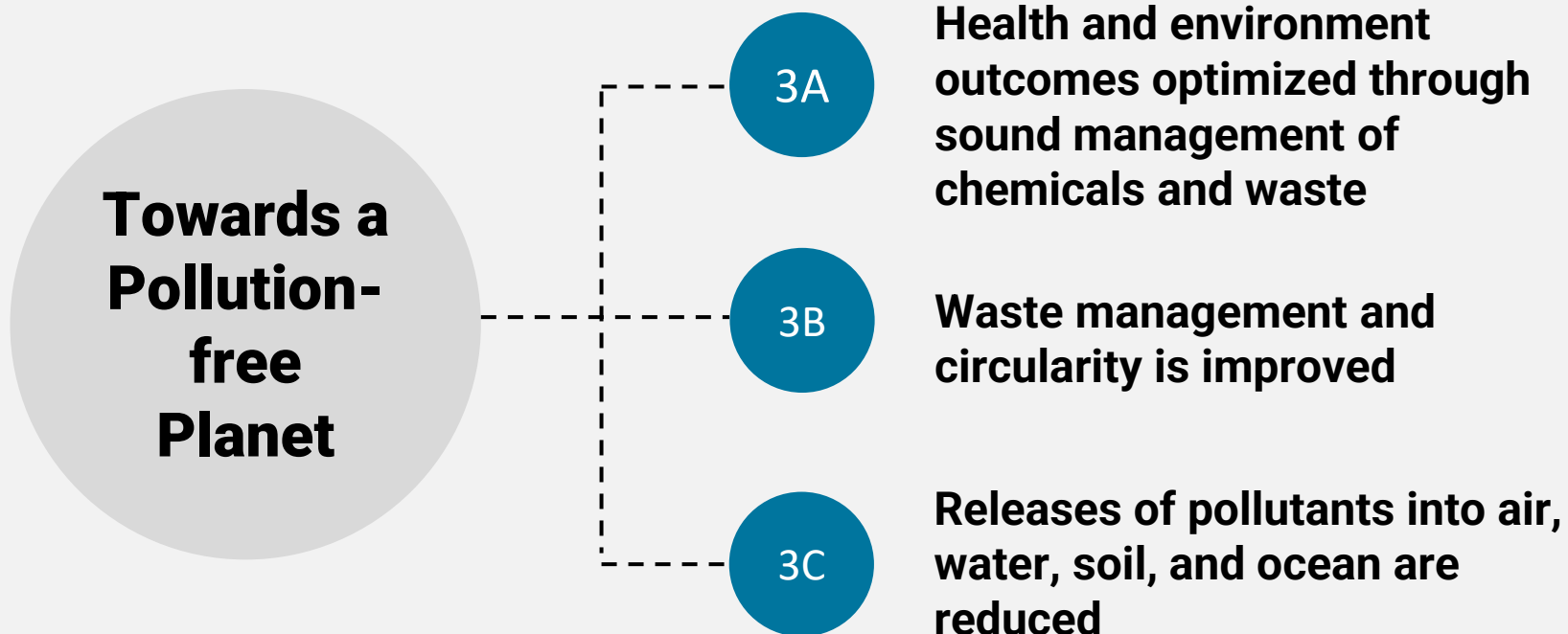
1-2 September 2025, Nairobi

12th Annual Subcommittee Meeting of the UNEP CPR

Pollution-Free Planet



MTS 2022-2025: Strategic objective



Programme Outcomes

UNEA and UNGA Resolutions



Air Quality



Chemicals and waste



Nitrogen Management



Land and soil pollution



Freshwater



Marine and Coastal



Cross-cutting

The subprogramme is linked to 31 UNEA resolutions and 3 UNGA Resolutions.

Subprogramme Portfolio insights-2024

Total portfolio

US\$ 402 million

Number of projects

69

Number of Countries under implementation

112 Countries

Overview of beneficiaries

- **Governments**
- **Private sector organizations**
- **Civil society organizations**
- **Scientific and technical institutions**

Impact results



Accelerating policy action in 47 national and sub-national governments

- sound management of chemicals and waste
- circularity in high-impact sectors
- improved waste management
- pollution prevention and control



Reducing pollutant levels

- 500 metric tons (MT) of harmful pollutants prevented/eliminated



Advancing global action

- Advancing Science-Policy for chemicals, waste and pollution

Intergovernmental Science Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution



Photo: UNEP, SPP OEWG meeting, April 2024



Project Example: Institutional capacity building for the implementation of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements in The Gambia (funded by the Special Programme)

Implementing partner:
**National Environment
Agency**

Timeframe:
**8 May 2018 – 31
December 2024**

Budget:
241,000 USD

Inventory of asbestos-containing material and National Asbestos Profile

Capacity building and community sensitization action

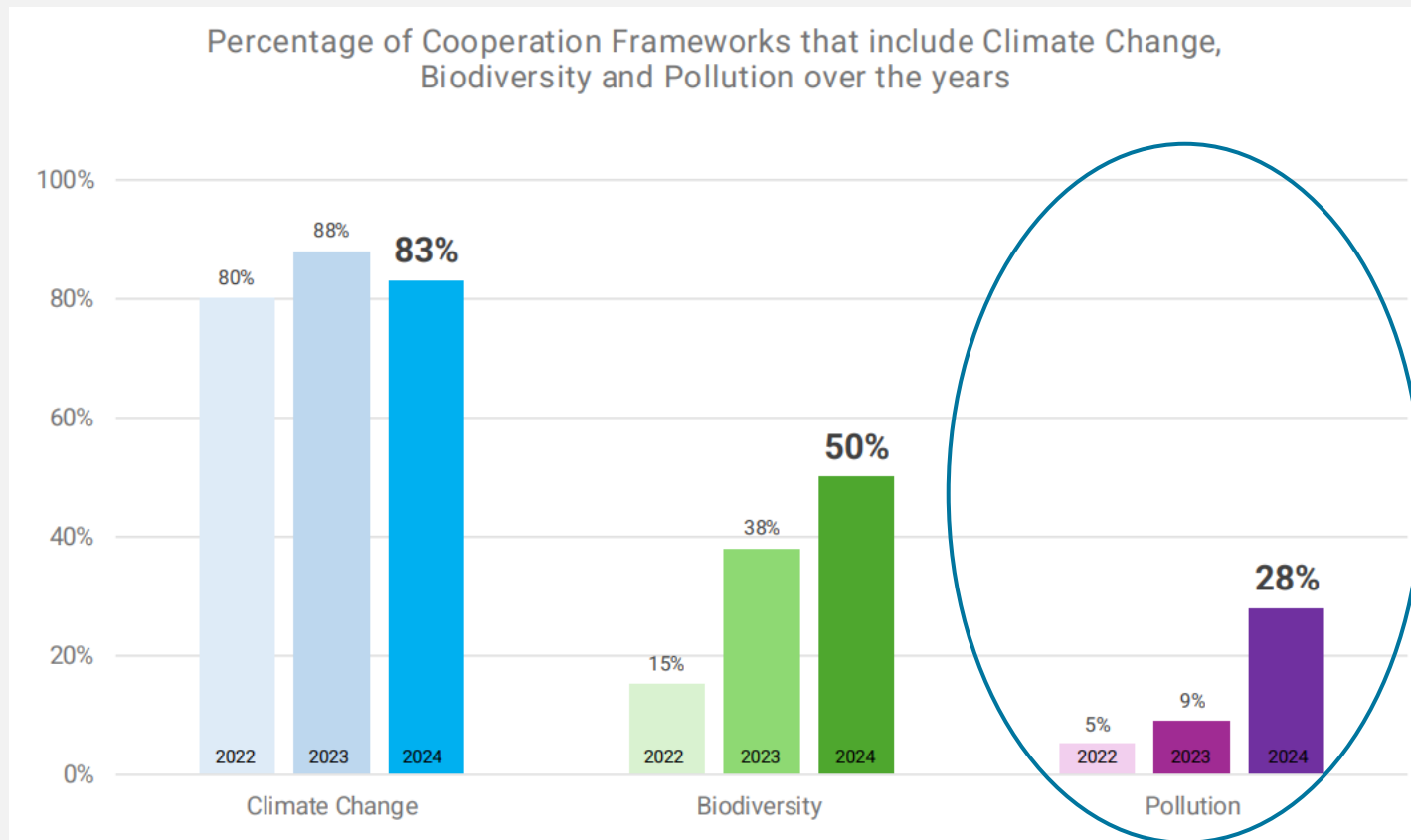
Development of multi-stakeholder coordination mechanism

Developed the National Asbestos Management Regulations and National Solid Waste Management Strategy



Photo: Gambia's National Environment Agency

Challenges, lessons learned, and actions taken



UNEP's assessment on the integration of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Pollution in Cooperation Frameworks, March 2025

Challenges:

- Limited integration of chemicals and pollution objectives in United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks (UNSDCFs)
- Insufficient funding for magnitude of problem

Lesson learned:

- Sector-wide solutions can address multiple chemicals and pollutants

Actions taken:

- Making the costs of pollution known
- Systemic solutions for high-impact sectors

Next Steps and Opportunities

- Operationalizing the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution
- Advancing Global Framework on Chemicals: Implementation Programmes & measurability
- Advancing solutions to address plastic pollution
- Furthering momentum in high impact sectors: textiles, electronics, minerals & metals, transport
- Addressing Anti Microbial Resistance with environment at the center
- Continuing to strengthen national capacities



UN Photo/Rick Bajornas. A view of the Eduardo Kobra mural at UN Headquarters.

Thank you

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