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Addressing the triple planetary crisis of climate change, nature and biodiversity loss, and pollution and waste must be a top priority. We must transform our societies and economies to protect the Earth. The blueprints, strategies, agreements, international conventions - in other words, our collective promises - are in place. We know what must be done.

As our journey towards planetary sustainability continues, we need all hands on deck. We all have a responsibility to do our share for the environment.

What Can You Do?

GOVERNMENTS: deliver on your international environmental commitments; boost renewable energy and energy efficiency; put a price on carbon emissions and eliminate fossil fuel subsidies; incorporate natural capital in national economic accounting; promote sustainable agriculture, forestry and fisheries; contribute to an efficient environmental multilateralism; etc…

INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS: utilize the convening power to implement existing agreements and forge new ones to address the triple planetary crisis; facilitate technology transfer to advance low-carbon and nature-friendly economies; ensure meaningful stakeholder participation; support the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration; promote cross sectoral UN cooperation within the UN family; etc…

FINANCIAL ORGANIZATIONS: align lending with the net-zero emissions objective; halt fossil fuel investments; promote investments in sustainable technologies, biodiversity conservation, ecosystem restoration, and sustainable agriculture and fisheries; decarbonize portfolios of owned or managed assets; join the UNEP Finance Initiative and other initiatives (see p.18); increase adaptation and resilience finance; etc…

THE PRIVATE SECTOR: use circular economy approaches minimising resource use and waste production (including plastics); develop certification standards for products from agriculture, forestry and fisheries helping customers choose sustainably; assess environmental and social risks of projects and investments; etc...

MEDIA AND SOCIAL NETWORKS: raise awareness about environmental emergencies and the interlinkage with development issues; counter misinformation about environmental issues and solutions; reveal failures in policy and action relating to the environment; etc…

NGOs: hold governments, businesses, etc. accountable for environmental commitments and responsibilities; express your opinions on environmental decision-making; support education, training and capacity building; promote involvement in citizen science; etc…

SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: explain the Earth's natural systems, their importance for sustainability and human well-being, and the effect and threats on them caused by humanity; develop new environmentally friendly technologies; assess impacts of chemicals and new substances on human health and ecosystems; educate people on sustainable lifestyles; etc...

INDIVIDUALS: buy goods and services that minimize waste, from companies with sustainable business models; minimize waste of food, water and energy; adopt healthy diets and lifestyles; exercise voting/civic rights to foster sustainable social norms and behaviour; etc…

...and support the work of UNEP:

provide crucial and flexible funding; sign pledges through UNEP campaigns; join UNEP initiatives and coalitions; ratify environmental conventions; participate in the UN Environment Assembly; take part in the World Environment Day...

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UNEP envisions a future where humanity lives in harmony with nature, on a pollution free, climate-stable planet.

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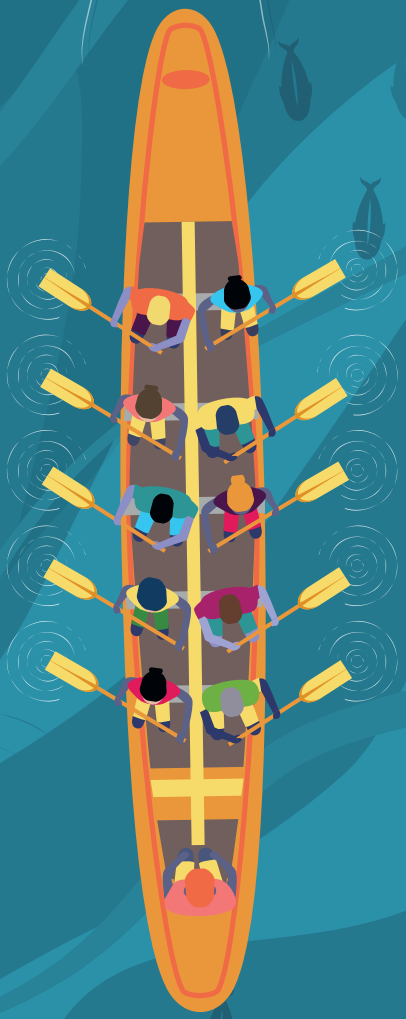
Share the journey



The world is facing a triple planetary crisis of climate change, nature and biodiversity loss, and pollution and waste.

UNEP has been a leading advocate for the environment and a trusted partner for 50+ years, providing science-based advice to policymakers and decision-makers to support action on environmental challenges.

This booklet demonstrates why UNEP is the partner of choice in addressing the triple planetary crisis, and why investing in UNEP means investing in people and planet.

It is also an invitation to share the journey.

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