



Medium-Term Strategy 2026-2029 & Programme of Work and Budget 2026-2027

Policy and Programme Division, 10 July 2025, CPR Subcommittee Meeting



Objectives

1

Share updates on the revised draft of the Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) and the draft Programme of Work (PoW) and Budget

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Seek Member States' perspectives and feedback



Summary of feedback received – CPR SC 12 June & 170th CPR 24 June

- **The structure and inclusive process approved** – The process has been inclusive and transparent. The document is well constructed and clear.
 - **Welcomed the inclusion of land in the second strategic objective**, while keeping the biodiversity focus.
 - Emphasized the need for focused actions and **effective implementation of UNEP programmes including to address desertification and deforestation**
 - Requested the use of internationally agreed **language**.
- ➔ **Most of the suggestions have been incorporated – specific points on the next slide.**

MTS: 8,343 words (18 pages) , PoW: 8,019 words (29 pages)

Key areas additionally incorporated



Overall text	Key Topics to prioritize	Implementation
Clear separation of nature and land (especially in situation analysis)	Disasters and conflict areas	Addressing national needs and priorities
Connecting environmental, economic, and social aspects	Marine, coastal zones, water and Ocean	Capacity building and technology transfer
Coherence with internationally agreed language with some exceptions	Digital innovation / Artificial Intelligence	Efficient and effective collaboration with MEAs
Included Indigenous Peoples, local communities and People of African descent	Circular economy / Sustainable Consumption and Production	Resource mobilization



Requested: Use of Internationally-agreed language

Language of concern	Request	Response/Action taken	Resolution Basis
1 UNEP's normative role	Remove reference to UNEP's "normative" role.	Reference to UNEP's normative role has been retained in the MTS/PoW.	Nairobi Declaration on the Role and Mandate of UNEP , GC decision 19/1 of February 1997. Paragraph 3(c): To advance the implementation of agreed international <u>norms</u> and policies...
2 Environmental rule of law	Update the term to "environmental law."	The term "environmental rule of law" has been retained in MTS/PoW.	UNEP Governing Council Decision 27/9 on Advancing justice, governance and law for environmental sustainability . Paragraph 6 mandated UNEP to "lead the United Nations system and support national Governments upon their request in the development and implementation of <u>environmental rule of law</u>" 2. UNEA resolution 4/20 on the Fifth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law (Montevideo Programme V): Pparagraph 2 - "Montevideo Programme V promotes the development and implementation of <u>environmental rule of law</u> , strengthens the related capacity in countries and contributes to the environmental dimension of the 2030
3 Areas affected by disasters and conflicts	Revisit the emphasis on disasters and conflicts , questioning the rationale for this focus.	The focus on disasters and conflicts has been retained.	UNEA Resolution 6/12 on Environmental assistance and recovery in areas affected by armed conflict, which Requests the Executive Director to report on UNEP's environmental assistance and recovery efforts in conflict-affected areas. In addition to Resolution 6/12, UNEP is also mandated by UNEA Resolutions 2/15 and 3/1, which collectively reinforce UNEP's role in assessing environmental impacts, identifying mitigation measures, and supporting countries in building enabling frameworks for recovery and resilience
4 Indigenous Peoples	Revisit reference to Indigenous Peoples	The phrase "governments, Indigenous Peoples, local communities , People of African Descent, children and youth, women and girls, private sector and other groups" has been used	In line with agreed language under Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples adopted in September 2007 by the UNGA
5 Science	Revisit the use of various terms to describe 'science' (ex. 'state-of-the-art science' and 'best science').	Qualifiers/adjectives related to science have been removed.	n/a
6 Whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach	Use clear and precise language , avoiding vague or ambiguous terms.	The term has been retained.	Outlined under Section C. Considerations for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

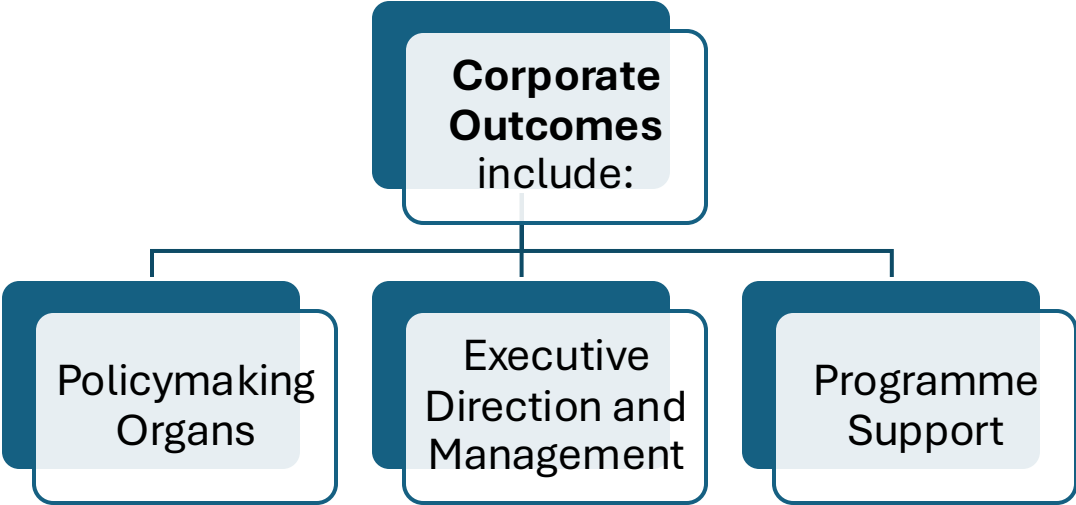
In the new MTS (2026-29) fewer and selective Outcomes and Indicators for Subprogramme Outcomes

Subprogramme
(SP) Outcomes

New PoW 2026-2027		Current PoW 2022-2025	
Term utilized	Number of indicators	Term utilized	Number of indicators
2029 Impacts	5	2026-2029 Outcomes	7
2029 Outcomes	7	2025 Outcomes	9
no direct outcomes		Direct Outcomes	38
Indicators	27	Indicators	31



Policymaking organs, Executive direction and management, Programme support indicators reduced.



New PoW 2026-2027

Corporate Outcomes	Outcomes	6
	Indicators	15

Current PoW 2022-2025

Outcomes	8
Indicators	21



Total financial resource requirements by funding sources for 2026-2027 (Thousands of USD)

<i>Category</i>	<i>Amount</i>
A. Environment Fund	200,000
B. Earmarked funds	448,400
C. Global trust funds	378,100
D. Programme support costs	44,800
E. Regular budget	41,749
Total (A+B+C+D+E)	1,113,049

Overall financial resource requirements by funding source and budget component for the programme of work for 2026-2027

Category	Environment Fund	Earmarked Funds	Global Trust Funds	Programme Support Costs	Regular Budget	Total Budget
A. Policymaking organs	4,630	300	-	-	486	5,415
B.1. Executive direction and management	10,545	1,300	-	-	5,872	17,717
B.2. UNSCEAR	-	-	-	-	2,258	2,258
Subtotal A+B	15,175	1,600	-	-	8,616	25,391
C. Programme of work						
1. Climate Action	20,190	200,400	153,800	3,200	3,481	381,071
2. Digital Transformations	14,918	1,400	-	-	3,232	19,550
3. Land and Nature Action	29,321	61,400	116,300	3,300	5,231	215,552
4. Environmental Law and Governance	32,664	57,100	300	3,300	6,918	100,283
5. Chemicals and Pollution Action	19,547	60,900	100,200	2,500	4,001	187,148
6. Finance and Economic Transformations	21,090	50,800	-	1,500	3,413	76,803
7. Science-Policy	22,119	10,700	-	700	4,900	38,419
Subtotal C	159,850	442,700	370,600	14,500	31,176	1,018,825
D. Fund programme reserve	8,000		-	-		8,000
Subtotal programme of work and reserve (C+D)	167,850	442,700	370,600	14,500	31,176	1,026,825
E. Programme support	16,975	4,100	7,500	30,300	1,958	60,833
Total (A+B+C+D+E)	200,000	448,400	378,100	44,800	41,749	1,113,049

*The Budget is expected to change due to the currently undergoing strategic initiatives.

Where we are on the roadmap

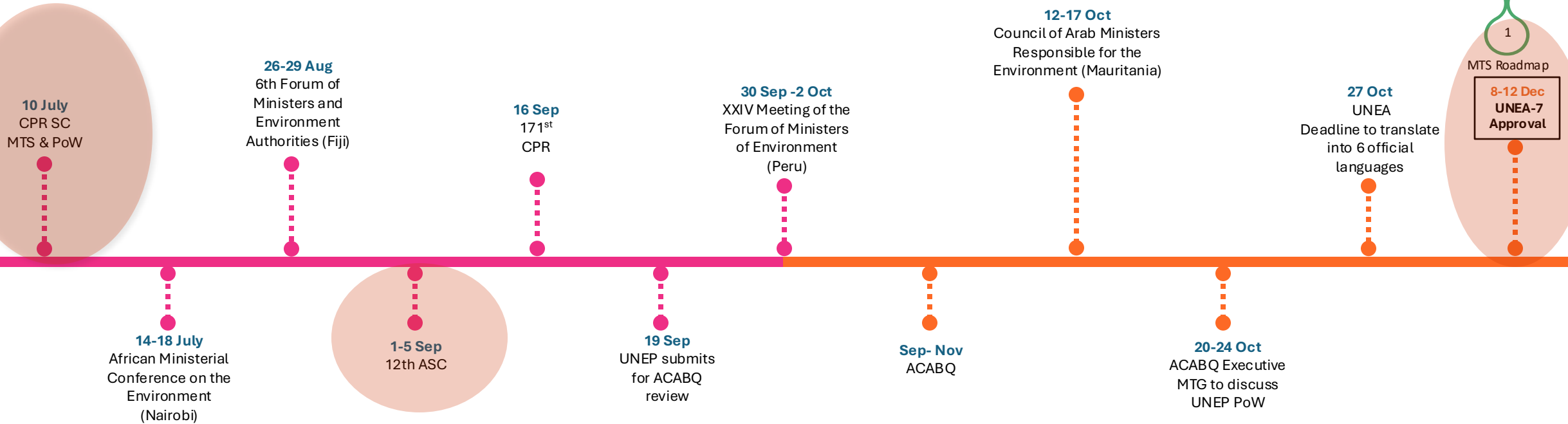
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MTS Roadmap

8-12 Dec
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Approval



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12th ASC

- One page infographic on MTS
- **ASC informal endorsement for the Secretariat to submit documents to UNON for editing and translation (6 UN languages)**

CPR Subcommittee & 171st CPR

- Discussion of a new draft of MTS & PoW
- Final Draft of MTS and PoW for endorsement by CPR and submission to UNEA.
- **Preparation of draft UNEA decision on MTS and PoW**

Regional Fora

- MTS validation with Regional Fora

ACABQ

- UNEP submits for ACABQ review – **19 September**
- ACABQ organizes a hearing within 1 weeks – **26 September**

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ACABQ [continued from Q3]

- ACABQ sends questions to UNEP – **3 October**
- UNEP issues a managements response within 5 business days – **10 October**
- ACABQ puts together an executive note – **13-17 October**
- ACABQ organizes an executive meeting to discuss UNEP PoW – **20- 24 October**
- ACABQ issues a draft report with comments/recommendations to UNEP (roughly 6 weeks after UNEP submits the PoW and budget) – **31 October**
- **UNEP issues a management response to ACABQ in 5 business days – 3 – 7 November**
- ACABQ issues a formal report to UNEP – **10-14 November**

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- UNEA-7 approval of the MTS 2026-29 & PoW 2026-27: OECPR (1-5 Dec) & UNEA-7 (8-12 Dec)
- Develop communication & outreach plan

Thank you

