

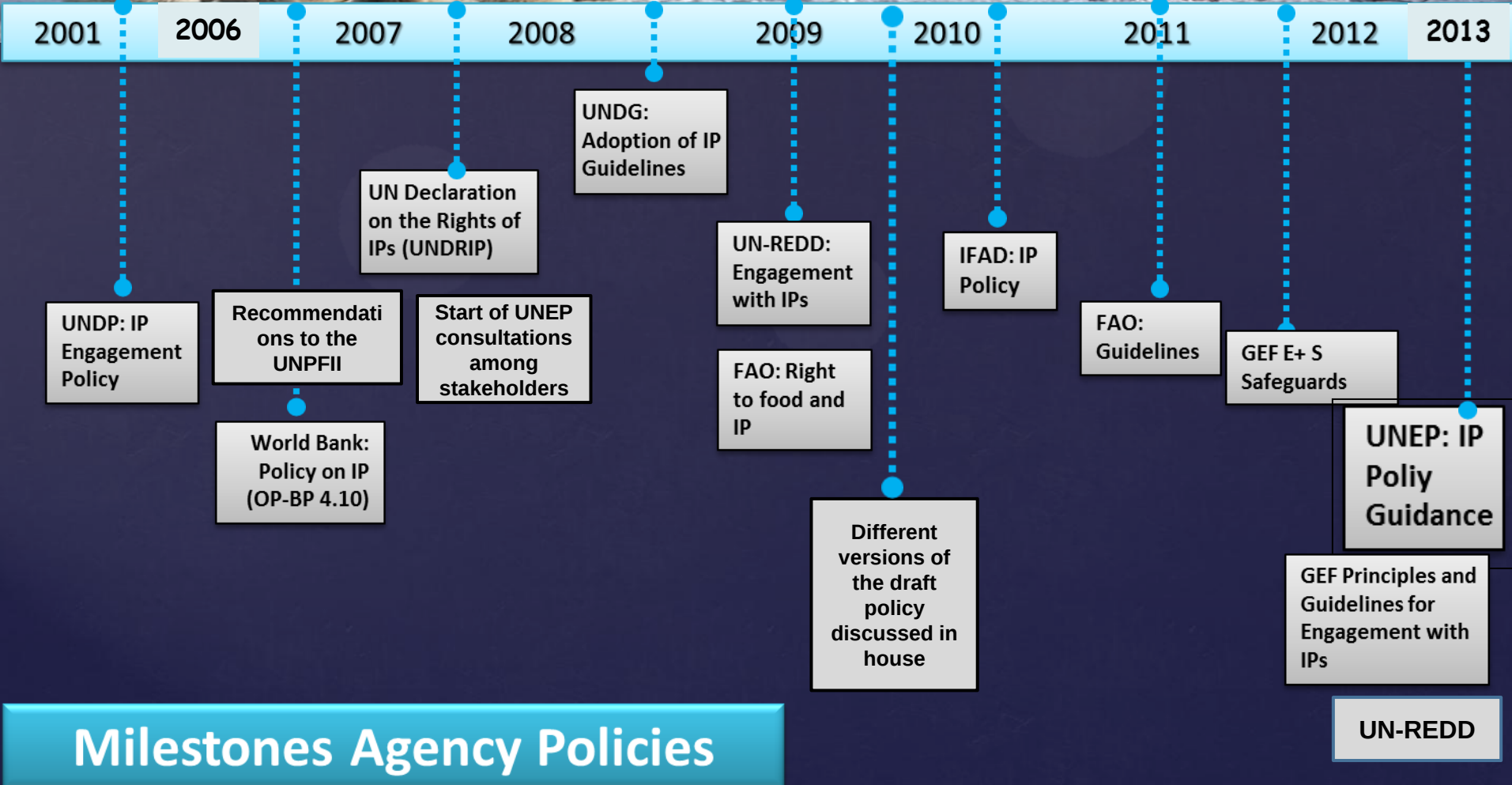


UNEP's engagement with Indigenous Peoples

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UNEP and Indigenous Peoples: A Partnership in Caring for the Environment Policy Guidance

Objective:

To strengthen the capacity of UNEP's staff in understanding Indigenous Peoples' perspectives, needs and concerns; and to establish and employ a more systematic mechanism in UNEP to take into account Indigenous Peoples' views, needs and rights.



The Guidance will assist UNEP, its partners and Indigenous Peoples in facilitating

- Partnerships between UNEP and Indigenous Peoples
- A better understanding among UNEP staff and partners of emerging and important issues for Indigenous Peoples
- A strengthened institutional interaction between UNEP and Indigenous Peoples

Indigenous Peoples issues and “The Future We Want” (Rio +20 Outcome Document)



RIO+20
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Sustainable
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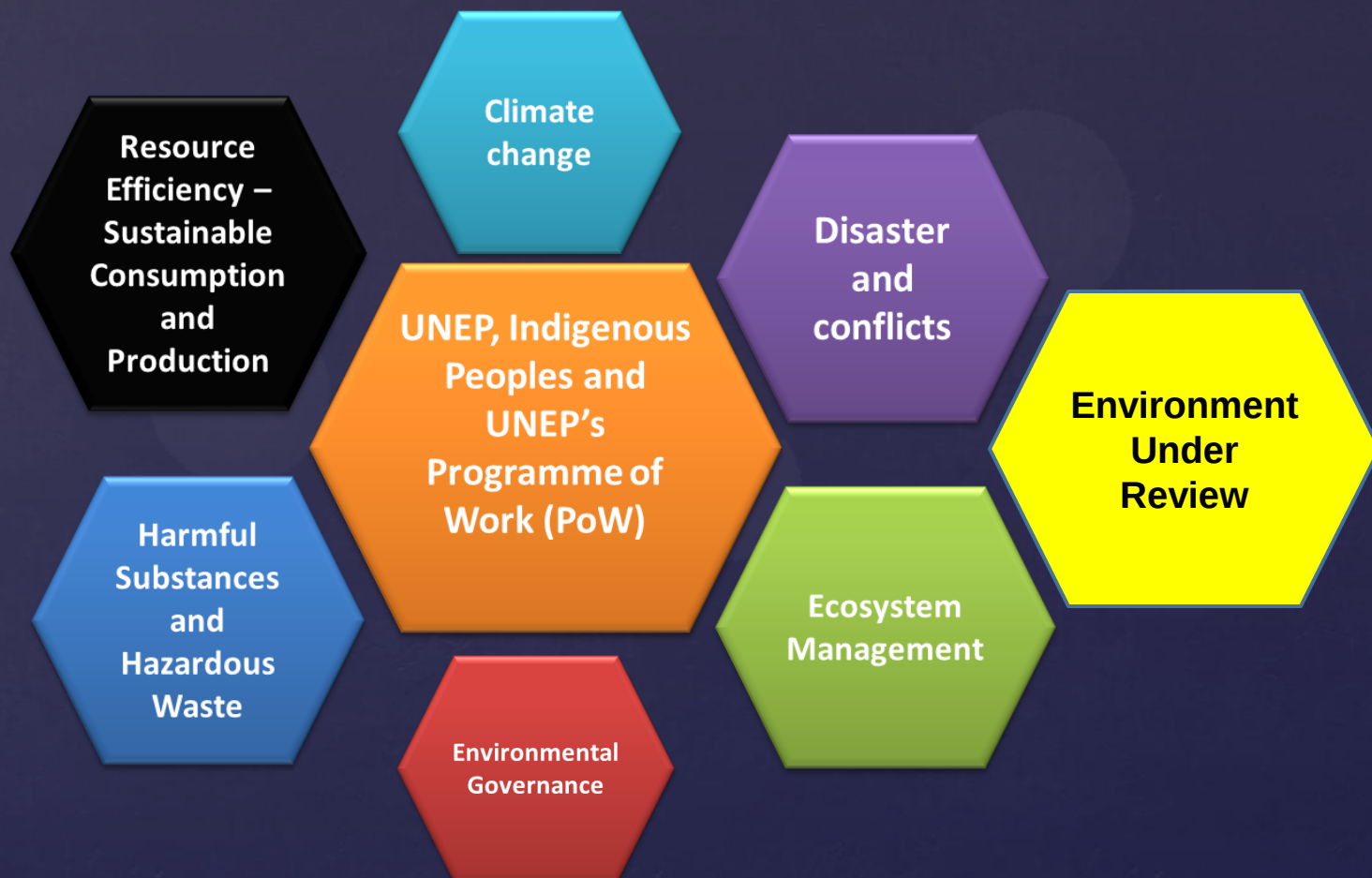
- A fair representation of indigenous issues in the text
- Making reference to the importance of Indigenous Peoples' active participation
- Recognise the importance of UNDRIP
- Acknowledging the diversity of Green Economy
- Recognise pastoralists, fishing and forest dependent communities and insists on the intrinsic and cross-cutting value of biodiversity



UNEP's Mechanisms of Engagement with Indigenous Peoples

- 1) Indigenous Peoples Focal Point
- 2) Indigenous Peoples in Environmental Policy Processes
- 3) Capacity Building and Development
- 4) Inclusion of Indigenous Peoples' Perspectives in the implementation of UNEP's Programme of Work (PoW)
- 5) Project planning and implementation

UNEP, Indigenous Peoples and UNEP's Programme of Work (PoW)



The Major Groups & Stakeholders Branch



- Aim: To facilitate active participation and effective engagement of Major Groups and Stakeholders in the work of UNEP
- In 1992, UNEP adopted the Major Groups approach as defined in Agenda 21
- We work with the 9 Major Groups:
 - **Indigenous Peoples and their Communities**
 - Farmers
 - Children and Youth
 - Business and Industry
 - Local Authorities
 - Women
 - Non-Governmental Organisations
 - Workers and Trade Unions
 - The Scientific and Technological Communities

and other ...

Why should Major Groups and Stakeholders Engage with UNEP?

- Access to Information – keep you informed about UNEP's work
- Participation in UNEP's work at Programmatic Level
 - Program of Work (POW) input
 - Participation in Projects
 - Expert Advise
- Participation in UNEP's work at Policy Level
 - Governing Council/Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF)
 - Regional Consultation Meetings (RCMs)
 - Direct input through the Major Groups and Stakeholders Facilitating Committee (MGFC)

Recent Development of Stakeholder Engagement in UNEP

- Paragraph 88h of the Rio + 20 Outcome document and the GC Decision UNEP/GC.27/2 on institutional arrangements, call for the establishment of **new mechanisms for stakeholders engagement** and transparency that build on best practices in multilateral organisations
- UNEP will review the current practices in multilateral organisations to define:
 1. New inclusive processes for stakeholders accreditation and participation - [A New Accreditation Policy](#)
 2. Mechanisms and rules for stakeholders expert input and advice
 3. Working methods and processes to facilitate contributions of stakeholders towards the inter-governmental decision making process, in the work of UNEA and its subsidiary bodies – [A New Stakeholder Engagement Policy](#)
 4. Mechanisms to increase transparency and public access to information - [A New Access to Information Policy](#)



Work in progress

- Checklist for Project Managers
- Inclusion of IP in a revised Project Manual.
- e-learning Toolkit for staff
- StepbyStep guide for Indigenous Peoples regarding the implementation of Guidance

Get Involved, Get Accredited!



Criteria:

- Constitution, charter, statutes and/or by-laws
- Official registration
- Interest in the environment
- International scope
- Commitment to invest time and give substantial input into UNEP's work

Thank you

Find out more about UNEP's Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch

<http://www.unep.org/civil-society/>