

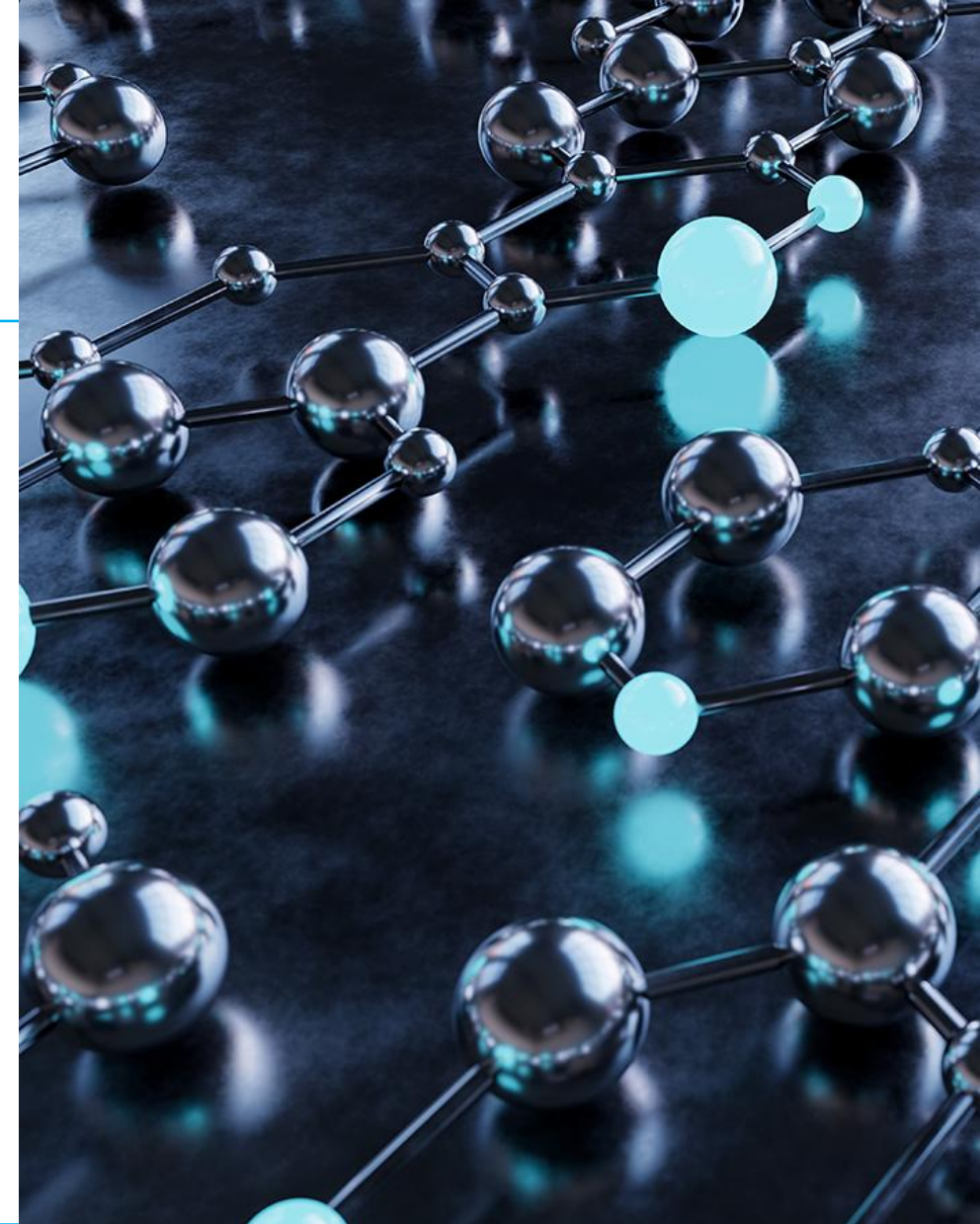
Office of Science Presentation to the CPR

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An Uplifted Science Function for UNEP

- To deliver clear, integrated science that drives action and shapes policy on interconnected environmental challenges, with a strong focus on solutions and impact.
- Our Vision is to strengthen UNEP's scientific capacity, credibility and impact by advancing robust, interdisciplinary evidence and effective science-policy interfaces, ensuring that UNEP's science serves Member States and stakeholders best in informing their policies, decisions and actions for people and planet.



Our Goals



Keep the world environment under review and deliver science to inform policies and actions

1 High-quality data analytics, statistics and intelligence

2 Scientific assessments, foresight and horizon scanning on emerging issues

3 Early warning, preparedness, prevention and response initiatives

4 Credible, robust scientific advice and guidance

5 Scientific capacity-building

6 Strategic science partnerships and networks

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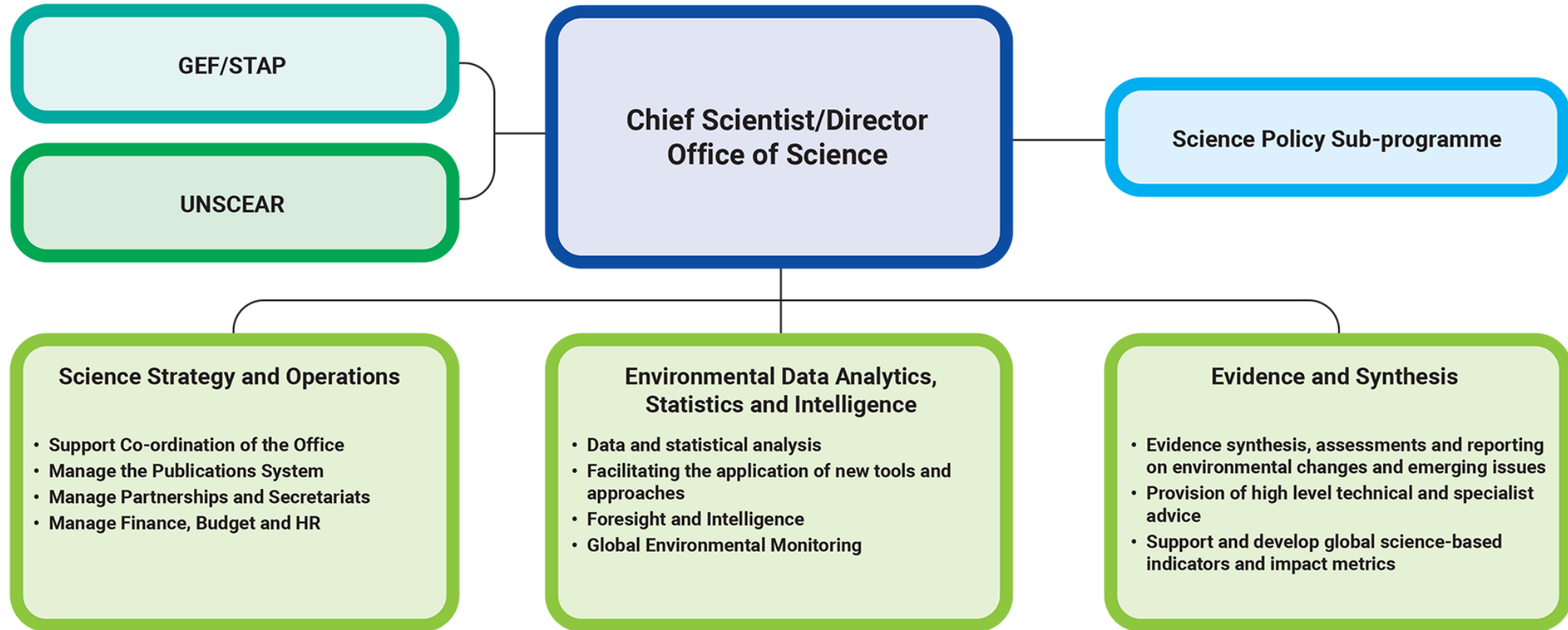
- Leading in the development of 2 strategies
 - Knowledge Management Strategy
 - Science Strategy
- SDGs monitoring and reporting.
- Development of indicators and environmental data standards
- Global Environmental Monitoring (GEMS)
- Foresight/Emerging issues/Frontiers
- Global and thematic assessments/reviews
- Environmental Policy Tracker
- Global Science Policy Sub-Programme



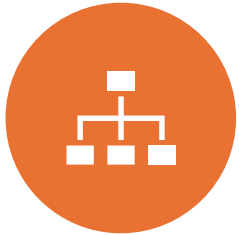
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Design Principles considered for Office of Science



ALIGNMENT WITH
ORGANISATION
PRIORITIES



ALIGNMENT OF
SPECIALIZATION,
COORDINATION AND
KNOWLEDGE



APPROPRIATE SPAN
OF CONTROL



RESOURCE
EFFICIENCY



ACCOUNTABILITY

Key activities in 2026: Data Analytics, Statistics, and Intelligence



Methodological development such as SDG indicator 6.3.2 using EO and the pilot core list of gender-sensitive climate change statistics and indicators).



Capacity building: Range of national and regional training activities on data, statistics and Science Communication including the development of online Training courses on UNEP's WeLearn platform.



Tools: Launch the prototype of Future Tends and Signals dashboard Launch the Environmental Policy Tracker (EPT) for Air Quality.



Data: Submission of data and storylines for SDG indicators under UNEP custodianship in preparation of the SG Progress Report 2026 and SG report on Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS (ABAS). Carry data collection from countries for the following SDG indicators: 6.3.2, 8.4.1-12.2.1, 8.4.2-12.2.2, 12.4.2, 12.5.1, 14.1.1 and 14.2.1.

Key activities in 2026: Evidence and Synthesis

- **Post-GEO-7:** Outreach; Data into WESR; Consultations on Future work
- **Frontiers 2027-2028 Report:** Issue on Emerging Issues of Concern
- **Issue Notes:** Biodegradability; Plastics and Health
- **Capacity Building:** Science Seminars; Community of Practice on Behavioural Sciences and Water Resource Management
- **Representation and Networks:** e.g., Arctic/Polar Issues; Research for Life
- **Environmental Policy Tracker:** Online tracking platform for monitoring information on environmental policy instruments



Key activities in 2026: Strategy and Operations

- **Science Strategy**
Under development.
- **Knowledge Management Strategy**
Close to finalization.
- **Publications System**



Thank you



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