



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

Policy and Programme Division, 15 May 2025, CPR Subcommittee Meeting



Objectives

1

Share the progress on the drafting of the Medium-Term Strategy 2026–2029 and the Programme of Work and Budget

2

Highlight strategic priorities and approach

3

Seek Member States' perspectives and feedback



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I. Background: UNEP's Leadership Role

- 01** Trusted Global Environmental Authority
- 02** Anchored in Global Commitments
- 03** Country-Led, Solutions-Driven
- 04** Science and Governance at the Core
- 05** Delivering impactful environmental and Sustainable Development Goals



II. Situation Analysis

Presented at the Subcommittee on 22 April 2025

**Deepening
Environmental Crises**

**Economic and Health
Costs Rising**

**Solutions Are Within
Reach**



**Vulnerable Populations
at Risk**

**Encouraging
Momentum Exists**



II. Situation Analysis, revised after the SC meeting

Key revisions:

- Grouping the content into ‘**Challenges**’ and ‘**Cause for optimism**’, with a stronger focus on positive trends.
- Using **IPCC (2022). The 6th Assessment. Impacts Adaptation and Vulnerability**, as reference for the paragraph on climate warming.
- Adding a new paragraph on the **increasing indebtedness** of countries.
- Using ‘**developing**’ and ‘**developed**’ countries, where appropriate.



III. Lessons learned – A continuous learning journey

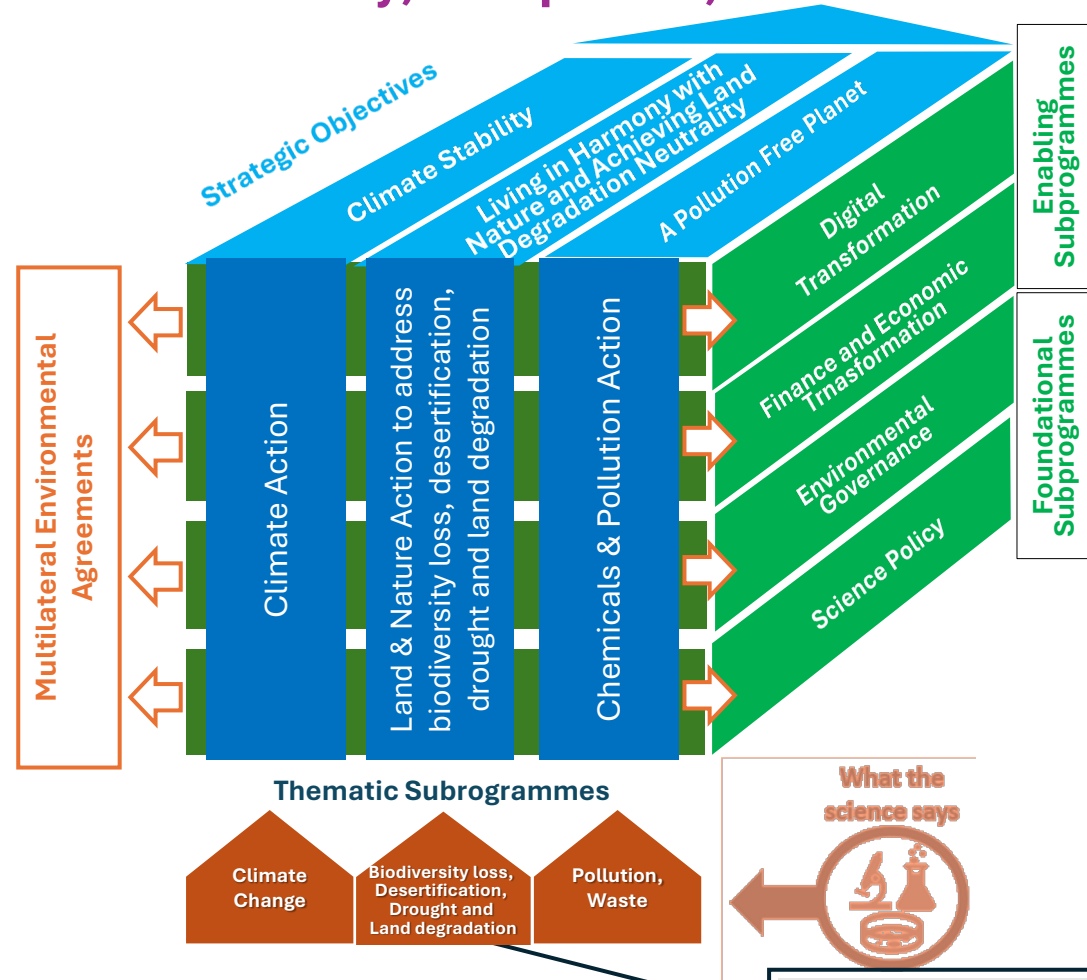
- Learning from its **US \$2.7 billion portfolio**.
- Emphasis on last mile delivery; government and UN wide collaboration; and **measurable results**.
- Increased operational integration and prioritization
 - **Functional review**: Focus on efficiency and effectiveness.
 - **Delivery model strengthened**: focus on impact and equity.
 - **Deeper UN wide collaboration**.
- A future-fit UNEP



IV. Vision for 2026-2029 – a healthy, prosperous and resilient people and planet



A Healthy, Prosperous, and Resilient People and Planet



‘Land degradation neutrality’ added.

Land & nature action to address biodiversity loss, desertification droughts and land degradation

‘Desertification, Drought and Land degradation’ added.

A planetary and human crisis caused by unsustainable patterns of production and consumption



IV. Vision for 2026-2029 and Beyond

Vision

A healthy, prosperous and resilient people and planet.

Mission

Co-create and support solutions to deliver environmental and human well-being.

Mandate

UNEP keeps the environment under review and supports national and international environmental policy and programmes.

How We deliver

- Inclusive, collaborative *Solutions*
- *Impactful* Subprogrammes



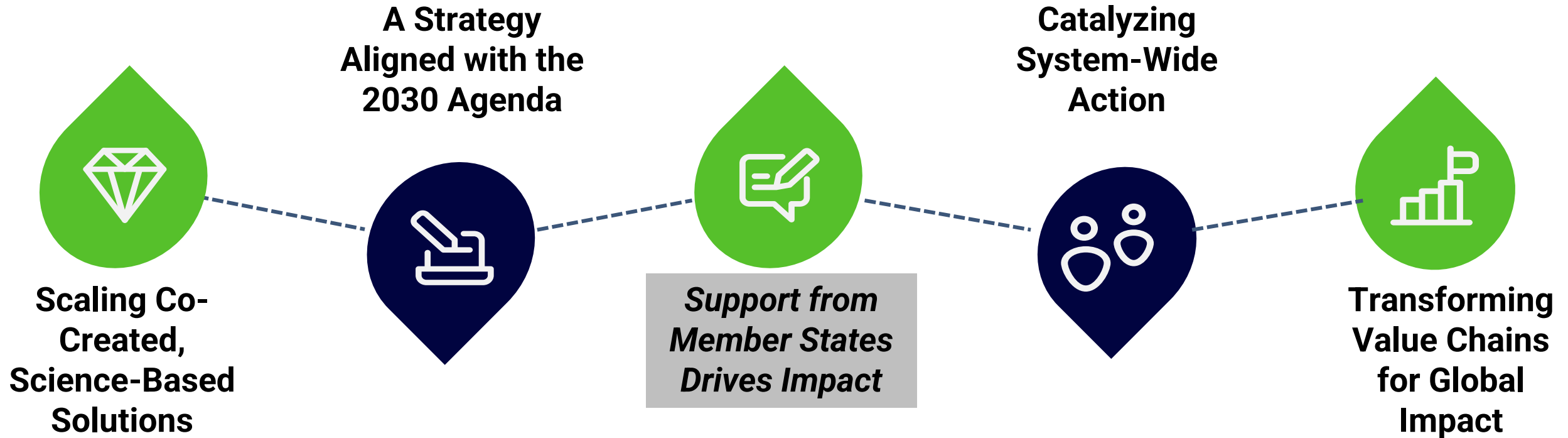
V. Strategic objectives for delivering solutions



Vision	Strategic Objectives
Climate Stability	(a) To reduced emissions and enhance resilience for people and planet
Living in Harmony with Nature and Achieving Land Degradation Neutrality	(b) To live in harmony with nature and reach land degradation neutrality: by halting and reversing biodiversity loss; addressing ecosystem and land degradation and drought through land restoration; land protection and conservation; and maintaining ecosystem services
A Pollution Free Planet	(c) To prevent, reduce and control exposures to harmful chemicals and pollution for people and planet



VI. Accelerating Transformative Change

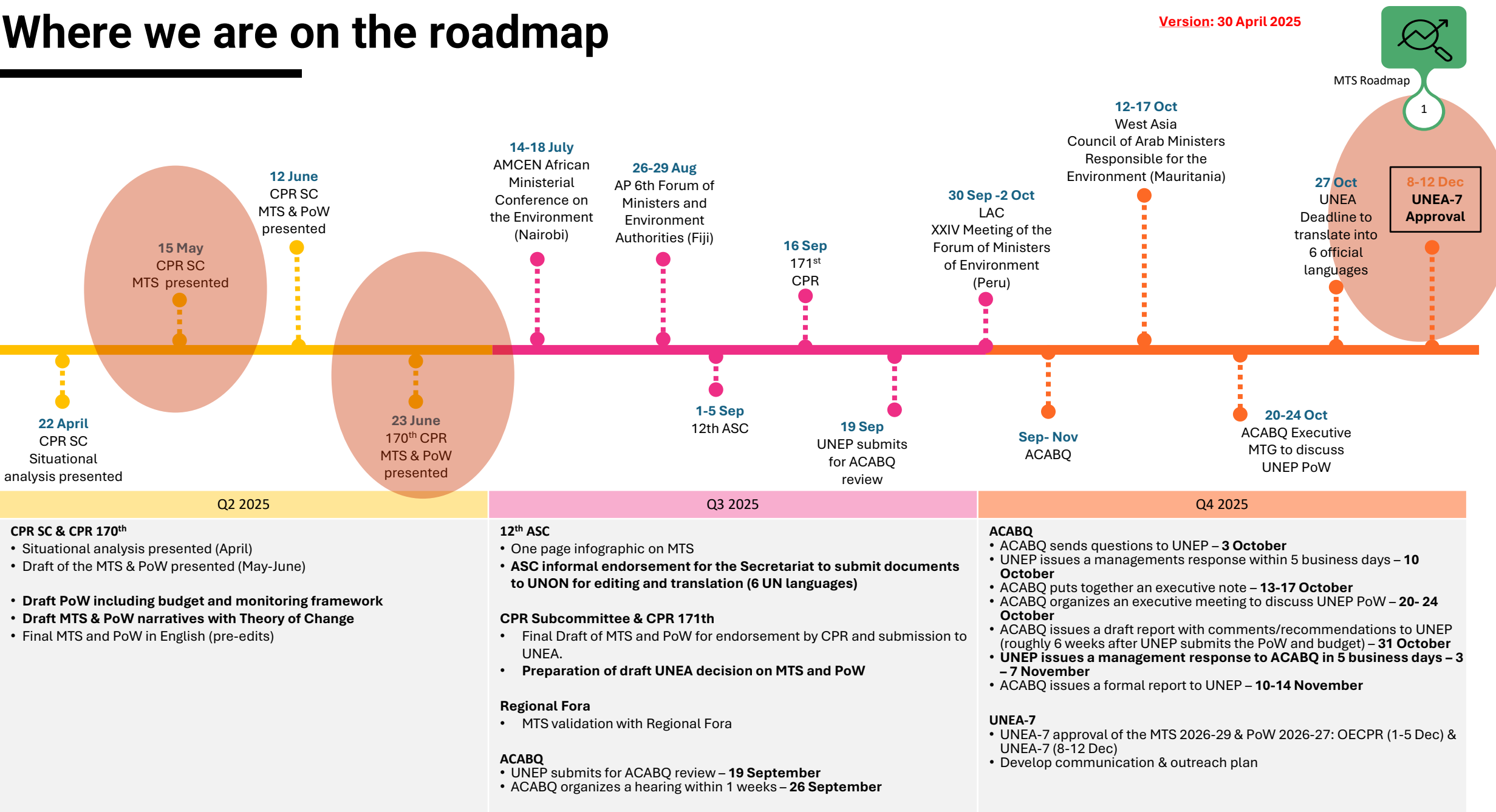


Key recommendations from CPR members incorporated

- **Anticipatory and agile:** Innovation, focus on technology, One health, disaster and conflict.
- **Accelerated action/Solutions oriented:** Science-based, tailored to regional priorities in SIDS, LDCs and LLDCs.
- **People-centric:** Embed equity and inclusion, specific targets for gender, indigenous communities, strengthened collaboration with UN RCs.
- **Impact and accountability:** Monitoring and accountability, implementation of MTS is actionable.
- **Ambitious and realistic:** Consolidate fundraising and flexible funding.
- **Integration:** Maximize synergies with MEAs, engagement with Member states.
- **SDGs and 2030 agenda:** Align with global environment priorities.
- **Focus of subprogrammes:** land degradation/desertification/droughts, maintain focus on biodiversity/ecosystems, Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP), stronger science policy and environmental governance.

Where we are on the roadmap

Version: 30 April 2025



Thank you