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Enhancing UN system-wide coordination and coherence on the environment: an EMG update

UN Environment Management Group presentation to the
the Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting

The EMG is the UN's principal inter-agency coordination mechanism on the environment



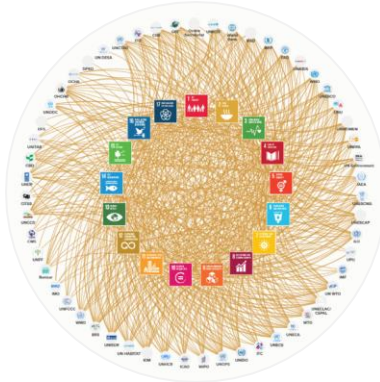
Facilitating inter-agency dialogue and knowledge sharing

Strengthening coherence and unlocking opportunities for joint action.



Developing system-wide strategies

Production of the Common Approaches and system wide frameworks ensuring a cohesive, systematic, and collaborative effort across the UN system



Mapping the UN environmental landscape

Identifying opportunities for synergy. Enhancing transparency, efficacy and mutual reinforcement among agencies. Avoiding duplication. Filling gaps in support to Member States.

ESCAP	ESCWA	FAO	IAEA	ICAO	IFAD	ILO	IMF
IMO	IOM	ITC	ITU	Minamata	OCHA	OHCHR	Ozone Secretariat
Ramsar	UNCCD	UNCTAD	UNDESA	UNDP	UNDRR	UNEP	UNESCO
UNFCCC	UNFPA	UN-HABITAT	UNHCR	UNICEF	UNIDO	UNITAR	UNODC
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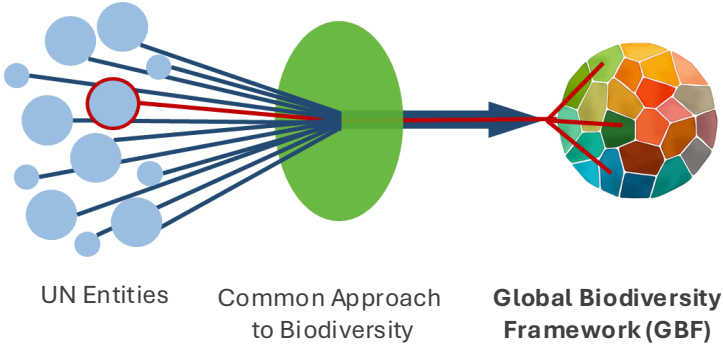
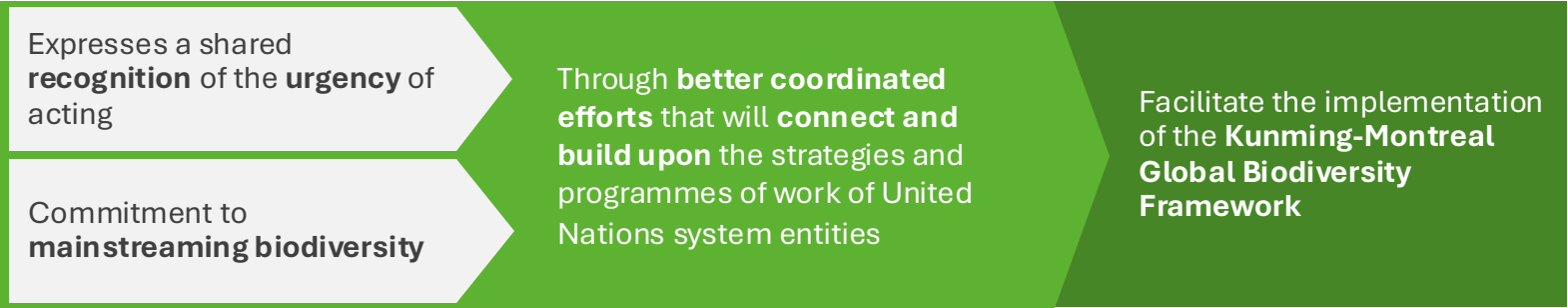
50+ specialized agencies, programmes and organs of the United Nations including the secretariats of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements.

Setting the system-wide environmental agenda

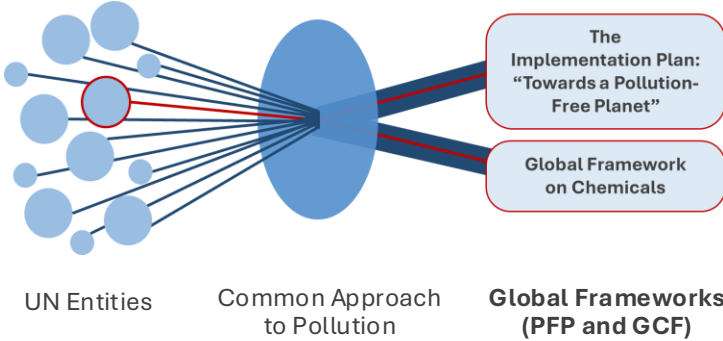
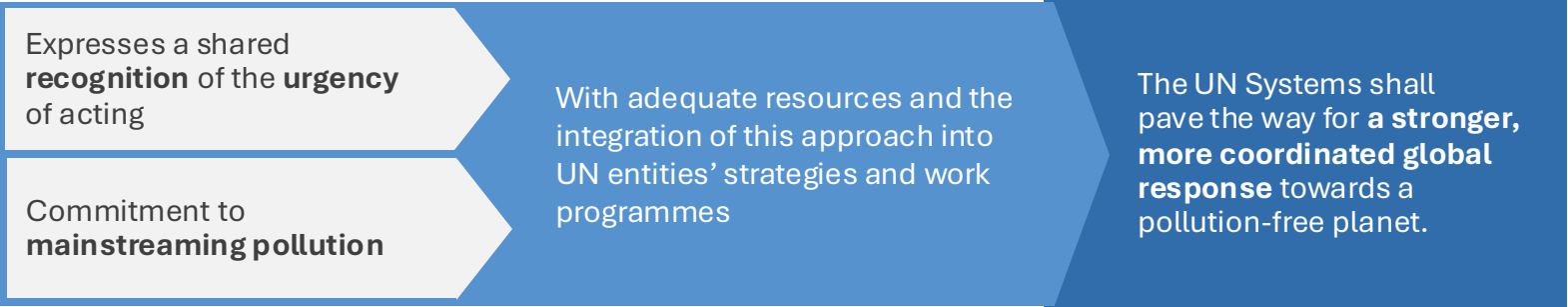
The UN Common Approaches to Biodiversity and Pollution - tools for the delivery of Global Frameworks

The Common Approaches provide structures for organized collective action across the UN system at all levels, ensuring comprehensive system-wide support to the implementation of global frameworks.

Through the Common Approach to **Biodiversity** (2021 – 2030), the United Nations system:



Through the Common Approach to **Pollution** (2023 – 2030), the United Nations system:



Operationalizing the UN Common Approaches

Raising awareness and highlighting the utility of the Common Approaches among stakeholders from UN entities, MEAs, and national authorities:

Briefings on the Common Approaches to regional bodies, UNCTs and RCs

- Saudi Arabia (December)
- India (February)
- Southern African Development Community (March)
- Armenia (April)

Common Approach to Biodiversity Webinar Series

Incorporating human rights-based approaches to the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of biodiversity (July)

Supporting development of UNSDCF in Armenia and Saudi Arabia:

The Common Approach to Biodiversity is serving as a supportive reference in the development of the UN System Development Cooperation Frameworks (UNSDCFs) in Armenia and Saudi Arabia

Mapping UN efforts in India:

In India, a mapping exercise is underway to chart current UN efforts on biodiversity and pollution, ensuring better coordination and impact tracking.

Regional efforts in Latin America and the Caribbean:

A webinar held in May:

- Promoted the common approach to biodiversity
- Shared best practices
- Gathered input for further regional action

Supporting UNCTs in integrating biodiversity into national planning in Europe and Central Asia:

The EMG and the Issue-Based Coalition on Environment and Climate Change in Europe and Central Asia organised a webinar and launched a set of Key Advocacy Messages and practical Guidance.

Fostering synergies among Multilateral Environmental Agreements

The EMG convened Heads of UN Entities and Senior Officials for **High-level Roundtable Discussions** at:



CBD COP16 (October 2024)



UNFCCC COP29 (November 2024)



2025 BRS COPs (May 2025)



UNCCD COP16 (December 2025)

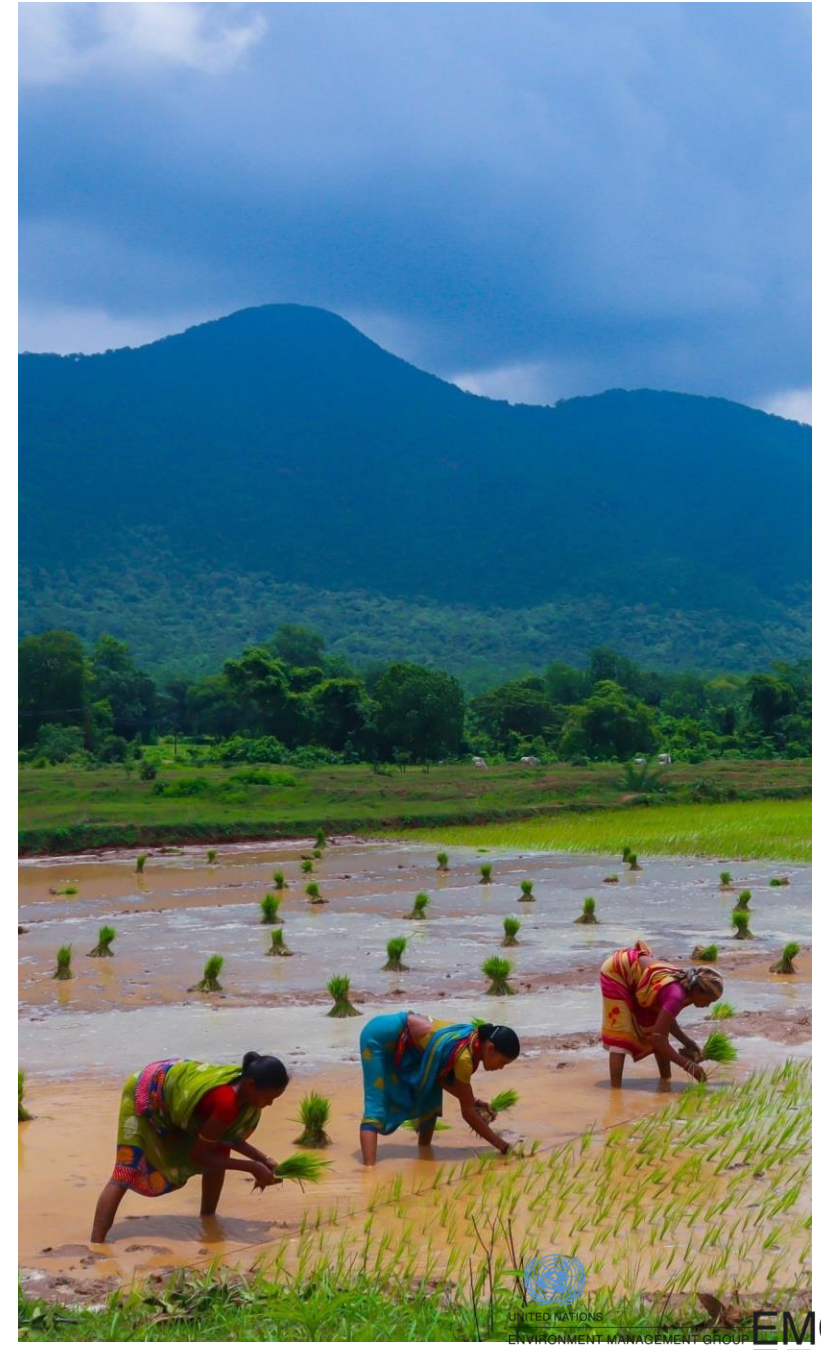
Rio Trio Webinars:

Three 'Rio Trio' Dialogues on Advancing Global Cooperation for Biodiversity, Climate Action and Land Degradation Neutrality (October, November), organized in collaboration with UNU-INWEH, highlighted and expanded on the themes of the high-level roundtables.

Supporting rights-based environmental action

The Issue Management Group on Human Rights and the Environment:

- Has agreed on actions to drive a system-wide effort to embed human rights at the **heart of environmental action** across the UN
- Will equip UNCTs and governments to deliver rights-based environmental **solutions on the ground**
- Will supporting the **implementation of the human right** to a healthy environment
- Strengthen human rights integration across the Rio Conventions and other **MEAs**
- **Build capacity** on Indigenous Peoples' rights, environmental defenders, gender, and children's environmental health
- Analyse the integration of human rights in national climate action plans (**NDCs**).



Nexus Dialogues: Strengthening the environmental dimensions of sustainable development



Nexus Dialogue Series on harmful subsidies:

May - November 2024

Production of guidance for collective action on repurposing subsidies for long term environmental sustainability



Nexus Dialogue series on sustainable bioeconomy:

May – June 2025

Explored how coordinated global action on sustainable bioeconomy can contribute to tackling climate change, biodiversity loss, and other immediate environmental issues, alongside food security, economic development and social inclusion.

Dialogue 1 (May 9): Explored a more cohesive approach to sustainable bioeconomy across UN agencies, identifying gaps and synergies among initiatives.

Dialogue 2 (June 5): Focused on how bioeconomy practices can support climate adaptation, biodiversity conservation, and land restoration, while also addressing barriers to participation and ensuring equitable access to resources, knowledge, and markets.

Going Forward

Overarching:

- Continue to drive high-level cooperation
- Develop practical guidance to support the UN system in delivering collective, coherent, effective, and rights-based environmental action.

Human rights-based environmental action:

- Raising awareness and building capacity within the UN system
- Development of coordinated inputs, for example at Climate COP30 and UNEA-7

Common Approaches:

- Expand guidance of the Common Approach to Biodiversity to other regions, in collaboration with UNEP regional offices in Africa, Asia-Pacific, and Latin America.
- More tools, webinars, and tailored support to help UN entities and national partners operationalize the Common Approaches with impact.

Monitoring and reporting of strategies and frameworks:

- Finalization of the Mid-term Report of the Common Approach to Biodiversity in 2025
- Consideration of a similar accountability framework for Common Approach to Pollution
- Finalisation of the UN System-wide Framework of Strategies on the Environment (SWFS) dashboard (subject to the availability of resources).



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