



UNEP in the context of the UN Reform and the 2030 Agenda

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Agenda item 3*

Delivering on the Medium-term strategy at country level through the UN Resident Coordinator System

Outline:

1. **Climate, biodiversity and pollution in UN system planning at the country level**
2. **Addressing the knowledge needs to mainstream environment at the country level**
3. **Extending UNEP's country level impact for a strengthened response to the triple planetary crisis**
4. **Strengthening the contribution of the UN Development System for increased environmental results at country level**
5. **Looking ahead**

Climate, biodiversity and pollution in UN system planning at the country level

Environment is weakly mainstreamed in the Common Country Analyses, limiting its uptake in solutions and actions of the Cooperation Frameworks.

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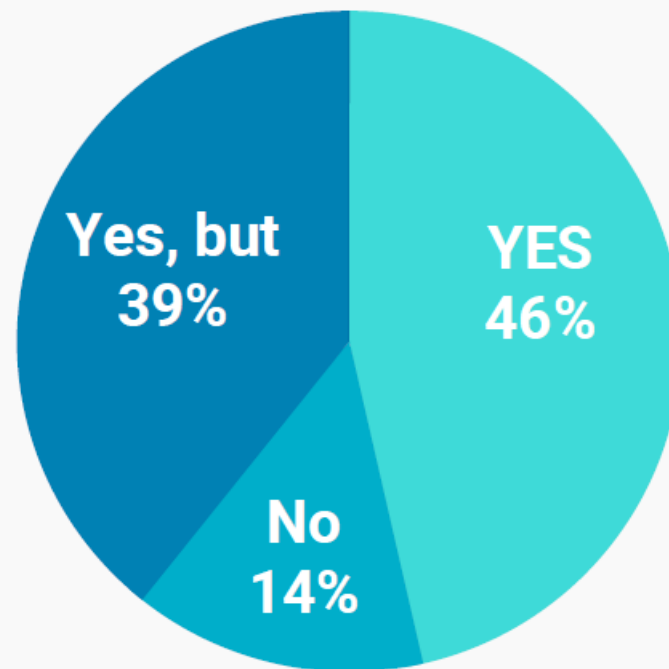
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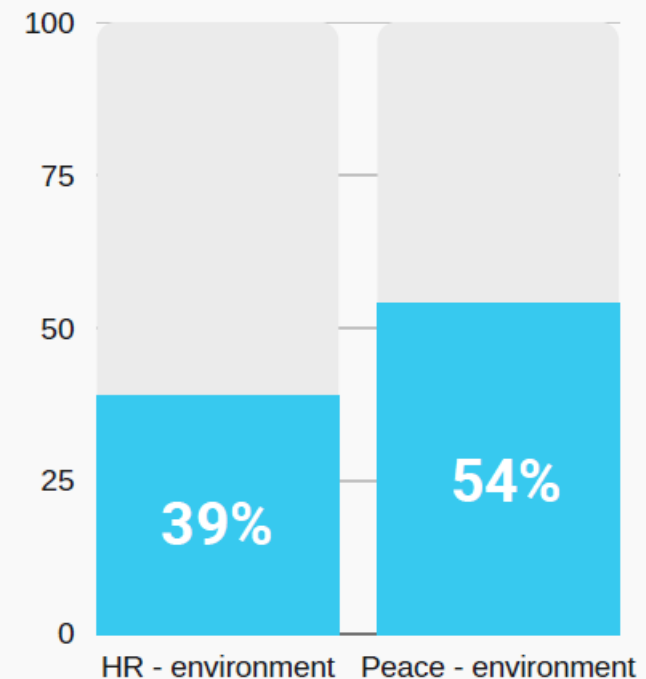
of CCAs use also an
SDG structure

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of CCAs have a
chapter on the
environment



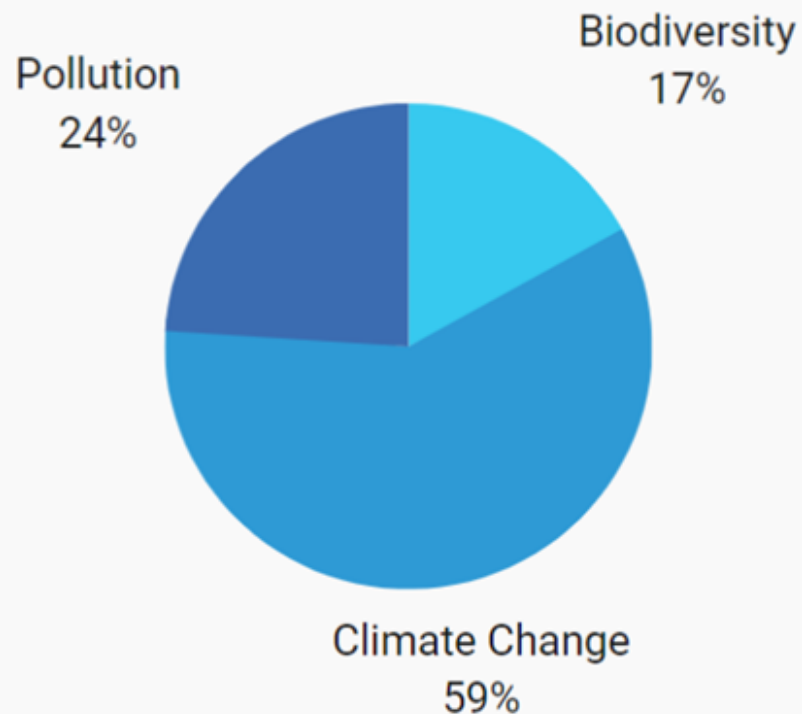
The integrated approach is weak in more than half of the CCAs analysed



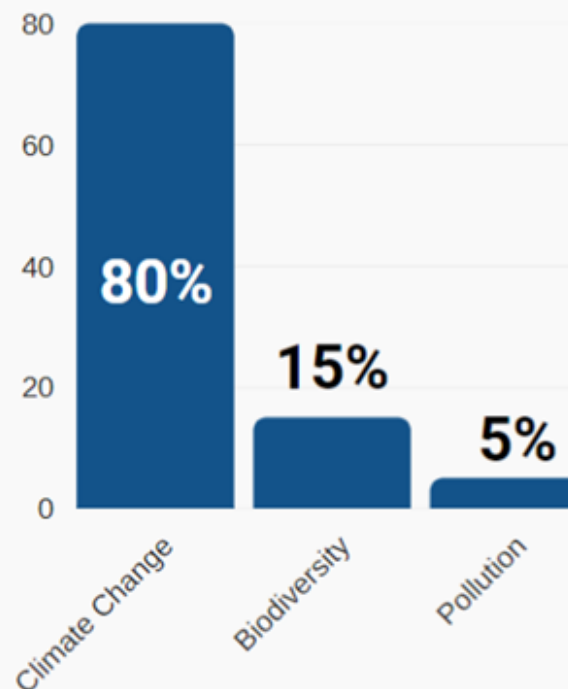
Environmental considerations are inadequately mainstreamed in Human rights and Peace and Security

Biodiversity and Pollution are under-addressed, resulting in a low uptake of actions on biodiversity and pollution in the Cooperation Frameworks.

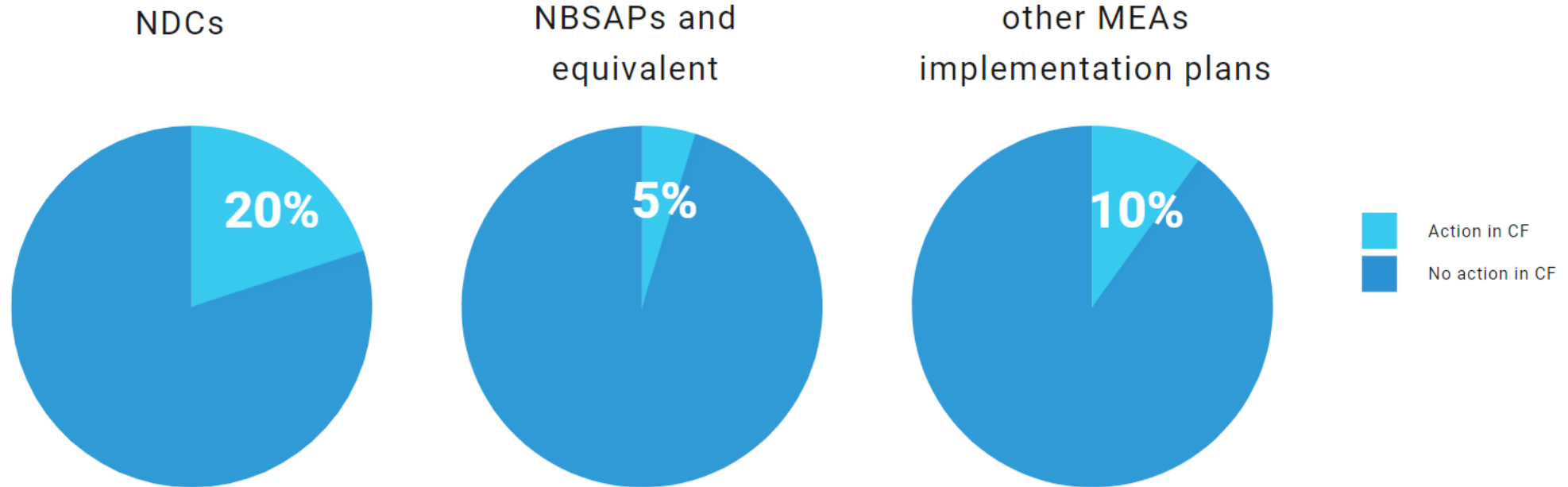
IN COMMON COUNTRY ANALYSES, CLIMATE CHANGE IS MENTIONED
3 MORE TIMES THAN BIODIVERSITY OR POLLUTION



CLIMATE CHANGE, BIODIVERSITY AND POLLUTION IN
THE OUTCOMES OF COOPERATION FRAMEWORKS



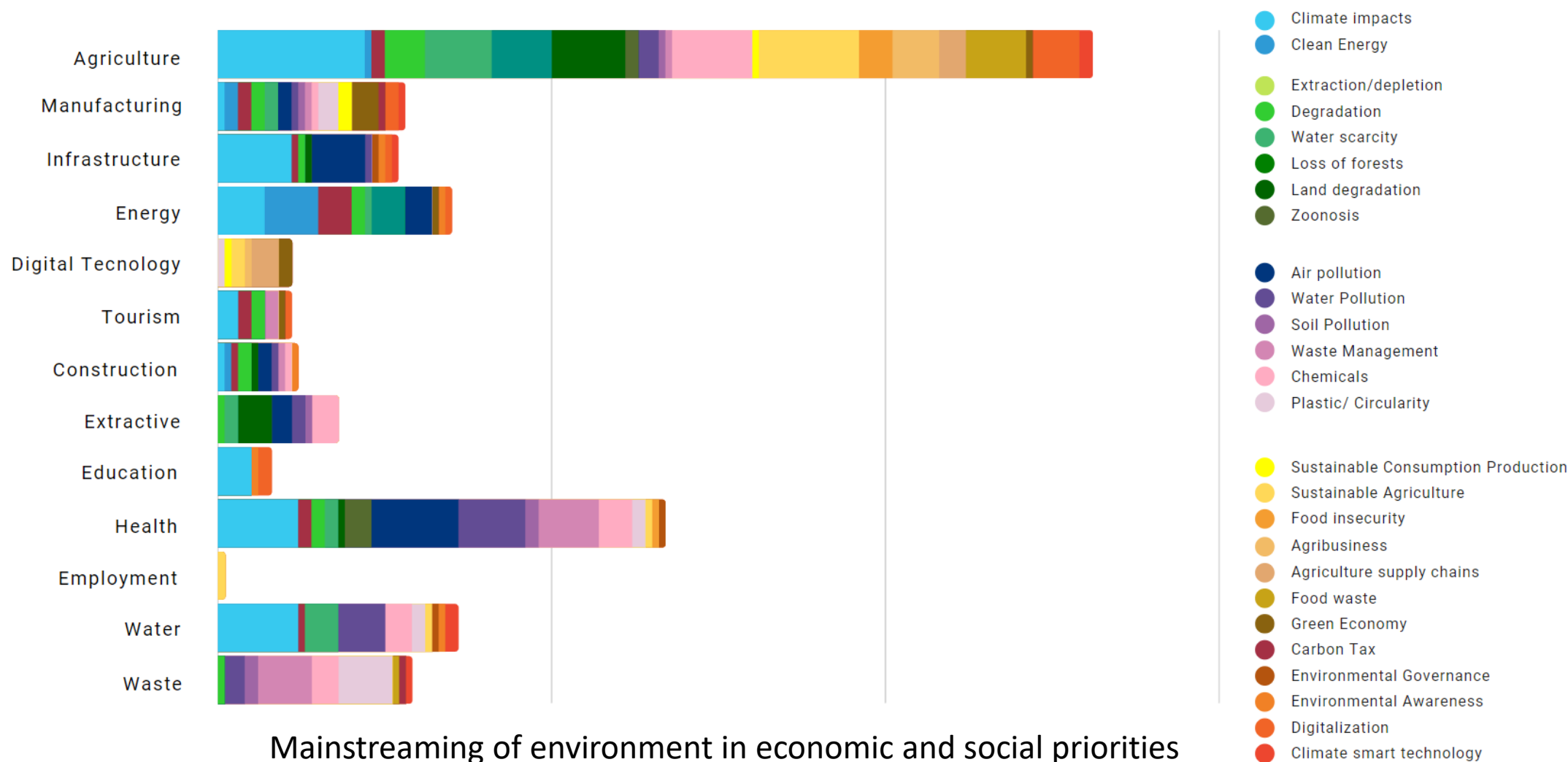
Actions to deliver on Multilateral Environmental Agreements are largely absent from Cooperation Frameworks.



NDCs - Nationally Determined Contributions
NBSAPS - National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans
MEAs - Multilateral Environmental Agreements

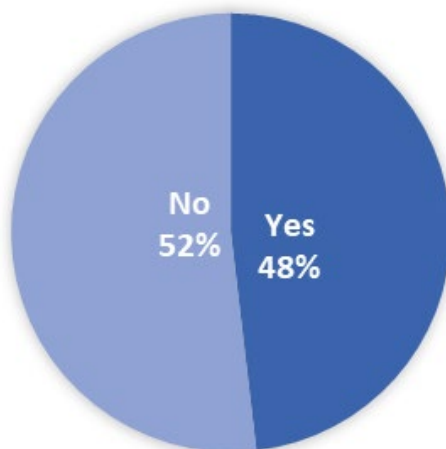
From UNEP review 2022 of how the triple planetary crisis is addressed in CCAs and CFs

Economic sectors are key entry points to mainstream actions to address the Triple Planetary Crisis.

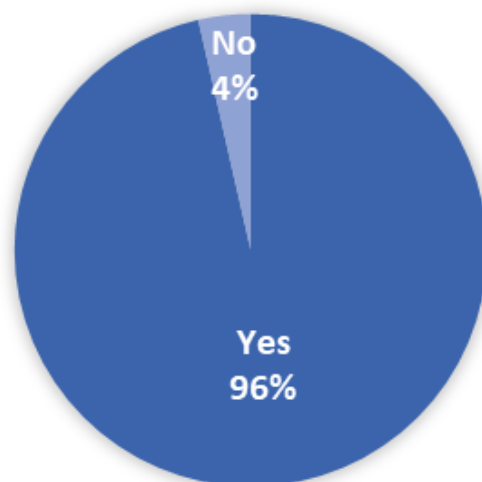


Less than half of the UN Development System entities address Biodiversity in their strategies and policies.

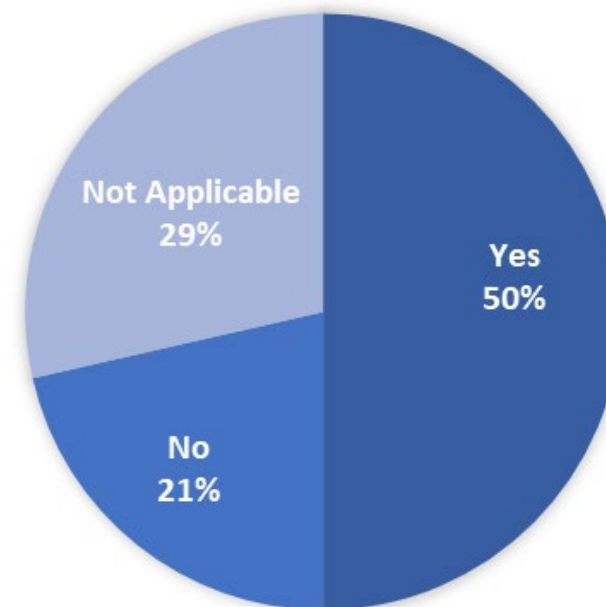
Does your entity's strategic plan substantively address the drivers of biodiversity loss?



Does your entity's strategic plan substantively address the drivers of climate change?



Has your entity adjusted its strategies, policies and programmes to align to the Common Approach to Biodiversity?



Environmental SDGs have the lowest expenditure by the UN Development System.



From the UN CEB data 2020 - <https://unsceb.org/expenses-sdg>

The Resident Coordinators system highlighted the need for strengthened integration of environmental data with economic development, peoples' lives and potential solutions.

CCA Data Processing &

Evidence-Based Analysis

Key Challenges

Faced by UNCT/RCO/RCs

03 Data Collection

Collect data and information trying to start a narrative and gathering elements needed

04 Analysis

Data gathering & generating pertinent information, drafting the narrative

OPPORTUNITY

1. Lack of reliable data & evidence-based information
2. Over abundant & inconsistent data
3. Strong political influence/interference
4. Data gathering & analysis in silos
5. Lack of integrated analysis that identifies 3-6 key findings
6. Lack of tools for systemic thinking & analysis
7. High Income Countries can obtain the best strategic advisory services in. What would be the added value of the UN?
8. High level of expectations in a limited time frame
9. Focusing on issues rather than opportunities

02 CCA Outlines

Working Groups/PMT sharing responsibilities across the UNCT

05 Quality Assurance

PSG/R-DCO conducts a quality review of the draft and the UNCT finalize the process

Key bottlenecks/opportunities that the UN will engage in over the next 2-5 years

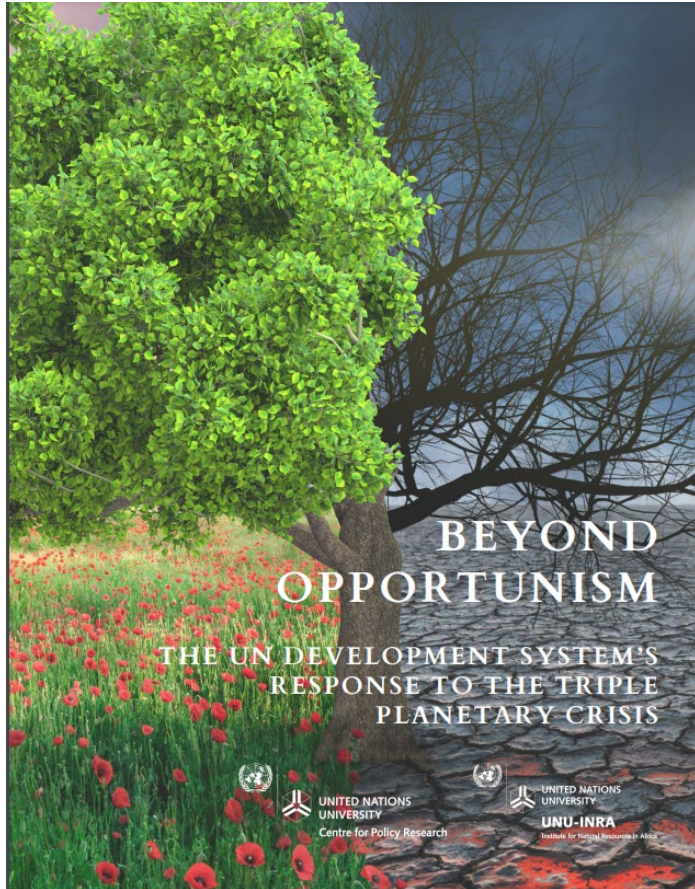
01 UNCT Roadmap

Discussion on the steps and **modus operandi**

06 CCA Key Findings

The UNCT provides a sounded analysis that is useful for the RC/UNCT to engage with the Government in view of the UNSDCF

UN Resident Coordinators requested increased support by the UNDS to respond to the triple planetary crisis.

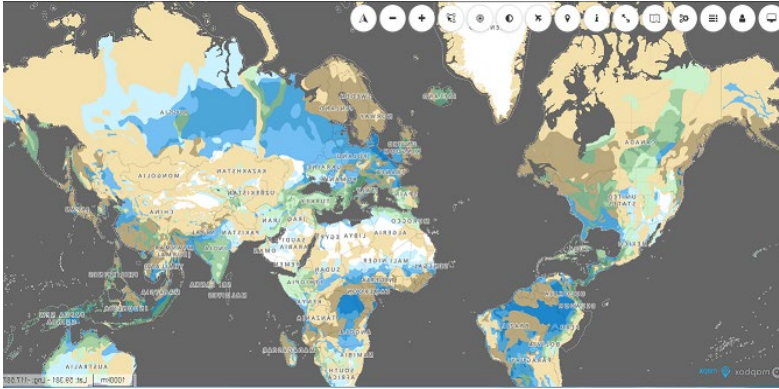


- Establish a specialist triple planetary crisis response team
- Develop country-specific solutions
- Invest in the business case
- Consolidate data for multi-level environmental governance
- Resource and scale-up foresight efforts
- Coordinate priorities around country typologies
- Use results groups to ensure integration delivers
- Develop and use a crisis prevention and preparedness toolbox

UNEP Regional Offices are experiencing increasing demands for engagement from Resident Coordinators

2. Addressing the knowledge needs to mainstream environment at the country level

Strengthening analytics on environment to inform Common Country Analyses and UN country team processes.



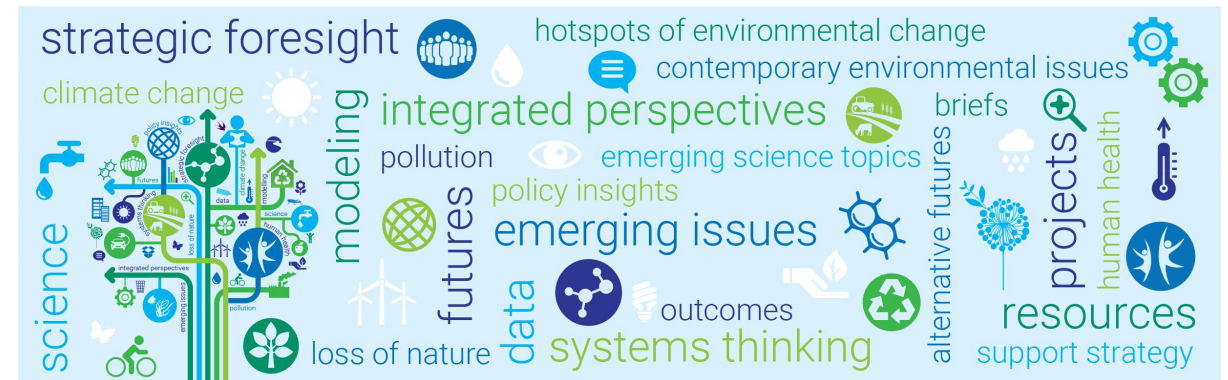
**World Environment Situation Room –
*environmental data for sustainable development***



**Enhancing the Science-Policy Interface --
*evidence-based environmental policies for
implementation and tracking progress***



**Spotlight publications –
*key issues supporting
countries and UN Agencies***



Strategic Foresight, Horizon scanning, Futures thinking

Strengthening data & analytics on environment to inform Common Country Analyses and UN country team processes.

WESR-CCA Workshop with UNEP and selected RCs was held to assess/identify:

- Existing data needs of and use by UNCTs & success criteria in integrating environment in CCAs
- Effectiveness of the WESR-CCA platform as a tool to influence the CCAs through data
- Model(s) for successful engagement with the CCA process

Key recommendations:

Standardized data

1. Produce standardized data to UNCTs/RCOs
2. Strengthen integrated approach on the triple planetary crisis and **SDGs**
3. Transform the CCA into an environmental decision-making tool which can, in turn, inform the formulation of a robust Cooperation Framework

WESR-CCA site improvements

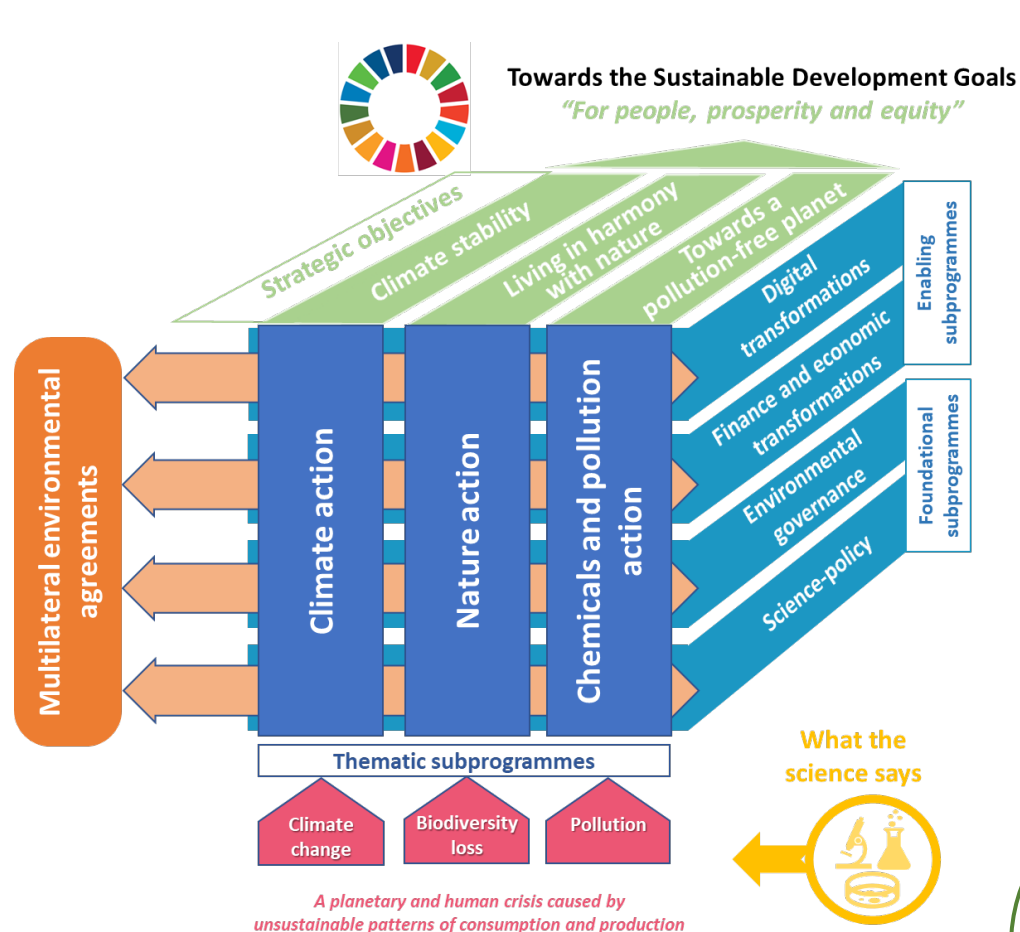
4. Incorporate risk and policy analysis with data provided
5. Improve interoperability and data completeness
6. Improve accessibility and data accuracy

UNEP engagement

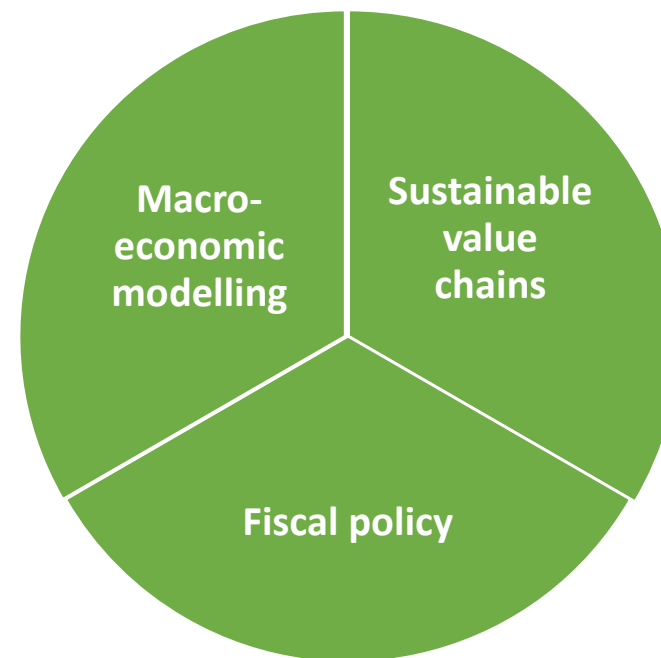
7. Allocate more UNEP staff time, including Division staff, to support CCA and CF processes
8. Facilitate access to funds and relevant technical expertise



Leveraging the Finance & Economic transformations to enable mainstreaming in Cooperation Frameworks.



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



UN Economist network & RCO economists' engagement

Dialogues & trainings

Targeted country level support
(Argentina, Indonesia, Morocco, Thailand)

Leveraging commitments made under the Multilateral Environmental Agreements for action in Cooperation Frameworks.

	Climate	Pollution	Biodiversity
Global	➤ The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) ➤ The United Nations Convention on Combat Desertification (UNCCD)	➤ Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions on the sound management of Chemicals throughout their lifecycle(BRS) ➤ Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer. ➤ Minamata Convention Mercury. ➤ <i>Under development</i>: a legally binding agreement on Plastic Pollution.	➤ Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) ➤ Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) ➤ Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)
Regional		➤ Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of the Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa -Africa	➤ Regional Seas - Conventions for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal environment: • Abidjan Convention - Atlantic Coast of West, Central, Southern Africa • Nairobi Convention - Western Indian Ocean • Tehran Convention – Caspian Sea • Barcelona Convention – Mediterranean Sea • Cartagena Convention - Wider Caribbean Region ➤ Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (Carpathian Convention)- Europe

General Information
on MEAs

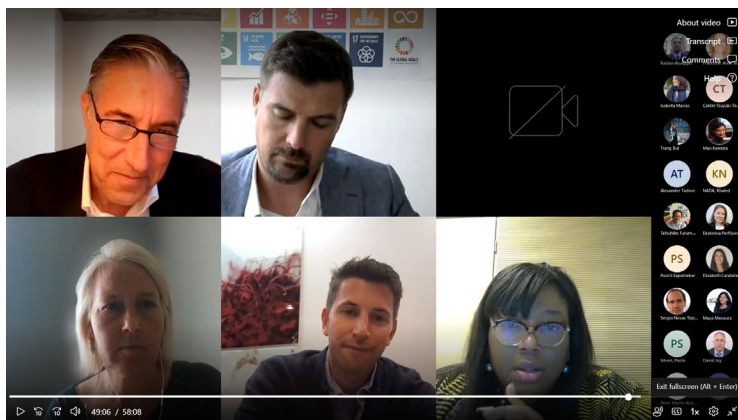
Factsheet on
key MEAs

Country-level
commitments

Increasing awareness and initiating dialogue with Resident Coordinators on key topics to address the triple planetary crisis.

DCO policy webinars for Resident Coordinators

Strengthening the ecosystem of climate action: the Role of Resident Coordinators



Bridging the Conventions on Climate & Environment for national SDG integration



Dialogues with RCO Economists



Resident Coordinator retreats
Asia Pacific retreat: collaborative leadership on the triple planetary crisis



Sharing knowledge with UN system and UN Resident Coordinators by leading Issue-Based Coalitions on environment.

Europe

Co-chair:
Environment & Climate Change

Support:
Health & Well-being
Gender
Displacement & resilience

West Asia

Co-convenor:
Urbanisation
**Food security, climate action
and environment**

Latin America & Caribbean

Co-chair:
Climate Change & Resilience

Support:
Crime & Violence

Africa

Co-convenor:
**Fostering Climate Action &
Resilience**

Support:
Displacement & Migration

Asia and Pacific

Co-chair:
Raising ambition on Climate action

Support:
Building resilience
Human rights, Gender equality and
women's empowerment

3. Extending UNEP's country level impact for a strengthened response to the triple planetary crisis

Strengthening programmatic coherence of country level activities by upgrading UNEP's means of delivery.

Programmatic Line of Sight

Country Focal Points:
UNCT engagement

Regional Offices:
*regional and national
priorities*

Divisions:
*Technical engagement and
global strategic direction*

UNEP Actions

Influencing:
Global Norms and Standards

Enabling:
*Support to policy making and
initiating systemic change,
catalysing UN system wide
action on env/cc*

Direct Support:
*Technical support, capacity
development and upscaling*

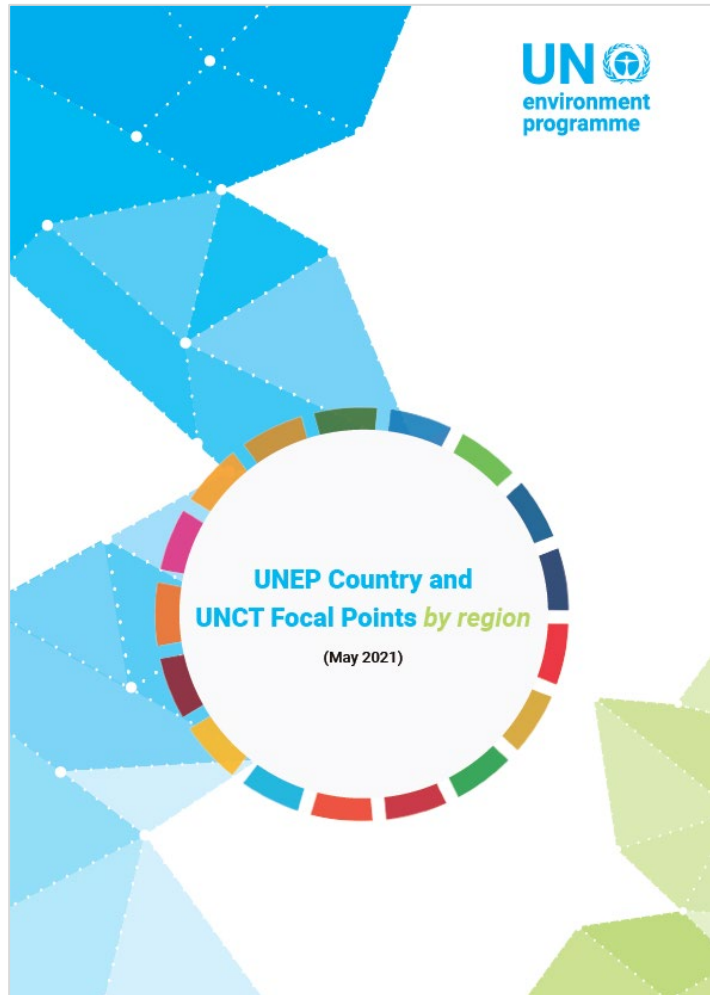
Delivery through UN Reform

**Data and analysis for
integration of environment in
CCAs and UNSDCF design**

**Contributing to UNCT results
groups**

**Guidance & knowledge
through Issue-based
Coalitions**

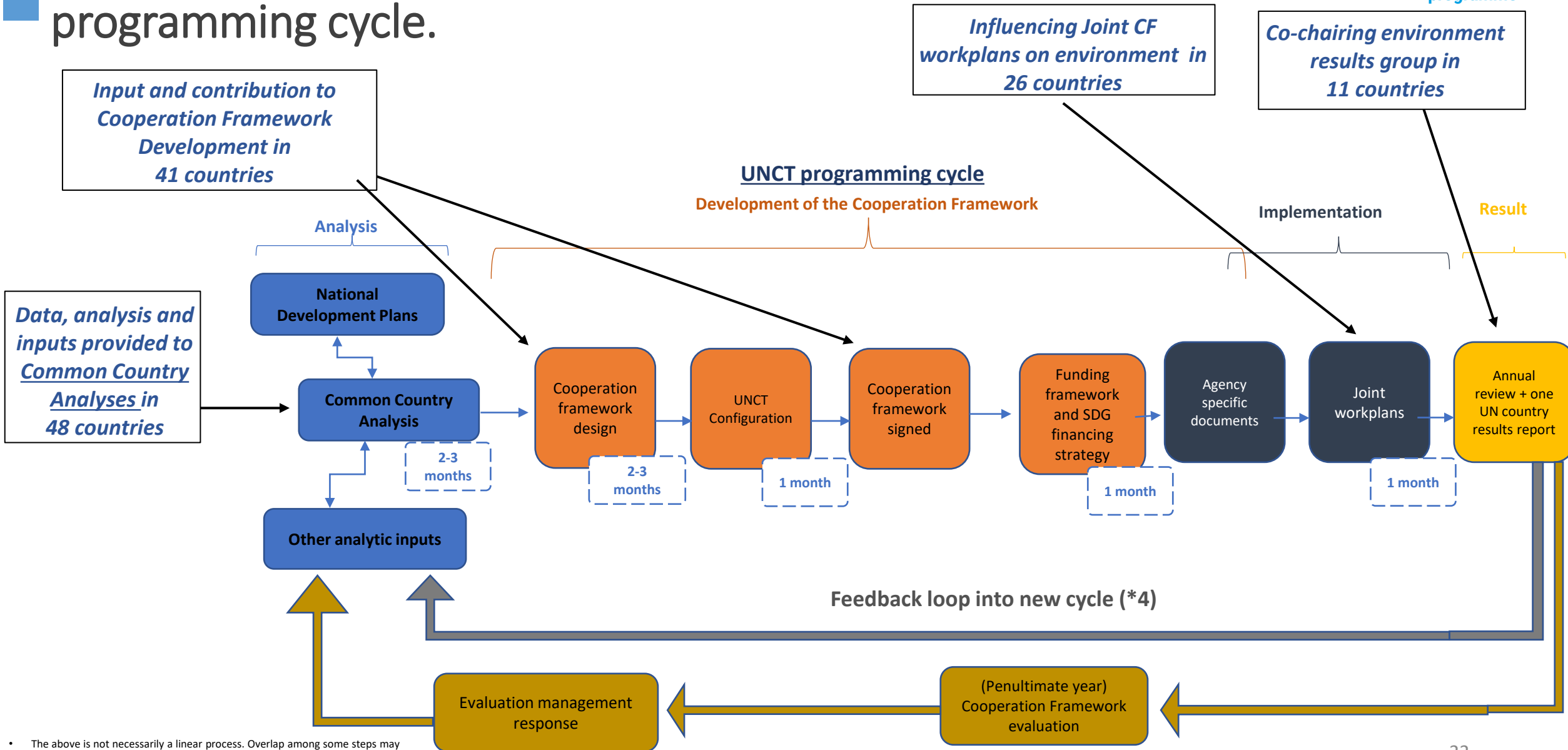
A network of focal points to represent UNEP on UN country teams.



- A network of focal points in over 90 countries.
- Act as the first port of call for requests.
- Represent UNEP in UNCTs.

The UNEP delivery model facilitates the engagement of staff capacity and time towards this effort – however it will require some stocktaking in terms of results and cross-organizational support.

Mainstreaming environment throughout the UN Country Team programming cycle.



- The above is not necessarily a linear process. Overlap among some steps may be necessary to ensure optimal preparation.
- The assumption for this diagram is that the cooperation framework is for a five-year period. This could be different per country.

Mobilizing UNEP-wide efforts to engage with the Resident Coordinator System: an advisory group leveraging Divisions and Regional offices.



Economy Division
PAGE Secretariat



Law Division
MEA Engagement



Asia Pacific Office
UNCT focal point



West Asia Office
Development
Coordination



Economy Division
Consumption &
Production Unit



Europe Office



Ecosystem Division
Common Approach to
Biodiversity



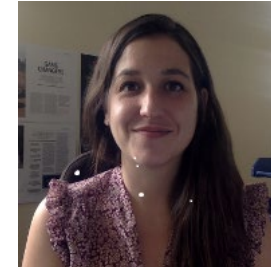
Latin America Office
UNCT focal point



Science Division
World Environment
Situation Room (WESR)



Africa Office
Development
Coordination



Communication Division
Internal Communications



Africa Office
UNCT Focal Point



Asia Pacific Office
Development
Coordination



Ecosystem Division
Food Systems



Europe Office
Development
Coordination



Latin America Office
Development Coordination

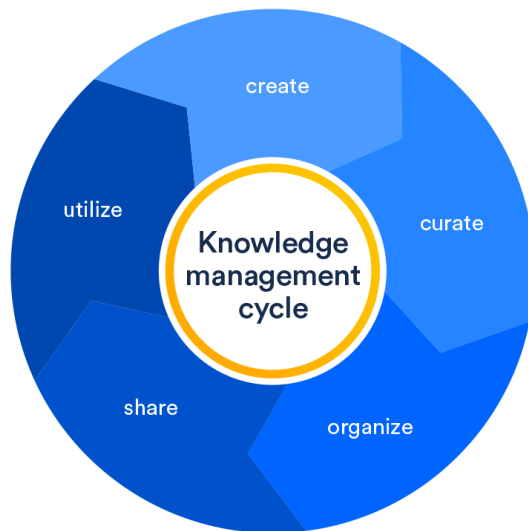


Ecosystem Division
Seconded RCO Somalia

Mobilising UNEP-wide efforts to engage with UNCTs through strengthened knowledge, exchange and awareness.

UNDS Reform - Knowledge Needs Survey across UNEP

Findings:



More exchanges across units and internal collaboration.



Access to expertise, guidance, resources and best practice from other countries to better support UNCT processes.



In depth analysis for particular cases & standard engagement packages for countries.

4. Strengthening the contribution of the UN Development System for increased environmental results at country level

Developing and implementing an UN-system wide response to the triple planetary crisis, with DCO and UNDP.

1. A system-wide response tailored to the needs of RCOs and UNCTs by establishing a direct feedback loop

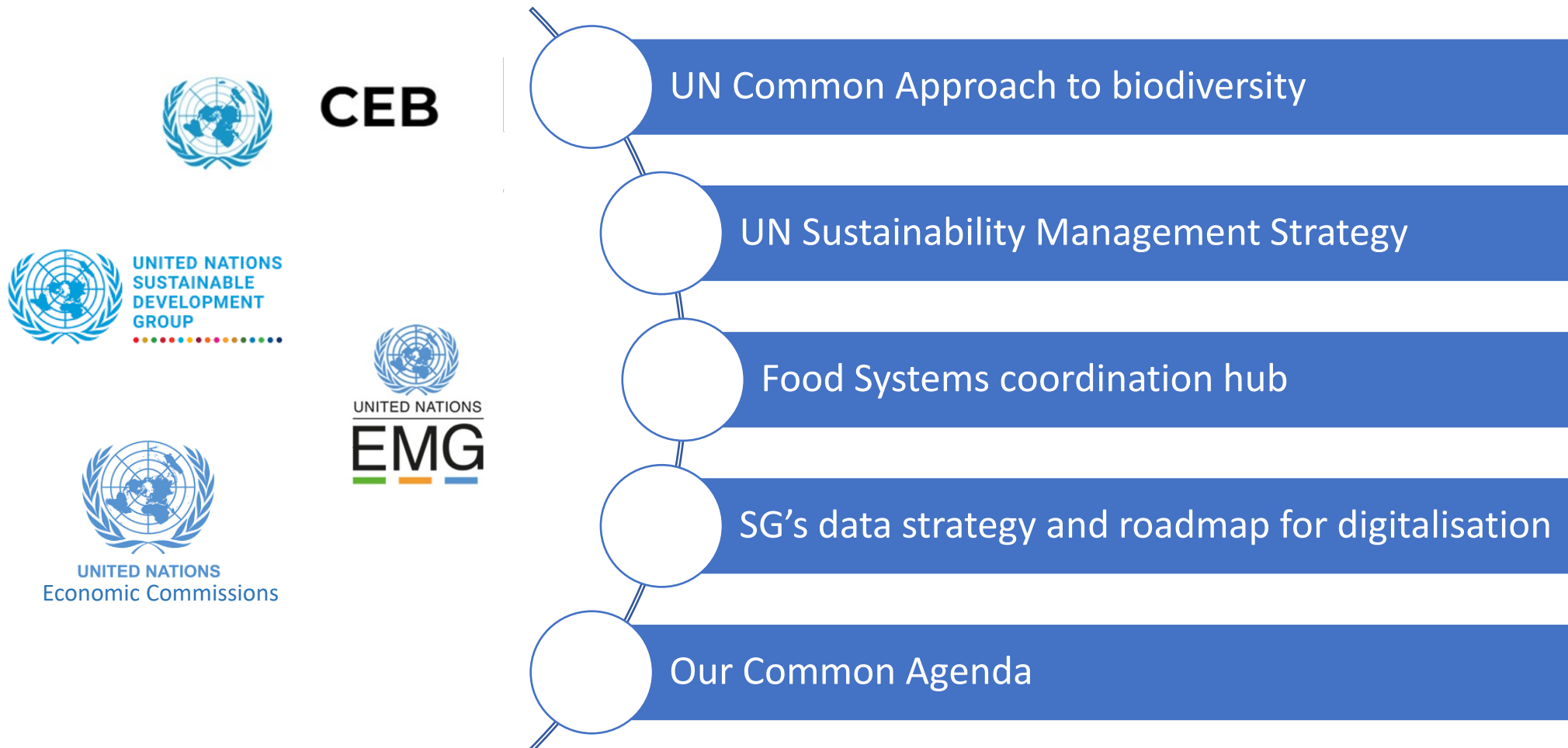
2. Opportunities to strengthen how the triple planetary crisis is addressed in Common Country Analyses and Cooperation Frameworks

3. Strengthened awareness, knowledge and capacity on key entry points for integrated programming

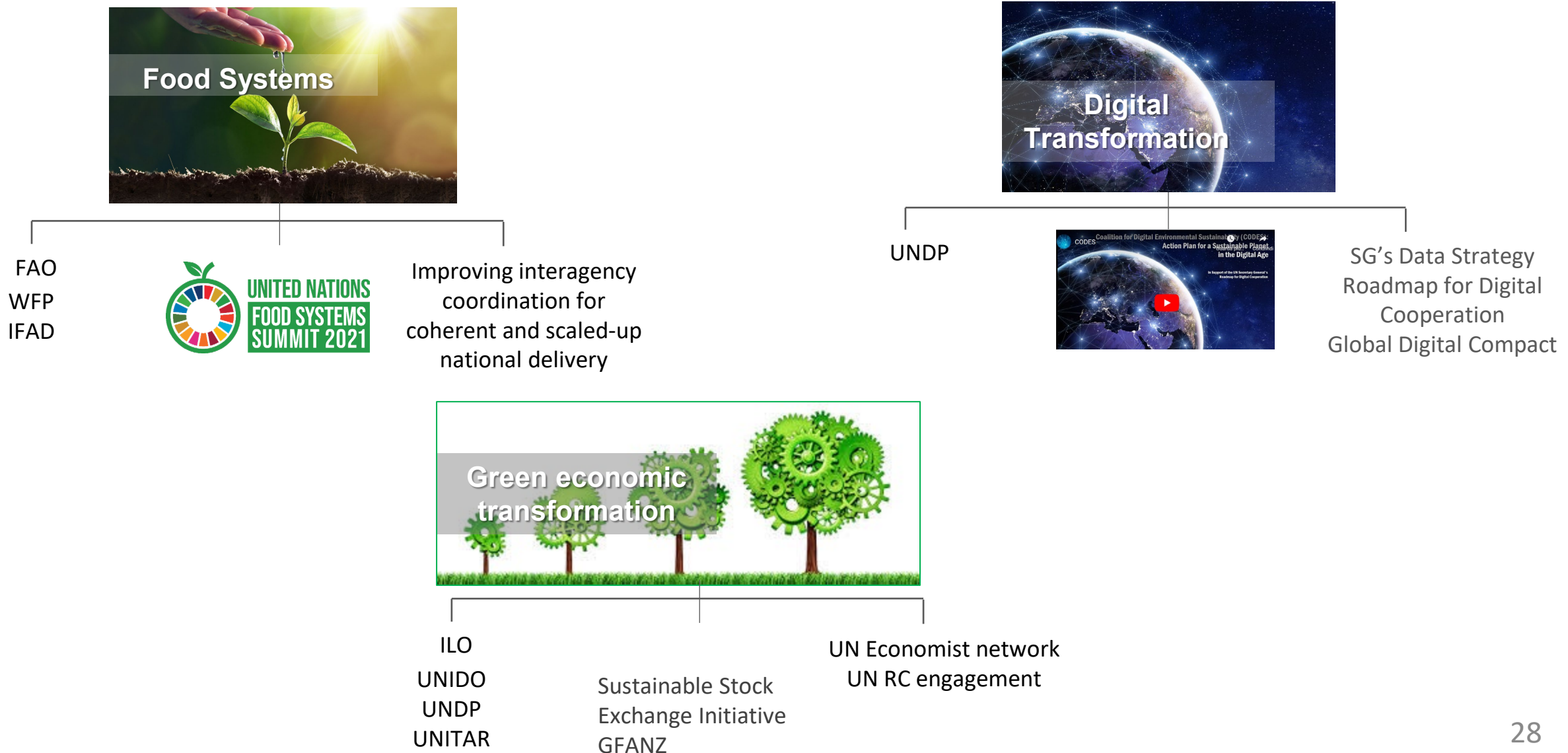
4. Approaches are tested and operationalized in select UNCTs Initial proposed selection of UNCTs for dedicated support

5. Global interagency collaboration and coherence is strengthened through the UN Environment Management Group

Developing and operationalizing UN-wide strategies on environment across the UN system.



Strengthening impact-oriented partnerships with UN entities in critical investment areas to leapfrog on key SDGs.



5. Looking ahead

Further build and strengthen actions in three main areas:

1. Address knowledge needs

- Tailored knowledge products for application by RC system.
- Integrated analytics on environment-people-economy.
- Internal knowledge network for UN reform engagement.

2. Extend country level reach

- Proposed joint UNEP-DCO regional advisors on climate & environment (building on the ongoing pilot in the Asia Pacific).
- Increase coherence of country level engagement (standard engagement package, comprehensive engagement plans, etc.).
- Enhance UNEP Technical Division and Regional collaboration for UNEP delivery.

3. Enhance the UN system's capacity to deliver on environmental results

- UN system-wide response to the triple planetary crisis.

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