UN environment programme

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

Draft MTS – Table of Contents

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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

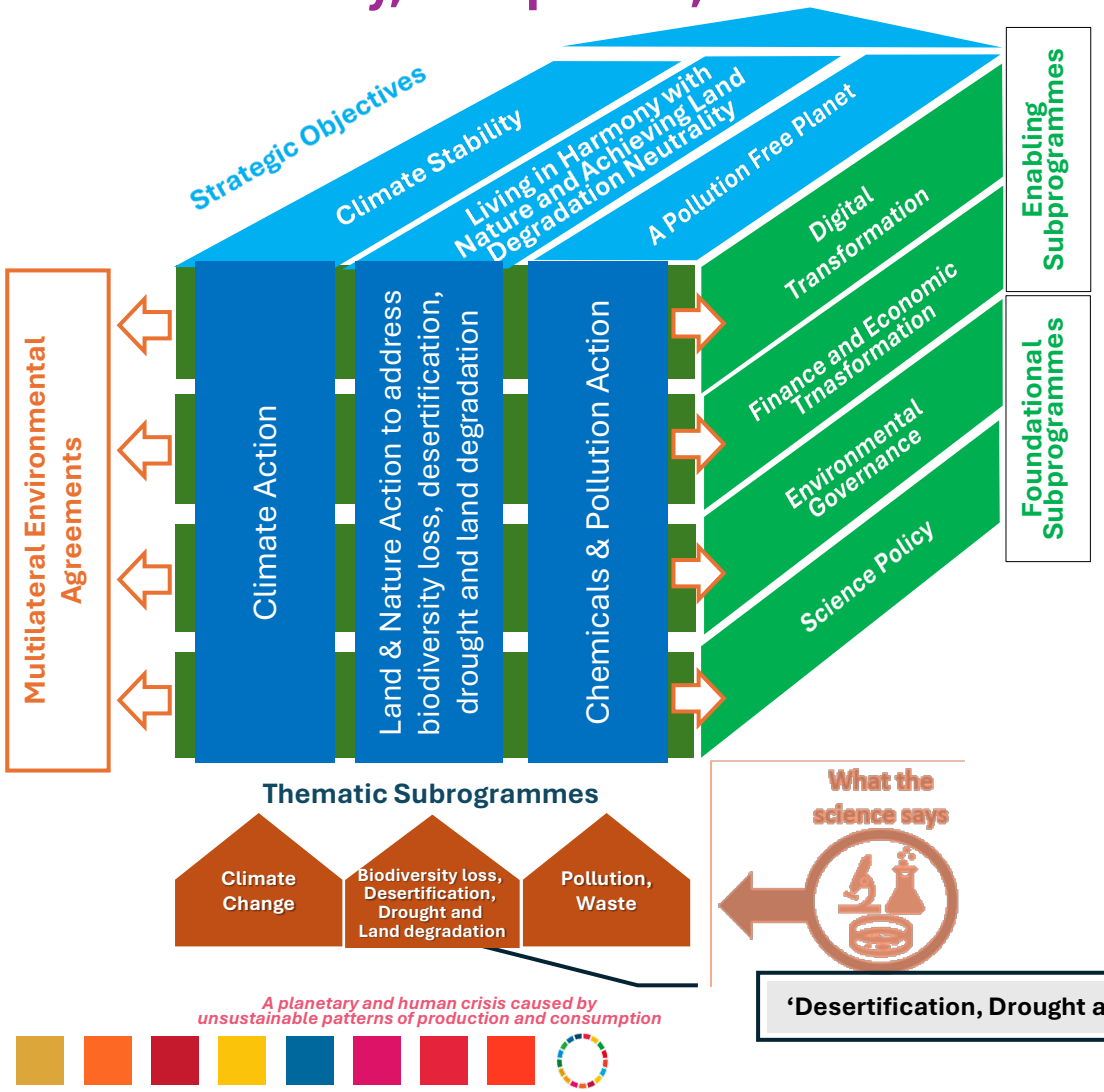
Key revisions:

- 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



‘*Land degradation neutrality*’ added.

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

‘Desertification, Drought and Land degradation’ added.

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.

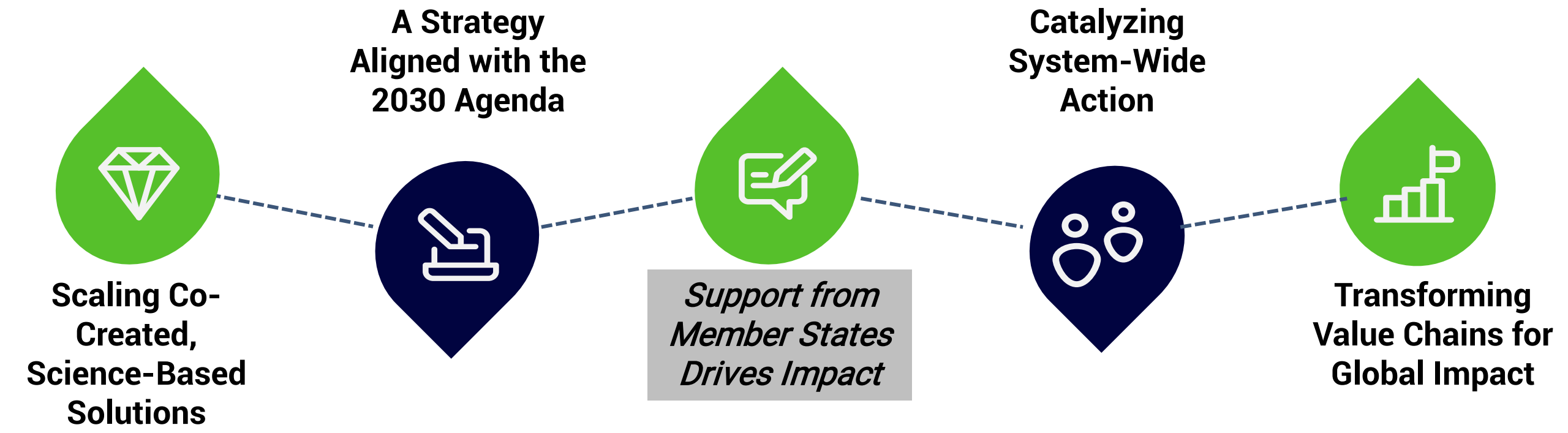
How We deliver

- 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

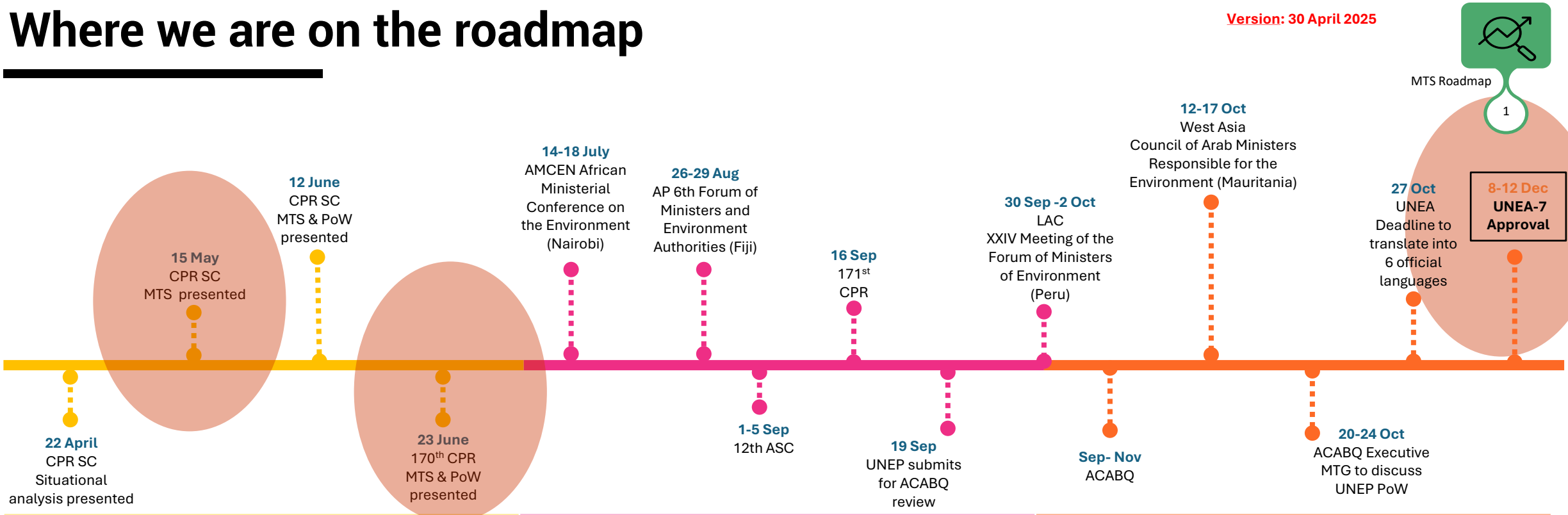


Key recommendations from CPR members incorporated

- **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



Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025
CPR SC & CPR 170th • Situational analysis presented (April) • Draft of the MTS & PoW presented (May-June) • **Draft PoW including budget and monitoring framework** • **Draft MTS & PoW narratives with Theory of Change** • Final MTS and PoW in English (pre-edits)	**12th ASC** • One page infographic on MTS • **ASC informal endorsement for the Secretariat to submit documents to UNON for editing and translation (6 UN languages)** **CPR Subcommittee & CPR 171th** • Final Draft of MTS and PoW for endorsement by CPR and submission to UNEA. • **Preparation of draft UNEA decision on MTS and PoW** **Regional Fora** • MTS validation with Regional Fora **ACABQ** • UNEP submits for ACABQ review – **19 September** • ACABQ organizes a hearing within 1 weeks – **26 September**	**ACABQ** • ACABQ sends questions to UNEP – **3 October** • UNEP issues a managements response within 5 business days – **10 October** • ACABQ puts together an executive note – **13-17 October** • ACABQ organizes an executive meeting to discuss UNEP PoW – **20- 24 October** • ACABQ issues a draft report with comments/recommendations to UNEP (roughly 6 weeks after UNEP submits the PoW and budget) – **31 October** • **UNEP issues a management response to ACABQ in 5 business days – 3 – 7 November** • ACABQ issues a formal report to UNEP – **10-14 November** **UNEA-7** • UNEA-7 approval of the MTS 2026-29 & PoW 2026-27: OECPR (1-5 Dec) & UNEA-7 (8-12 Dec) • Develop communication & outreach plan

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Thank you