# Strengthening international environmental governance in the context of sustainable development

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# 1. Understanding the Context

*Global Environmental Governance*



- A geopolitical issue: science and action-oriented agenda, strategic perspectives
- National vision and interests versus economic (and social) perspectives
- The regional and "clubs" arrangements for acting (economic, trade, and technological interests and alliances)
- Other adults in the room: private and financial sectors and global civil society co-responsibilities

# 2. Creating an Effective Political Dialogue

*Critical Action to make things move*



*Thinking about an innovative step-by-step political dialogue process ex-ante UNEA*

- Innovative political processes for engagement and dialogue: Action and science-oriented?
- Bring issues, agendas, and people together and closer
- Improve coordination with ECOSOC

# 3. Nurturing the power of UNEP

*Strategic leadership to bring people together*

Assets:

- The Secretariat's technical expertise (MEA's, Rio's Conventions and Scientific Panels)
- The international capacity to mobilize, convene and engage international talent/players
- A specialized science-policy interface on the environment

# 4. Strengthening UNEA

*Some recommendations*

- Strengthen and integrate the science for informed decision-making: focus on the critical issues (i.e. oceans); facilitate to connect regional and national realities/demands; energize the information and data flows and improve coordination of scientific knowledge production (request/demand);

- "Sustainable disruption" –provide concrete solutions to address country environmental, social and economic needs; science could show how sustainability is actually as an asset for policymakers (shared experiences and solutions rather than best practices)

# 4. Strengthening UNEA

*Some recommendations*

- Organize preparatory meetings for UNEA (for example, ECOSOC meetings)
- Strategic perspectives of the Secretariats and the national interests should be compatible
- Provide recommendations (as a political outcome) to the Conventions and MEA's constituencies to be adopted (or not)