

# Law Division

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Orientation session for the members of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

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Hybrid meeting (Conference Room 4 and Online)  
Monday, 10 March 2025, 09:30-13:00 (EAT)

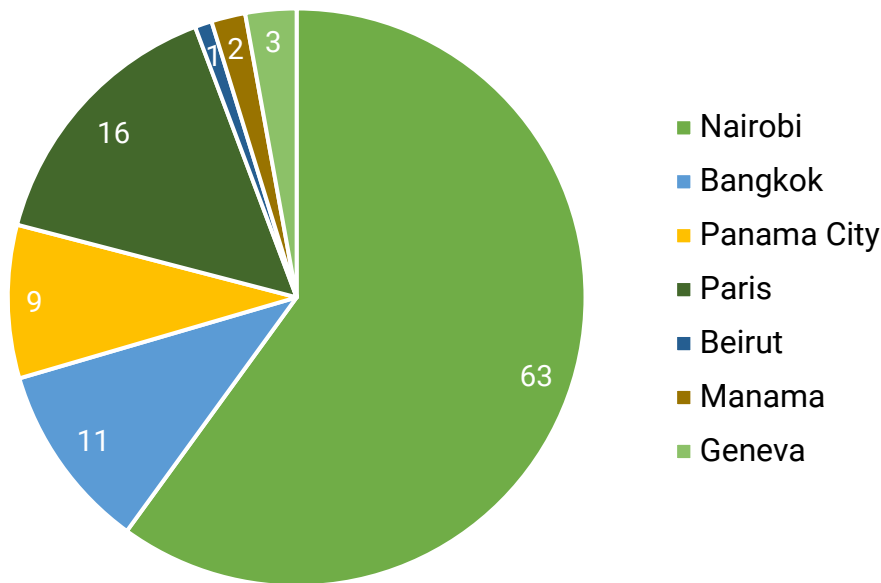
# Law Division carries out the functions of UNEP in the field of environmental law and governance

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Law Division supports Member States in the **development and implementation** of **laws** and **policies** at the global, regional and national levels to help achieve **environmental commitments and goals**, which respond effectively to existing or emerging environmental issues, and within the context of the sustainable development goals.

# Human and Financial Capital

Distribution of **105 staff** through duty stations



Most of the Division’s work focuses on delivering the **Environmental Governance foundational sub-programme** within UNEP’s Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2025.

Within the current MTS, the estimated financial overview is of **184 million USD** for staff and programmatic costs.



# The Law Division has three core functions:



Technical assistance and capacity building to Member States



Advisory services to UNEP Divisions/Offices, and intergovernmental bodies



Thought-leadership and collective intelligence

# Law Division provides technical assistance and capacity building to Member States



- Montevideo Environmental Law Programme
- Support to Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs): Treaties Programme, ACP-MEAs, synergies and coordination
- Work with UNRCs and UNCTs
- OzonAction

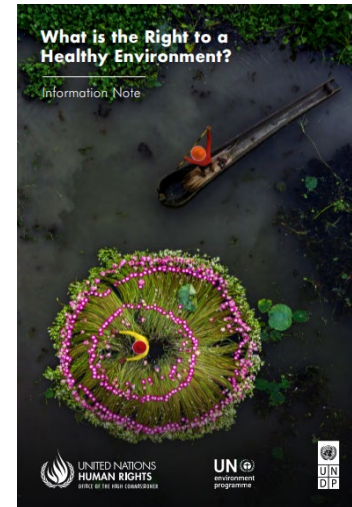
# Law Division provides advisory services to other Divisions/Offices/MEAs/Processes

- **Legal and procedural support** to UNEA, CPR, and other subsidiary and intersessional bodies
- **Coordinates** legal and procedural support for various entities
- **Substantive support:** legal, policy and governance support
- ❖ Environment Management Group hosted by the environmental governance subprogramme



# Law Division provides thought-leadership in environmental law and governance

- ❖ Faith for Earth
- ❖ Right to a healthy environment
- ❖ Emerging and frontier issues
  - Beyond formal law
  - Space sustainability
  - Digital sequence information
  - Sustainability litigation
  - Environmental rights
  - Etc.



# Law Division provides collective intelligence by hosting different platforms:



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We have launched a new section for negotiations of MEAs. Click here to visit.

Access information on Multilateral Environmental Agreements

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Find out more about what issue each environmental agreement seeks to address and how the conventions complement each other. For multilateral environmental agreements you will find: environmental agreements' summary, environmental agreements' text and amendments, environmental agreements' decisions and resolutions, environmental agreements' ratification status.



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Data Reporting Tool for MEAS - DaRT

Be smart - use synergies



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UNEP launches the Montevideo Environmental Law Programme 'Law and Environment Assistance Platform' (LEAP)

LAW AND ENVIRONMENT ASSISTANCE PLATFORM

UNEP's Law and Environment Assistance Platform (UNEP-LEAP) is the Montevideo Environmental Law Programme's digital backbone. Member States can directly request support from UNEP and partners via the Clearing House Mechanism within the technical assistance section. Likewise, they can use the knowledge base and country profile sections to access relevant environmental news, legislation, jurisprudence, model laws, legislative toolkits, and other environmental law guidance products and resources.



Global Judicial Institute on the Environment

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Global Judicial Portal

For judges by judges in support of environmental issues

ABOUT THE JUDICIAL PORTAL

The Judicial Portal is a platform that promotes and provides greater access to judges and the global environmental law community with environmental law information and jurisprudence. The portal is an innovative project developed by a Joint Working Group comprised of the World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL), the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment (GJIE), and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS

COP28 Event - Climate Change and Courts: Judicial Perspectives on Climate Litigation

EventDecember 10, 2023

GJIE-NYU LAW, A Dialogue on the Latest Scientific and Legal Developments in Climate Change Law

# Law Division relies strongly on its partnerships

- ❖ Governments
- ❖ Parliamentarians
- ❖ Judiciaries
- ❖ UN bodies
- ❖ MEA Secretariats
- ❖ Civil society
- ❖ Indigenous Peoples
- ❖ Private sector



# Thank you



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