



LAW DIVISION
(For Orientation of new
Members of the Committee of
Permanent Representatives)

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Environmental Governance subprogramme

Overall objective: *Promoting policy coherence and strong legal and institutional frameworks to achieve environmental goals in the context of sustainable development*



Helping countries bring environmental treaties to life for people and the planet

Pushing the frontiers of environmental law

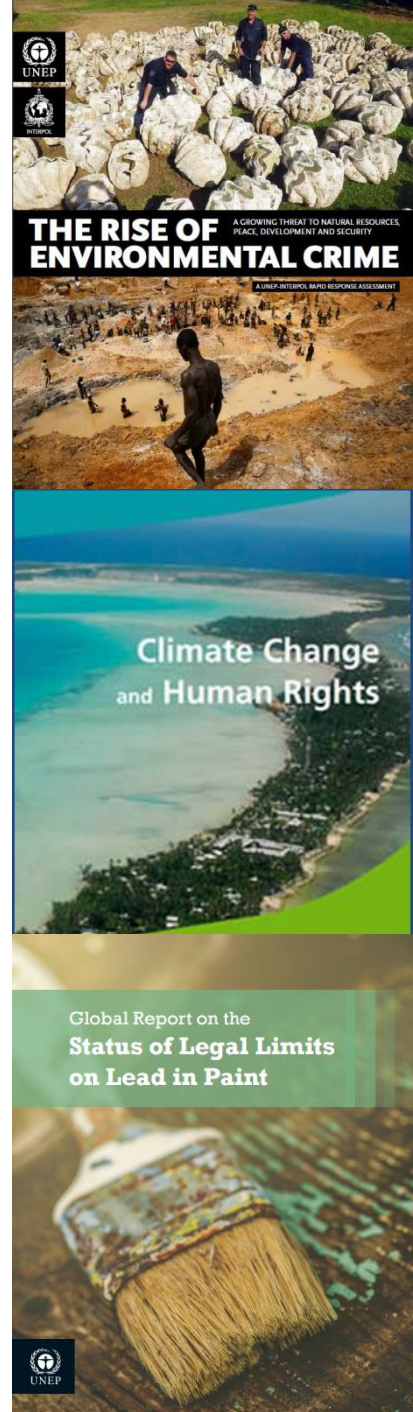


Bringing the system together through international environmental governance

Making environmental law work for citizens around the world

A sustainable, healthier, fairer, more just and prosperous world with legal order

- ✓ Environmental Justice
- ✓ Environmental Rule of Law
- ✓ Human rights and the environment
- ✓ Montevideo Programme: Addressing priority issues and closing legal gaps
- ✓ Adequate, fair, clear and implementable environmental laws
- ✓ Stronger capacities to comply with and enforce environmental obligations
- ✓ Environmental crime and illegal exploitation of natural resources
- ✓ Environmental law and health: Legal limits for lead in paint
- ✓ Legal order of the oceans
- ✓ Green economy law



Climate Change
and Human Rights

Global Report on the
Status of Legal Limits
on Lead in Paint

International Environmental Governance: Bringing the System together

- ✓ Rio+20 – paragraphs 88 and 89, UNGA resolution 70/1 (2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDGs)
- ✓ UNEA resolutions 1/11 & 2/5 on UN system-wide coherence
- ✓ Strategic policy for integrated and coherent environmental governance
- ✓ Synergies among Multilateral Environmental Agreements
 - ✓ Sound management of chemicals and hazardous waste
 - ✓ Sustainable management of ecosystems and biodiversity



Strategic Partnerships

- Major groups and stakeholders including Private Sector
- Enforcement agencies:
 - Judiciary
 - Prosecution
 - Parliaments
- Academic Institutions



- UN Institutions
- MEAs Secretariats
- Governments
- Regional Organizations

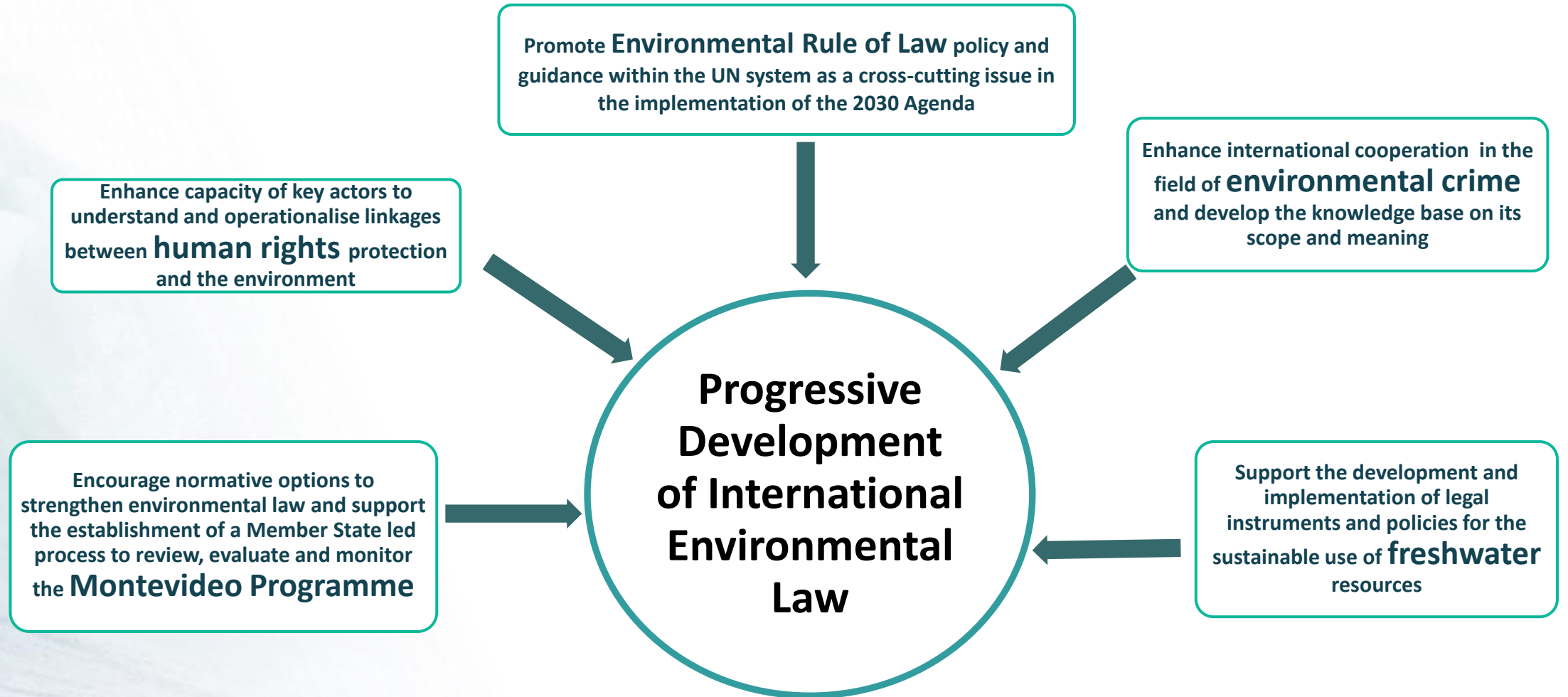
- Green Customs – for trade-related MEAs (plus Interpol and World Customs Organization)
- ECOLEX – Gateway of environmental law database (jointly between UN Environment, FAO & IUCN)
- InforMEA and IKM - jointly with over 20 MEAs secretariats, UN agencies and international NGOs
- MEAs ACP – ACP countries, ACP secretariat, FAO, UN Environment and donor (EU)
- African Elephant Fund Secretariat – Donors (various) and elephant range states

SHAPING THE AGENDA GOING FORWARD

New Horizons – Where we are going

- ✓ Engage the world and cooperate inclusively on delivering environmental justice in the context of the 2030 Agenda
- ✓ Promoting fair and just societies, govern the world's natural resources more sustainably
- ✓ Consolidate efforts and activities directed at the implementation of the SDGs
- ✓ Strengthen governance and environmental rule of law to make societies collectively more fit to meet global environmental challenges for 2030 Agenda
- ✓ Improve existing communications strategy to engage business in participating in these efforts and harness resources in pursuit of UN Environment's shared agenda
- ✓ Enhance cooperation within UN system in implementation System-Wide Framework of Strategies on the Environment and its linkages with other partners
- ✓ Development of legal and implementation tools for integrated efficient implementation of SDGs and goals of MEAs at global and national levels

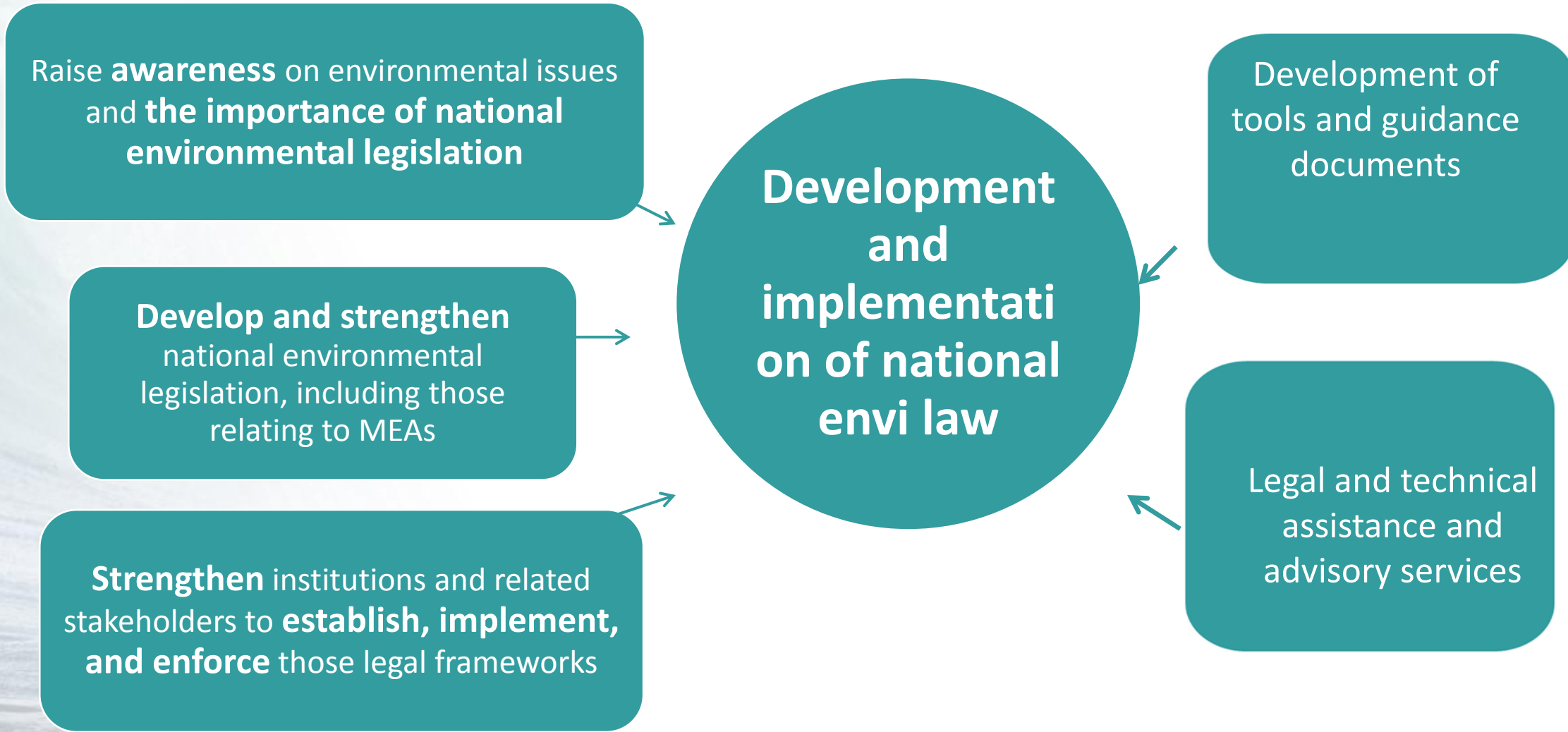
International Environmental Law



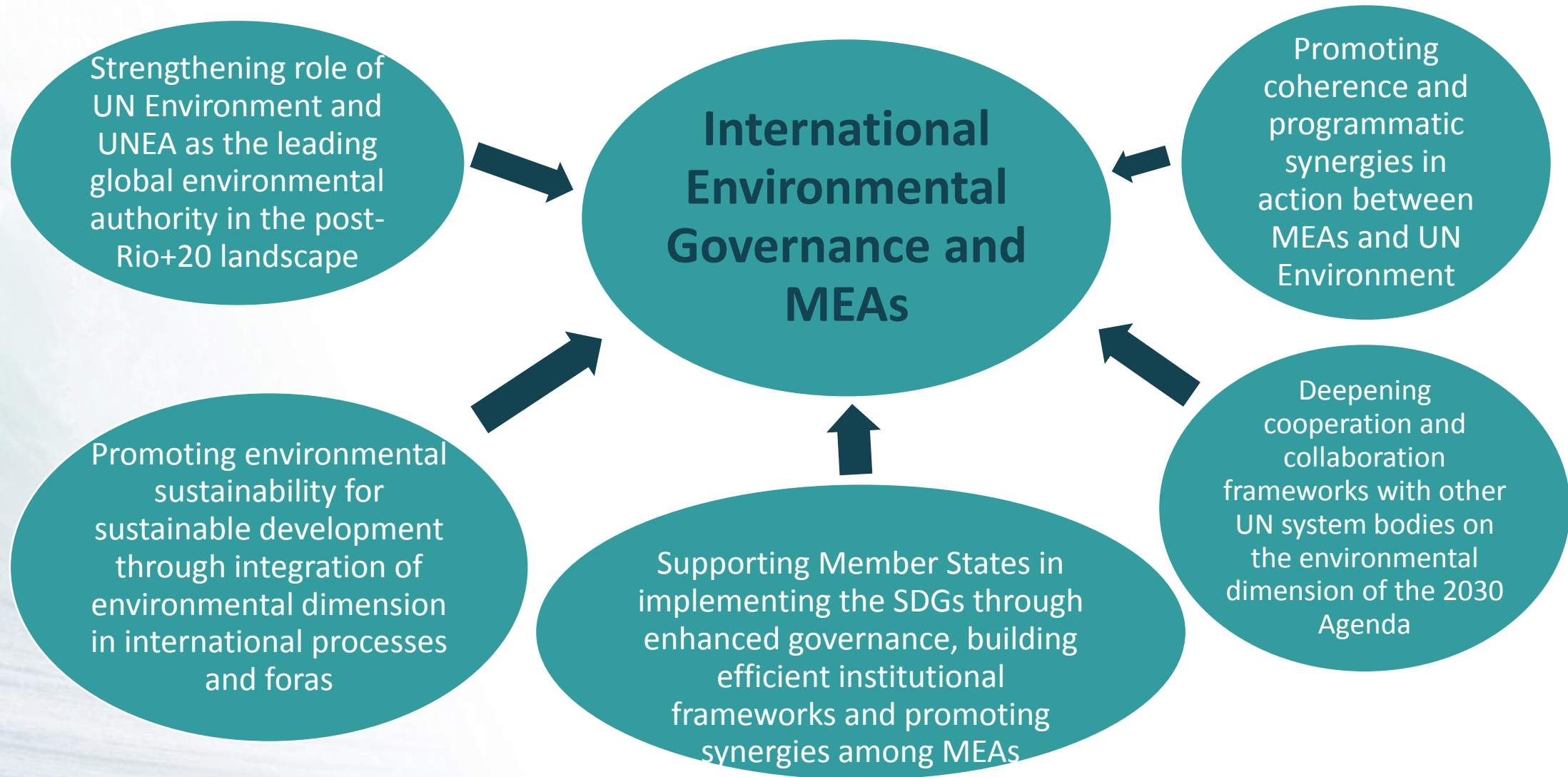
Strengthened international environmental law frameworks for the realization of the 2030 Agenda and in response to emerging and progressive issues identified by the Montevideo Programme IV and its mid-term review

National Environmental Law

Strengthened national laws and institutions to ensure the lasting protection of the planet and its natural resources in pursuit of the 2030 Agenda and its goals



International Environmental Governance and MEAs



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MEAs Clusters



Cooperation on Enhanced Implementation and Enforcement of MEAs

Strengthen collaboration between UNEP and MEAs for which it provides administrative and programmatic support

Support alignment of implementation of MEAs goals, policies and action plans with implementation of SDGs

Enhance coherence and synergies among clusters of MEAs (e.g. biodiversity, chemicals, wastes, water, seas, land) including knowledge and information sharing

Compliance, implementation and enforcement of MEAs at national, regional, and global levels (UN Environment administered MEAs and others – e.g. UNFCCC, UNCCD, Ramsar)



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