

## ADVANCING IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL TREATIES BY:

### Supporting the Ratification and Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

We support the development of legal and institutional frameworks and build capacities of participating countries to meet the core obligations of the Nagoya Protocol.

We assist national governments to create greater legal certainty and transparency for both providers and users of genetic resources.



### Promoting the Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol

We assist governments to establish legal, administrative, technical and institutional frameworks to fulfil their obligations to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

We enhance institutional and human capacities for biosafety compliance including decision-making, information sharing and management at national, regional and global levels.



### Building Institutional Capacities to meet Environmental Commitments

We build institutional capacities in African, Caribbean, and Pacific countries to achieve environmental goals by providing support for the implementation of multilateral environment agreements in the biodiversity and chemicals and waste clusters.

We enhance implementation of biodiversity and chemicals related multilateral environmental agreements through participatory planning, knowledge management and capacity building.



### Strengthening Synergies in Implementing Environmental Conventions

We support governments to promote synergies in the implementation of multilateral environmental agreements.

We provide information and knowledge management products on the coherent and synergistic implementation of multilateral environmental agreements.



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## INVEST IN US

As the world's leading global authority on the environment we have the reach, influence and expertise to ensure that investments in environmental governance have a measurable impact. Strengthening environmental governance requires major investment in public sector institutions, partnerships grounded in accountability, good science, and policy know-how. An investment in us is an investment in the clean and healthy societies of the future.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME

### GOOD GOVERNANCE FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

At UN Environment we work with countries to promote effective and inclusive environmental governance by promoting a rights-based-approach to environmental management, and by strengthening capacities to enforce legislation and combat violations.

## WHAT WE DO

### ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES THROUGH THE LAW BY:

#### Supporting Implementation of International and National Environmental Laws

We strengthen the promotion, protection and respect for environmental rights.

We strengthen laws and institutions to combat air pollution, marine pollution, and ensure sound management of chemicals and waste.

We strengthen laws and institutions to effectively combat environmental crime.

We strengthen laws and institutions to implement Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement.

We strengthen national and regional laws and institutions to implement the global biodiversity agenda.



#### Regulating Wildlife Management & Combating Environmental Crime

We facilitate the development of guidance materials and evidence-based reports for the development and implementation of policies and strategies to address illegal wildlife trade.

We help countries to strengthen legal frameworks to better control legal trade and fight illegal trade of wildlife and wildlife products. We support countries to effectively develop new or review existing legal frameworks to implement environmental adjudication.

We work with judges, prosecutors, and enforcement agencies to strengthen national capacities to respond to environmental crimes.



#### Promoting Environmental Rights

We engage governments to strengthen institutional capacities to develop and implement policy and legal frameworks that protect environmental rights effectively.



## WHAT WE DO

We promote access to information on environmental rights to stakeholders and the civil society.

We assist businesses to better understand their environmental obligations and provide guidance on how to champion environmental rights.



#### Legislating for our Climate

We strengthen judicial capacities to adjudicate environmental and climate change cases.

We assist national governments, international organizations, and experts to develop tools that help create necessary legal frameworks for effective implementation of the Paris Agreement.



#### Combating Environmental Pollution

We provide legal and technical expertise to develop and implement legal frameworks and policies that promote air quality.

We address and help countries to prevent further degradation of the marine environment through the development and integration of legislation and policies into their national development plans.

We strengthen the capacity of countries to prevent and control illegal transboundary movements of harmful substances and hazardous wastes.

We promote best available technologies and environmental practices that support the better management of marine litter and plastic waste.



### STRENGTHEN COHESIVE AND COORDINATED GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSES BY:

#### Supporting the High-Level Political Forum

We strengthen the visibility of the environment and of the Environment Assembly messages at the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development to assess progress and challenges in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its interlinkages with the social and economic dimensions.



## WHAT WE DO

#### Supporting the Environment Management Group

We provide the secretariat for, participate in, and chair the Environment Management Group.

We strengthen collaboration on the environment and ensure that the United Nations system follows coherent approaches in pursuit of the environmental dimension of the Sustainable Development Goals.



#### Promoting International Agreements

We promote international agreements and cooperation on issues of regional and global significance by supporting relevant intergovernmental processes.



### SUPPORT COHERENT IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS BY:

#### Promoting Poverty Eradication - Environment Linkages

We support countries to integrate poverty and environment linkages into their national and sectoral development plans and promote investment in environment and poverty eradication.



#### Greening UN Development Country Frameworks

We strengthen the capacity of UN Country teams to integrate environmental sustainability, climate change considerations and multilateral environmental agreement priorities at regional levels.



#### Strengthening Regional Environmental Ministerial Fora

We support regional and sub-regional ministerial forums for policy exchange and priority setting for key environmental issues.

