



2020 Annual Report on UNEP's Private Sector Engagement

Online Subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

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Relevant Mandates

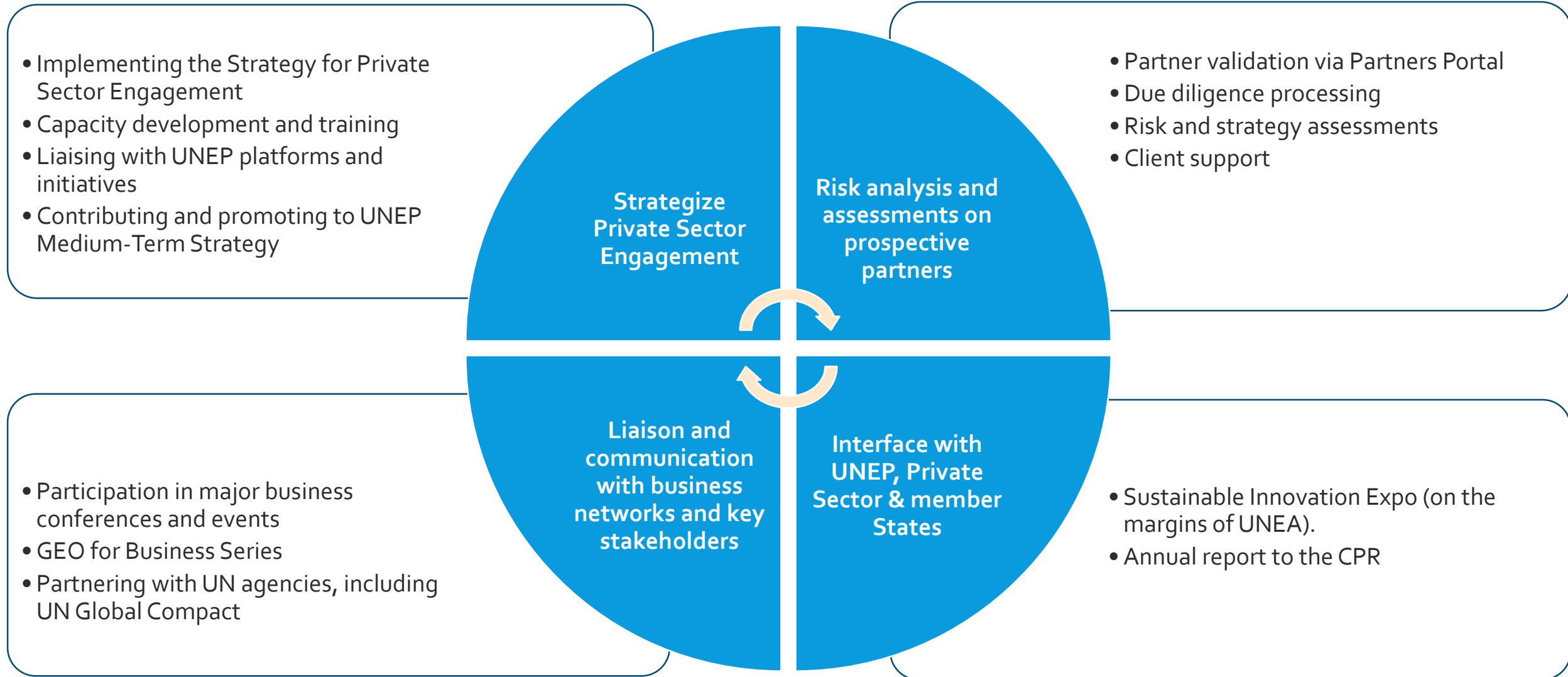
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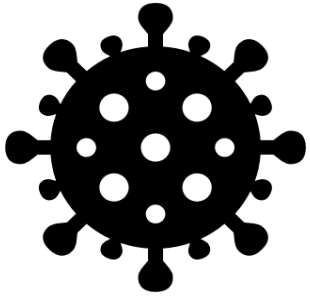
- Governing Council Decision 22/7
- Resolution 70/224 of the General Assembly
- Resolution 2/5



*** As of October 2020, the Private Sector Unit was transferred to the Corporate Services Division**

The Private Sector Unit's Roles and Functions





UNEP's response to the COVID-19 crisis in collaboration with the private sector

- **Assessing the connections between health and biodiversity**
- **Challenging policy, business, and finance communities**
- **Sharing best practices, solutions and lessons learned**
- **Supporting small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)**

UNEP's POW and Achieving the 2030 Agenda



Climate Change



Resilience to Disasters and Conflicts



Healthy and Productive Ecosystems



Environmental Governance



Chemicals, Waste and Air Quality



Resource Efficiency



Environment Under Review



Highlights

Private Sector Engagement across Sub-programmes

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Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction



Microfinance for the Ecosystem-based Adaptation (MEbA) project



The Seed Capital Assistance Facility (SCAF)



District Energy in Cities Initiative supports



The Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles












The Climate & Clean Air Coalition (CCAC)



Highlights










Private Sector Engagement across Sub-programmes

Resilience to Disasters and Conflicts 	Healthy and Productive Ecosystems 	Environmental Governance 
 Partnership with the Aga-Khan Foundation	 The AGR13 Fund  Collaboration with Japan's Nimura Genetic Solutions	 Environmental Rights Initiative  Climate Technology Centre and Network
		



Highlights

Private Sector Engagement across Sub-programmes

Chemicals, Waste and Air Quality 	Resource Efficiency 	Environment Under Review 
 Global Partnership on Nutrient Management  The Air Quality and Mobility Unit	 UNEP Finance Initiative  Sustainable Rice Platform	 GEO for Business
		

Scaling up UNEP's engagement with the private sector through platforms and initiatives



- From September 2019 to November 2020, 64 partners were processed by the Private Sector Unit, which included over 25 entities joining relevant UNEP platforms and initiatives.

The Sustainable Innovation Expo

- **The Sustainable Innovation Expo is UNEA's solutions-oriented platform for engaging the private sector through exhibits showcasing innovation and technology, panel discussions, Pop-up Chats and networking opportunities.**
- **The next Sustainable Innovation Expo will take place at UNEA-5 Part 2 in 2022.**



2016



2017



2019

CONCLUSIONS

Partnerships with UNEP are growing and have doubled since the last CPR briefing in September 2019 from 65 to 131.

More private sector entities are engaging UNEP on the environment platform with substantive initiatives directed towards the post COVID-19 recovery efforts.

Channeling stand-alone partnerships to UNEP platforms and initiatives in an effort to scale up transformation in business for the purposes of sustainability and the 2030 Agenda.

THANK YOU

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