



Montevideo Environmental Law Programme: Partnerships

A Decade of Action on Environmental Law




The Fifth Montevideo Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law (Montevideo Environmental Law Programme or Programme) guides the identification and implementation of priority actions in the field of environmental law to be undertaken by UNEP, in collaboration, coordination, or partnership with other relevant actors, for the decade beginning in 2020. The Programme promotes the development and implementation of environmental rule of law, strengthens the related capacity in countries, and contributes to the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda.



Partnerships:

The Montevideo Environmental Law Programme seeks to promote collaboration and support partnerships across the United Nations and with other relevant entities and stakeholders in the field of environmental law. As such, partnerships are at the core of the Programme and are instrumental to achieving its goals. This factsheet provides information on the process and benefits of becoming a Partner of the Programme.



What does it mean to be a Partner of the Programme?

Partners can support the implementation of the Programme in several important ways:

First, relevant stakeholders may be invited to assist in implementing the Programme as is appropriate and feasible. To facilitate this, the Secretariat of the Programme is undertaking measures to invite and register relevant stakeholders as 'Partners of the Programme'. Relevant stakeholders may include, *inter alia*, secretariats of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), other UN agencies, members of academia, experts in environmental law, civil society organizations, and representatives of the private sector.

Second, Partners of the Programme are invited to participate in the biennial global meetings of National Focal Points, and will be able to host side events related to the meetings. The global meetings are flagship events for the Programme that help shape the strategic priority areas for implementation. They are opportunities to share information on critical and emerging issues in environmental law, and to further build partnerships and coherence for Programme implementation.

Third, Partners can submit requests for technical legal assistance, make general inquiries, and share knowledge products on the digital backbone of the Programme - [the UNEP Law and Environment Assistance Platform \(UNEP-LEAP\)](#). This will further the exchange of information and contribute to catalyzing action to address emerging environmental issues through the law.

How do you become a Partner of the Programme?

Partners of the Programme can include, *inter alia*, secretariats of MEAs, other UN agencies, members of academia, experts in environmental law, civil society organizations, and representatives of the private sector. To become a Partner of the Programme, representatives of these different stakeholder groups will be able to express their interest through the registration form that will be made available on [UNEP LEAP](#) after the Online Session of the First Global Meeting in June 2021. The Secretariat will review the expressions of interest on a rolling basis, and representatives will be informed in due course about their registration status. The Secretariat may also be contacted at any time at unep-montevideo@un.org.

We look forward to working together in the implementation of the Montevideo Environmental Law Programme!

