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- For example, use of national committees, commissions, etc, as regular meetings of focal points to MEAs and SAICM can help create common understanding and further collaboration.
- Consideration also needs to be given to building experience of national focal points over time, and sharing that experience when focal points change.
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Examples of supporting actions that could be taken by MEAs/processes:

- Ensure that the necessary encouragement and guidance is in place, also communication

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- Pollution as a key driver of biodiversity loss
- International policy response to the impacts of pollution
- Current extent of alignment of the policy response
- National approaches to implementation
- The post-2020 and beyond 2020 strategy processes
- Options for action

Options for action

Key areas of mutual interest across sectors *(paragraph 77)*

- Potential impacts of chemicals and waste
- Pathways of entry and movement
- Using biodiversity to reduce impacts
- Understanding implications of damage to biodiversity
- Eliminating/reducing impacts on biodiversity
- Achieving a more integrated approach
- Promoting cooperative action
- Improving delivery and impact of existing initiatives

Options for action



Options for...

- a) Strengthening relationships for national implementation
- b) Strengthening national planning
- c) Building collaboration in key areas underpinning implementation
- d) Developing and using the necessary knowledge base
- e) Advancing international initiatives

(paragraphs 80-84)

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- Complements the 'options for action' section of study report
- Summary paragraph on the option is the same
- Examples of possible action for each of the options
- Intended as 'food for thought' to support discussion

Options for action

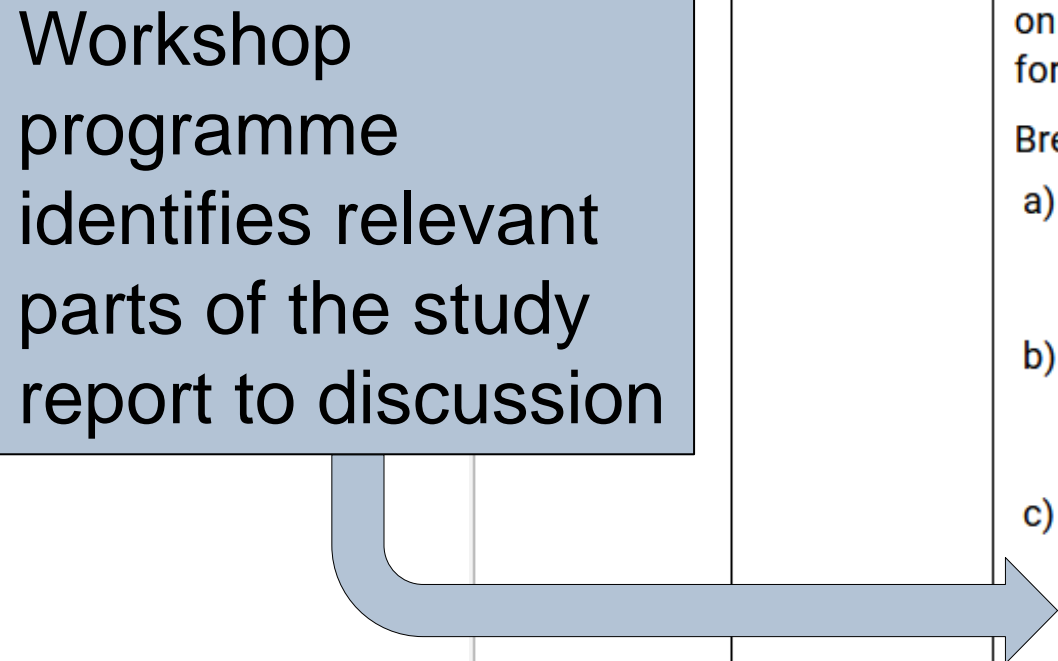
Next steps *(paragraph 85)*

- Post-2020 and beyond 2020 processes
- Communicate outcome to:
 - secretariats
 - MEA meetings, ICCM and UNEA
 - national focal points, management authorities, etc
- Prepare appropriate concept notes, guidance, etc
- Identify further steps for UNEP and other UN entities



**For you to
think about
and discuss!**

Workshop programme identifies relevant parts of the study report to discussion



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Norbert Baerlocher, Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN), Switzerland• Patrick Umehoza, Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA)• Claudia ten Have, Secretariat of Minamata Convention• Kerstin Stendahl, UNEP, Regional Seas Programme
15:20-15:30	Break while moving to the breakout groups
15:30-16:35	<p>Discussion in smaller groups on “options for action”: These discussions will draw on the study report and in particular annex 3, but these inputs should provide ‘food for thought’ for discussion rather than restrict it.</p> <p>Breakout groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Strengthening institutional and focal points structures to enhance national implementation (<i>focusing on options 1-3 in paragraph 80 of the study report, and the related part of annex 3</i>)b) Strengthening national planning and mainstreaming including links to 2030 Agenda (<i>focusing on options 4-6 in paragraph 81 of the study report, and the related part of annex 3</i>)c) Coordination of cross-cluster collaborative activities and projects in the key areas and resource mobilization (<i>focusing on options 7-8 in paragraph 82 and option 16 in paragraph 84 of the study report, and the related parts of annex 3</i>)
16:35-17:00	Reports back from breakout groups

Friday 24 September	
14:00-14:10	Recap and introduction to the day’s work

Late thoughts

Comments from reviewers relating to options for action

- Cooperation and ‘political profile’
- Potential role of BLG, EMG
- Joint programmes of work
- Engagement of private sector
- Biodiversity reducing chemical input
- Other instruments (e.g. air pollution)
- Regional offices, regional conventions
- Local action

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