



“Towards coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of the Sustainable Development Goals”

Interregional meeting
26 – 28 October 2021

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Opening and welcoming remarks

- Tita Korvenoja, Chief of the Environmental Governance Branch at the Law Division, UNEP
- Mr. Mikael Rosengren, United Nations Development Account, Programme manager Capacity development
- Colombia, Mr. Santiago Aparicio, Director Dirección de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible, Colombia
- Guyana, Sharifa Razack, Deputy Director, Environment Protection Agency, Guyana
- Burkina Faso; Welcoming remarks by the government of Burkina Faso, Mr. Inoussa Zagre, Director, Senior Forest Expert, Ministry of the Environment, Green Economy and Climate Change
- Bangladesh, Mr. Md. Mafidul Islam, Chief, General Economics Division, Bangladesh Planning Commission
- Diane Klaimi, Programme Management Officer and project manager, UNEP

Virtual Meeting Modality

- Inter-regional networking and cooperation- share lessons from project implementation- Burkina Faso, Colombia, Guyana, Bangladesh case studies, South-South Cooperation-
- Project/meeting website <https://www.unep.org/events/workshop/interregional-workshop-unda-1819q-project-towards-coherent-implementation>
 - **Participation, Active engagement of participants** in an open discussion at all levels, **conclusion of all lessons learned** are shared
 - Audio Recordings **not** published –meeting report will be shared for comments
 - **challenging time-zones-** 08:00 COT, 09:00 GYT, 13:00 GMT, 15:00 CEST, 16:00 EAT, 19:00 BDT
 - **The meeting will be held in English, French and Spanish** (interpretation will be provided)

Meeting Programme

Day 1: **Lessons learned from implementing the project** Tuesday, 26 October 2021, 13:00 – 15:00 UTC)

13:00 – 13:30 Opening and introduction of the interregional meeting

13:30 – 15:00 **Session 1:** Discussion of the case studies of Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Colombia and Guyana

Day 2: Wednesday, 27 October 2021, 13:00 – 15:00 UTC) **Environmental dimension of the SDGs and policy coherence**

13:00 – 13:45 **Session 2:** National policy instruments and the SDGs

13:45 – 14:25 **Session 3:** Data, monitoring and information on SDGs

14:25 – 15:00 **Session 4:** Policy coherence for sustainable development

Day 3: Thursday, 28 October 2021, 13:00 – 15:00 UTC) **Raising the profile of the environmental dimension**

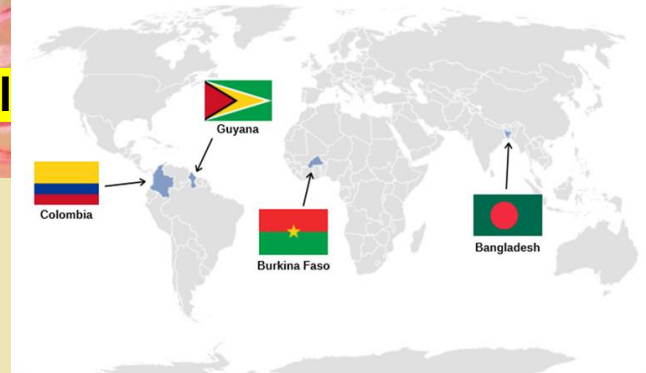
13:00 – 13:50 **Session 5:** Communicating the results

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14:00 – 14:50 **Discussion of the impact of the project, and way forward for UNEP and UN to strengthen the environmental dimension of the SDGs**

14:50 – 15:00 Concluding remarks

UNDA 1819Q Project: “Towards coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of the Sustainable Development Goals”



A 4-year project 2018-2021 implemented by UNEP

Objective

Strengthen the capacities of national institutions in **Guyana, Colombia, Burkina Faso and Bangladesh** towards the coherent and integrated implementation and monitoring of the environmental dimension of the SDGs.

work streams:

- **National policies** include **multi-sectoral** priorities delivering on the environment in integrated manner;
- **Environmental statistics and data** produced that integrate SDGs and MEAs-related data;
- **knowledge acquired** is made available through inter-regional networking and cooperation.



Workplans **changed** over 4 years, elections/new administrations/SDG priorities/ Covid19

2018

- Consultations, workplans
- endorsements

2019

- Partnerships, coordination
- Tools, workshops

2020

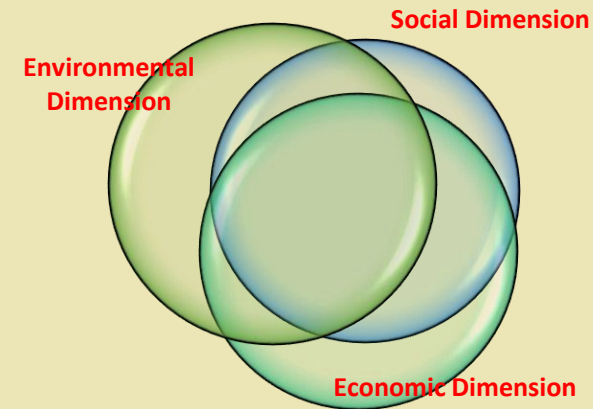
- Covid-19
- Adaptive management –recovery responses

2021

- Case Studies -South-South Cooperation- Interregional networking

Integrated approach promoted, Leaving no-one behind

- A system-wide strategic planning, implementation and reporting in order to ensure coherent and integrated support to implementation of the SDGs
- Since 1972: Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment – Introduction of Principle 13: “States should adopt an integrated and coordinated approach to their development planning”



Project Management Lessons learned

Integrated Approach:
harmonizing
development and
environment

UNEP's mandate
strong linkage to
SDGs, indicators,
policy, MEAs

**Collaborative
modalities:**
institutional and
interagency
collaboration

SDG Accelerators:
funding, MEAs,
Poverty, climate, water

**Environmental data
and statistics:**
custodian 25 indicators
and linkages to policy
coherence 17.14.1

Tools and knowledge
South/South
Cooperation

**Enhanced
Synergies**
partnerships, funding,
Rio Conventions

Capacity building
Normative, training

Covid-19
Green
Recovery



Thank you

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