Briefing for Sub-Committee Meeting

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What We Do

The Branch supports member states, the UN Systems, development partners, and other partners across the world in analysing and addressing the environmental drivers and impacts of crises. Building on these, we provide advisory services to our partners and co-design solutions that foster resilience-building.
Timeline: 25 Years of the Branch

1994
Russian Federation: Oil Spill in Komi Republic

1999
Kosovo: Assessing consequences for the environment and human settlements

2006
Côte d'Ivoire: Managing hazardous waste dump by Probo Koala

2010
Haiti: Increasing resilience to disasters

2011
Environmental assessment of Ogoniland was published

2015
UNEP recognised as key partner in implementing the Sendai Framework for DRR

2018
Establishment of Climate Security Mechanism

2020
Deployment of the first climate security advisor

2022
Pakistan floods response
Where We Work
Our Key Thematic Areas

- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Response & Recovery
- Policy & Analysis
Disaster Risk Reduction

WORKSTREAMS

- Promoting Nature-based Solutions for Disaster and Climate Resilience
- Reducing industrial pollution risks from extractives
- Policy level engagements to advance implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Runs largest MOOC on NbS for Climate and Disaster Resilience, ranked the No. 1 course in the SDG Academy
- Eco-DRR projects helped local communities protect and restore close to 40,000 hectares of different ecosystems across five countries in Asia, Africa and the Caribbeans
- Strengthened oil spill preparedness and response plans in Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Somalia and Mozambique
Response and Recovery

**WORKSTREAMS**

- Responding to disasters and conflicts at short notice – within 48hrs
- Support on post-conflict and post-disaster needs assessments
- Recovery activities in disaster/conflict affected countries

![Mosul debris recycling center](image)

**KEY ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Responded to over 250 disaster and conflict incidences through JEU & the Branch
- Assessment and advisory support on disaster waste clean-up from the Beirut Port explosion
- Restoration of Iraq marshlands - now World Heritage Site/Ramsar Site
- 25,000mt debris cleared and first debris recycling centre in Mosul handover of the Government
Policy and Analysis

WORKSTREAMS

- Support to UN peace operations and peacebuilding
- Contributing with climate, pollution and environmental governance dimensions into peace and conflict issues
- Data analysis models and environment foresight to support evidence-based decision-making

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Deployment of the first climate security advisor
- Establishment of CSM: Creation of tools and dedicated capacities to the UN system
- IGAD establishment of regional Climate Security Coordination Mechanism. It will build the capacity of IGAD MS to anticipate, prevent and mitigate climate-related risks to peace and security in the Horn of Africa.

Field mission in Sudan
Disasters and Conflict Investments


- Sudan: 24,583,000
- Haiti: 20,867,911
- Afghanistan: 15,658,042
- Nigeria: 4,235,700
- Iraq: 1,762,554
- Horn of Africa: 994,000
- Ethiopia: 987,418
- Uganda: 948,473
- Ukraine: 880,000
- Somalia: 608,435
- India: 582,969
- Nepal: 572,823
- South Sudan: 530,497
- Cote d'Ivoire: 502,900
- Indonesia: 256,324
Challenges

- Growing demand from MS for Response and Recovery work due to climate change.
- Response requires rapid deployment, which warrants a funding mechanism that allows quick disbursement and flexibility.
- Increasing demand for Policy and Analysis services, due to a wide recognition of the linkages between environmental degradation, climate change and instability, and a search for environmental solutions in conflict-affected countries.
A VOICE FROM THE FIELD
Thank You

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