

## The United Nations Environment Programme's Law Division

Orientation session for new members of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

## Law Division's contributions to UNEP

Support countries to strengthen, develop or implement appropriate legal, institutional and governance frameworks at all levels and build the related capacity:

- to mitigate and adapt to climate change, contributing to the goals of the UNFCCC, Paris Agreement
- regarding the coherent implementation of relevant obligations, goals and commitments, as appropriate, under biodiversity-related conventions and other instruments, including the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity
   Framework (CBD, regional seas etc)
- to prevent, control and manage pollution of the air and of freshwater, marine, coastal and all terrestrial environments that could affect the environment and human health (incl BRS, Minamata, INC Plastic pollution)



## Law Division's three-pronged approach

Supporting countries in strengthening environmental rule of law



Supporting
coherent and
synergistic
implementation of
Multilateral
Environment
Agreements (MEAs)



Supporting capacity
building for
environmental
governance



### Law Division's areas of work



Montevideo Environmental Law Programme



International Rules and Procedures



Emerging Issues of Environmental Concern



MEA's and Policy Coherence



**Environmental Policy** 



Collective Intelligence: InforMEA, DaRT, LEAP

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#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

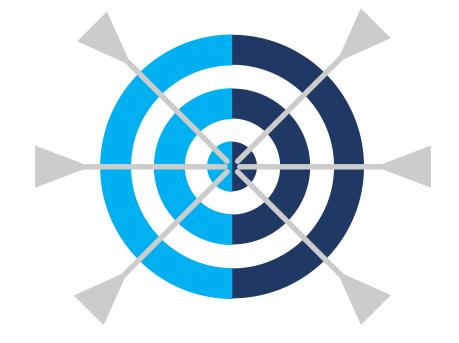
Strengthen the effective implementation of environmental law at the national level

#### SUPPORT NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS

Support, upon their request, in the development and implementation of environmental rule of law

#### **CAPACITY BUILDING**

Support capacity-building to increase the effectiveness of environmental law for all stakeholders at all levels



#### **ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**

Promotes the role of environmental law in the context of environmental governance

#### **DEVELOPMENT**

Support the development of adequate and effective environmental legislation and legal frameworks at all levels to address environmental issues

#### 9 STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES

Guidance products, awareness, education, research networks, academic partnerships, private sector partnerships, emerging areas, data exchange etc.



# MEA's and Policy Coherence



Developing effective environmental policy and governance mechanisms

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Enhanced cooperation with the MEAs, to support the implementation of environmental treaties.

- Facilitating institutional cooperation and coordination among MEAs and between UNEP and those agreements;
- Increased institutional and individual capacity at all levels for coherent and enhanced implementation of MEAs by strengthening whole-of-the government and whole-of-the society approach; and
- Improved use of sciencepolicy-governance nexus for substantial and durable shifts in system behaviour.

## Collective Intelligence



#### InforMEA: Your MEA Hub

Your comprehensive MEA information platform, offering easy access to MEA treaties, decisions, resolutions, and over 20 free courses for users to explore MEA-related terms and concepts

#### The Data Reporting Tool (DaRT) for Biodiversity Knowledge

Developed in collaboration between UNEP and the Secretariat Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), is a pioneering tool designed to maximize knowledge and information management for biodiversity-related conventions.

#### **UNEP-LEAP: Environmental Law Platform**

The digital backbone for the Montevideo Environmental Law Programme, enabling Member States to directly seek assistance from UNEP and its partners in the field of environmental law.



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