



# Introduction to UNEP

## Mandate, organizational structure and governance

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# UNEP's History, Mandate and Mission



# Key milestones in UNEP's history

## 1972: Stockholm Conference, UNEP established

**UNEP is established in 1972** at the UN Conference on the Human Environment to monitor the state of the environment, inform policy making with science and coordinate responses to the world's environmental challenges.



## 2012: RIO+20, UNEP strengthened

At the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, UNEP's **mandate is strengthened**, and governance upgraded to **universal membership through UNEA** helping to define a new era of international environmental governance.



## 2022: UNEP@50, UNEP's contribution acknowledged

Political declaration at the UNEP@50 Special Session of UNEA **acknowledged 50-year contribution** of UNEP and further strengthened the mandate.



## UNEP's MANDATE (its role)

...leading global environmental authority, that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment.

## UNEP's MISSION (the "how")

...provide leadership and encourage partnerships in caring for the environment by **informing**, **enabling** and **inspiring** nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations.



# UNEP's mission in practice

inform

## SCIENCE-POLICY

- ...provides evidence about the state and health of the planet and contributes solutions
- ...identifies emerging environmental threats
- ...provides guidance on sound policies

inspire

## SHOWS POSITIVE CHANGE IS POSSIBLE

- ...shares environmental success stories
- ...celebrates and awards individuals and institutions

## "ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIENCE OF THE WORLD"

- ...raises awareness and advocates for action on the environment

enable

## CONVENING POWER

- ...brings people together to tackle triple planetary crisis (e.g. UNEA)

## ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

- ...supports strong environmental laws and institutions
- ...plays important role with regards to MEAs

## ROLE IN UN SYSTEM

- ...is the voice of environmental dimension of sustainable development within the UN

## CAPACITY BUILDING

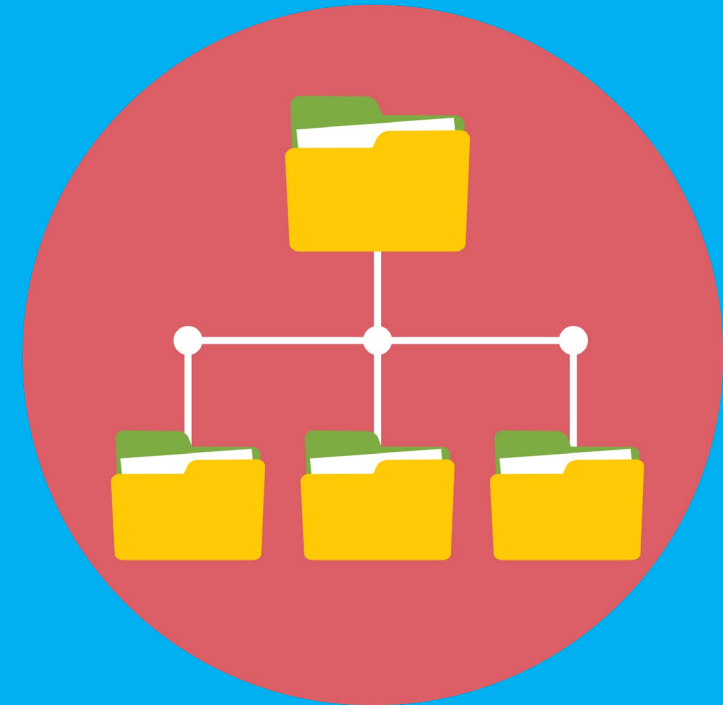
- ...helps countries deliver on their environmental commitments
- ...provides tools and facilitates transfer of technologies

## PARTNERSHIPS

- ...facilitates South-South and triangular cooperation
- ...supports partnerships and access to global funds



# UNEP's governance and role in the wider UN system



# UNEP within the United Nations System

## The United Nations System

### UN PRINCIPAL ORGANS

#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### SECURITY COUNCIL

#### ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

#### SECRETARIAT

#### INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

#### TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL<sup>9</sup>

#### Subsidiary Organs

- Disarmament Commission
- Human Rights Council
- International Law Commission
- Joint Inspection Unit (JIU)
- Main Committees
- Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

#### Funds and Programmes<sup>1</sup>

- UNDP** United Nations Development Programme
- UNCDF** United Nations Capital Development Fund
- UNV** United Nations Volunteers
- UNEP**<sup>8</sup> United Nations Environment Programme
- UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund
- UN-HABITAT**<sup>8</sup> United Nations Human Settlements Programme
- UNICEF** United Nations Children's Fund
- WFP** World Food Programme (UN/FAO)

#### Subsidiary Organs

- Counter-Terrorism Committee

- International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
- Military Staff Committee

#### Other Entities

- ITC** International Trade Centre (UN/WTO)
- UNCTAD**<sup>18</sup> United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- UNHCR**<sup>1</sup> Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- UNOPS**<sup>1</sup> United Nations Office for Project Services
- UNRWA**<sup>1</sup> United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
- UN-WOMEN**<sup>1</sup> United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

#### Functional Commissions

- Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- Narcotic Drugs
- Population and Development
- Science and Technology for Development
- Social Development
- Statistics
- Status of Women
- United Nations Forum on Forests

#### Regional Commissions<sup>8</sup>

- ECA** Economic Commission for Africa
- ECE** Economic Commission for Europe
- ECLAC** Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- ESCAP** Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- ESCWA** Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

#### Other Bodies<sup>10</sup>

- Committee for Development Policy
- Committee of Experts on Public Administration
- Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
- Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
- UNAIDS** Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
- UNGEGN** United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
- UNGIM** Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

#### Departments and Offices<sup>9</sup>

- BOSG** Executive Office of the Secretary-General
- DCO** Development Coordination Office
- DESA** Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- DGACM** Department for General Assembly and Conference Management
- DGC** Department of Global Communications
- DMSPC** Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance
- DOS** Department of Operational Support
- DPO** Department of Peace Operations
- DPPA** Department of Political and Peacekeeping Affairs
- DSS** Department of Safety and Security
- OCHA** Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

#### Other Offices

- OCT** Office of Counter-Terrorism
- ODA** Office for Disarmament Affairs
- OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- OIOS** Office of Internal Oversight Services
- OLA** Office of Legal Affairs
- OOSA** Office for Outer Space Affairs
- OSAA** Office of the Special Adviser on Africa
- SRSB/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict
- SRSB/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict
- SRSB/VAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children

#### Research and Training

- UNICRI** United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute
- UNIRISD** United Nations Research Institute for Social Development
- UNDRR** United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
- UNODC**<sup>1</sup> United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- UNOG** United Nations Office at Geneva
- UN-OHRLS** Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
- UNON** United Nations Office at Nairobi
- UNOP**<sup>2</sup> United Nations Office for Partnerships
- UNOV** United Nations Office at Vienna

#### Related Organizations

- CTBTO** Preparatory Commission Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization
- IAEA**<sup>1,3</sup> International Atomic Energy Agency
- ICC** International Criminal Court
- IOM**<sup>1</sup> International Organization for Migration
- ISA** International Seabed Authority
- ITLOS** International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
- OPCW**<sup>3</sup> Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
- WTO**<sup>1,4</sup> World Trade Organization

#### Peacebuilding Commission

#### HLPF

High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

#### Specialized Agencies<sup>15</sup>

- FAO** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization
- IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development
- ILO** International Labour Organization
- IMF** International Monetary Fund
- IMO** International Maritime Organization
- ITU** International Telecommunication Union
- UNESCO** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- UNWTO** World Tourism Organization
- UPU** Universal Postal Union
- WHO** World Health Organization
- WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization
- WMO** World Meteorological Organization
- WORLD BANK GROUP**<sup>7</sup>
  - IBRD** International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
  - IDA** International Development Association
  - IFC** International Finance Corporation

- Notes:**
- Members of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB).
  - UN Office for Partnerships (UNOP) is the UN's focal point vis-à-vis the United Nations Foundation, Inc.
  - IAEA and OPCW report to the Security Council and the General Assembly (GA).
  - WTO has no reporting obligation to the GA, but contributes on an ad hoc basis to GA and Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) work on, inter alia, finance and development issues.
  - Specialized agencies are autonomous organizations whose work is coordinated through ECOSOC (intergovernmental level) and CEB (inter-secretariat level).
  - The Trusteeship Council suspended operation on 1 November 1994, as on 1 October 1994 Palau, the last United Nations Trust Territory, became independent.
  - International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) are not specialized agencies in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter, but are part of the World Bank Group.
  - The secretariats of these organs are part of the UN Secretariat.
  - The Secretariat also includes the following offices: The Ethics Office, United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services, and the Office of Administration of Justice.
  - For a complete list of ECOSOC Subsidiary Bodies see [un.org/ecosoc](http://un.org/ecosoc).

This Chart is a reflection of the functional organization of the United Nations System and for informational purposes only. It does not include all offices or entities of the United Nations System.

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# UNEP is Governed by Member States

## The United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) – meets every two years

- Committee of Permanent Representatives
  - 4 regular meetings per year
  - Open-ended CPR every two years to prepare UNEA
  - Annual CPR subcommittee every October/November
  - CPR Subcommittee (as necessary)

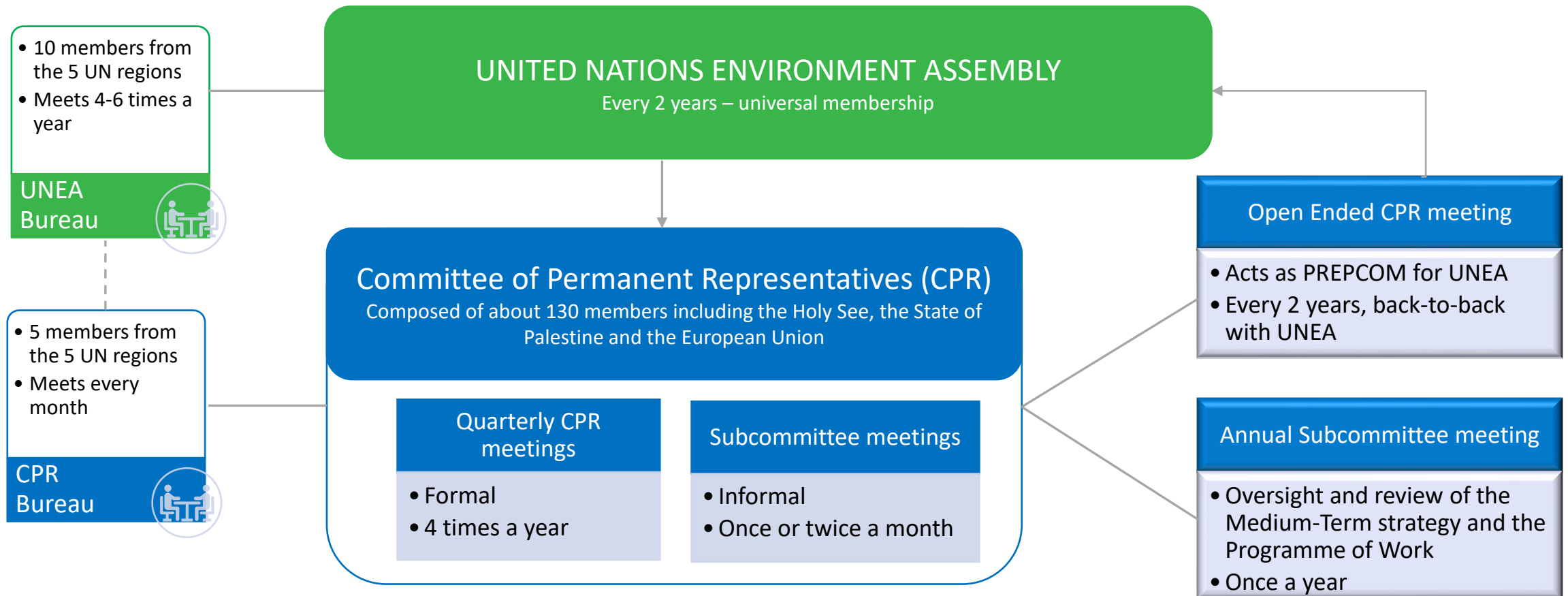
## The UN General Assembly (UNGA) – every year

- Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th committee)
- Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) and Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC)





# UN Environment Programme Governance Structure



# Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR)

## Mandate



## 2 main functions:

1. Provides review and oversight of UNEP's Programme of Work and implementation of UNEA resolutions
2. Prepares decisions for upcoming UNEA sessions

## *Governing Council decision 19/32, 1997*

- Reviews, **monitors and assesses the implementation of decisions** of the UNEP's governing body on administrative, budgetary and programme matters;
- Reviews the **draft UNEP Programme of Work and Budget** during its preparation by the secretariat;
- Reviews **reports** requested of the Secretariat by Member States on the effectiveness, efficiency and transparency of functions and work of the Secretariat and makes recommendations;
- Prepares **draft decisions** for consideration by the UNEP governing body based on inputs from the secretariat and on the results of the above functions.

# Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR)

## Membership



“Representatives of all States Members of the UN, members of the specialized agencies and the European Union, accredited to the UN Environment Programme, **based in Nairobi or outside**” (GC decision 19/32 Para 8).

Current membership:

- Accredited Member States: **130 Member States**
- Accredited Non-Member States: Holy See + State of Palestine
- The European Union

Observers: League of Arab States + Sovereign Military Order of Malta

**96** accredited missions in Nairobi

**37** accredited missions outside Nairobi

More than **1000** accredited Major Groups and Stakeholders



# UNEP's Secretariat





### Executive Office

**New York Office / Secretariat of the Environment Management Group**  
*Ligia Noronha*

**Governance Affairs Office/ Secretariat of Governing Bodies**  
*Radhika Ochalik*

**Plastic Pollution Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee Secretariat**  
*Jyoti Mathur-Filipp*

**Executive Director**  
*Inger Andersen*

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**Deputy Executive Director**  
*Elizabeth Mrema*

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**Chief of Staff**  
*Nicolas Bertrand*

**Chief Scientist**  
*Andrea Hinwood*

**Chief Digital Officer**  
*Sally Radwan*

**Evaluation Office**  
*Michael Spilsbury*

### Regional Presence<sup>(2)</sup>

**Subregional Office for West Africa**  
*Mohamed Atani*  
*(Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire)*

**South Africa Country Office**  
*Meseret Zemedkun*  
*(Pretoria)*

**Addis Ababa Liaison Office**  
*Margaret Oduk a.i.* *(Ethiopia)*

**Subregional Office for the Pacific**  
*Subrata Sinha a.i.*  
*(Apia, Samoa)*

**China Country Office**  
*Tu Ruihe*  
*(Beijing)*

**India Country Office**  
*Atul Bagai*  
*(New Delhi)*

**Subregional Office for Central Asia**  
*Aidai Kumanova*  
*(Almaty, Kazakhstan)*

**Russian Federation Country Office**  
*Vladimir Moshkalo*  
*(Moscow, )*

**Brussels Liaison Office**  
*Veronika Hunt Safrankova*  
*(Belgium)*

**Vienna Programme Office**

**Subregional Office for the Caribbean**  
*Vincent Sweeney*  
*(Kingston, Jamaica)*

**Subregional Office for the Southern Cone**  
*Alberto Pacheco Capella*  
*(Montevideo, Uruguay)*

**Brazil Country Office**  
*Gustau Mañez Gomis*  
*(Brasilia)*

**Mexico Country Office**  
*Dolores Barrientos*  
*(Mexico City)*

**Regional Office for Africa**  
*Rose Mwebaza*  
*(Nairobi, Kenya)*

**Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific**  
*Dechen Tsering*  
*(Bangkok, Thailand)*

**Regional Office for Europe**  
*Arnold Kreilhuber*  
*(Geneva, Switzerland)*

**Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean**  
*Juan Bello*  
*(Panama City, Panama)*

**Regional Office for West Asia**  
*Sami Dimassi*  
*(Beirut, Lebanon)*

**Regional Office for North America**  
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*Rafael Peralta*  
*(Washington D.C., United States)*

**Industry and Economy Division**  
*Sheila Aggarwal-Khan*

**Ecosystems Division**  
*Susan Gardner*

**Law Division**  
*Patricia Kameri-Mbote*

**Early Warning and Assessment Division**  
*Jian Liu*

**Communication Division**  
*Daniel Cooney*

**Policy and Programme Division**  
*Tim Kasten*

**Corporate Services Division**  
*Sonja Leighton-Kone*

#### KEY:

- (1): Please see below organizational structure for Multilateral Environmental Agreements and other Entities to which UNEP provides the Secretariat or Secretariat functions.
- (2): UNEP also has regional presence through project offices, centres and secretariats that it hosts.
- (3) a.i.: Ad Interim
- (4) Regional Office for North America reports to the UN Assistant Secretary-General and Head of UNEP New York Office

## UNEP and the MEAs

- UNEP supports the negotiation and implementation of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs)
- UNEP hosts the secretariat of 15 MEAs that cover a wide range of regional and global environmental issues
- ...including hazardous chemicals and waste; biodiversity; oceans; migratory species; and rehabilitation of the ozone layer...





# UNEP's funding



# How is UNEP funded?

## EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS

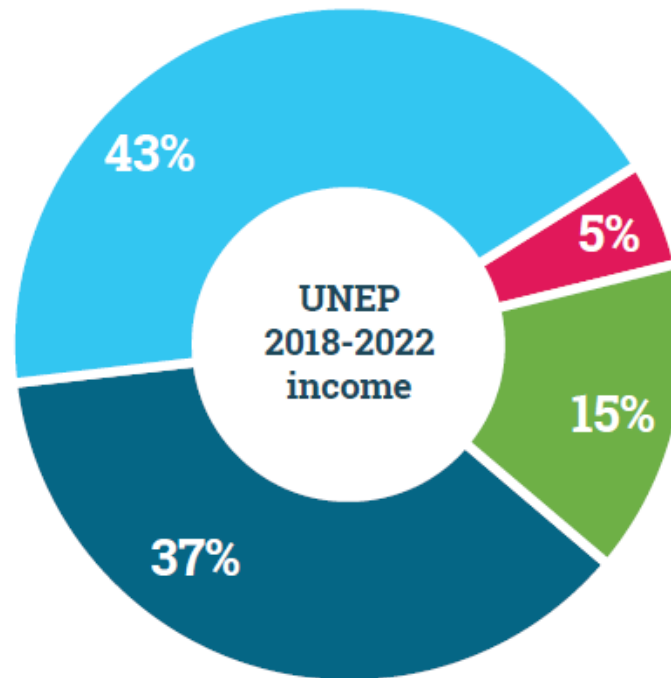
earmarked for specific projects, themes or countries, enable expansion and replication of programme and results in more countries with more partners.

- **Earmarked Funds**

From Member States, the European Commission, the UN family, the Multilateral Fund (Montreal Protocol) etc. (\$1,143.5M/43 per cent\*)

- **Global Funds**

From GEF and GCF (\$992.6M/37 per cent\*)



\* combined income in five-year period (2018-2022) as at 31 Dec 2022

## CORE CONTRIBUTIONS

gives flexibility to implement programme of work as approved by all Member States.

- **UN Regular Budget**

supports functions of UNEP Secretariat, including the Governing Bodies, coordination in the UN system, and cooperation with global scientific communities. (\$121.3M/5 per cent\*)

- **Environment Fund**

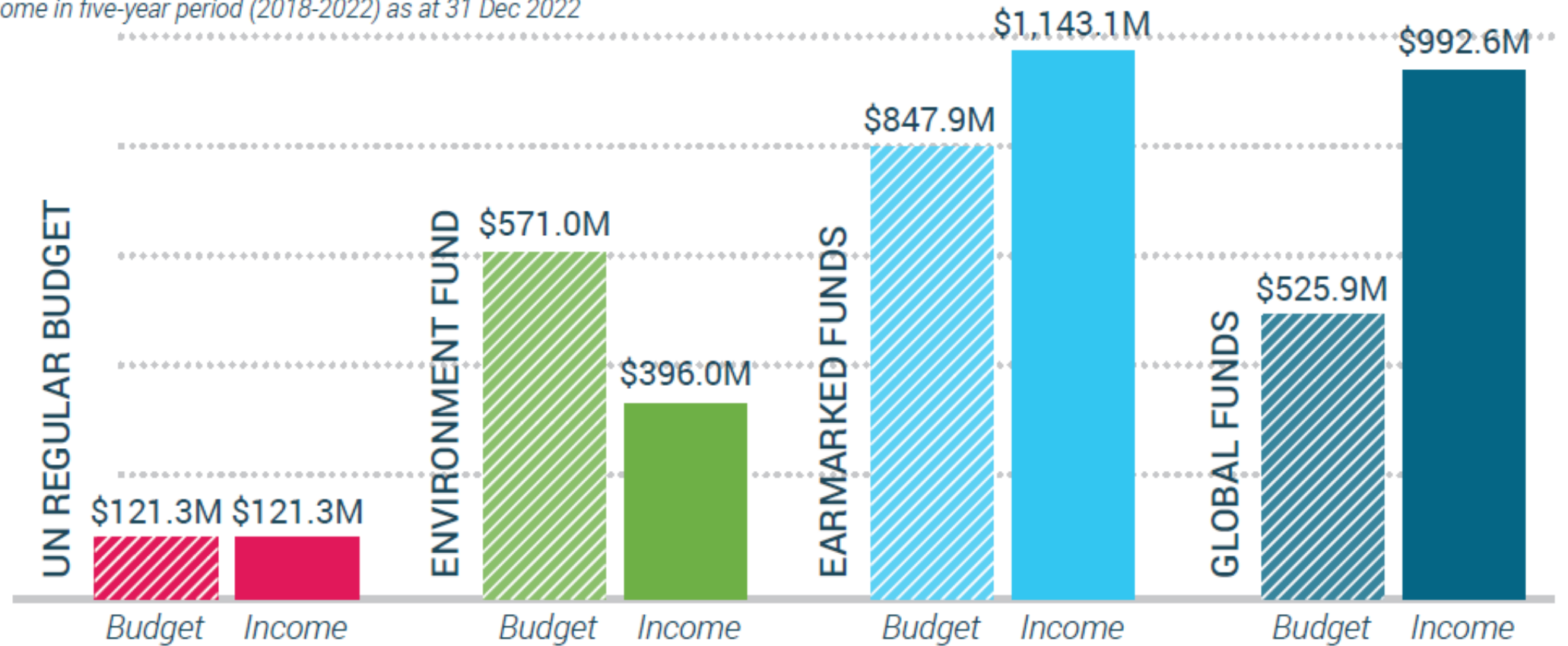
the core fund, supports essential capacity needed for balanced and efficient delivery of programme approved by Member States. (\$396.0M/15 per cent\*)



# UNEP's budget vs income

## Budget and Income by Funding Source (2018-2022)

\* combined income in five-year period (2018-2022) as at 31 Dec 2022



UNEP is your partner on the journey to tackle the triple planetary crisis

We invite our partners to share the journey

For more info:





# Thank you



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