



Report on the Sub-Regional Workshop to support African Countries to Implement and Finance Multilateral Environmental Agreements

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Introduction

Workshop for strengthening technical capacity and collaborative work of National Focal Points and United Nations Country Teams for implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements, financing the Global biodiversity Framework, and attaining the Sustainable Development Goals.

Under the ACP-MEAs Programme Phase III, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) – through the Africa Office regional Coordination Unit and Liaison Office in Addis Ababa, with support from UNEP’s Environmental Policy Unit – spearheaded a new workshop format and model rolled out through two Sub-Regional training workshops for West and East African countries. By bringing together national focal points for Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and representatives from the UN Country Teams (UNCTs) in the respective countries, the workshops were sought to promote synergies and collaboration between diverse stakeholders to implement MEAs more efficiently

within their country context. To further support this process, participants received training from experts on the contribution of MEAs to implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), tools for MEA integration into United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework’s (UNSDCFs) and National Development Plans, tools for strengthening science-policy interfaces in Environmental Governance, and capacity building on how to fund implementation of MEAs, including the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF).

The Sub-Regional workshop targeting countries from the West African region (Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, DRC, Mali and Togo), was held between 27 – 30 June 2023 in Lomé, Togo. This was followed by a second Sub-Regional workshop Sub-Regional workshop for East African countries part of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) region, organized in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, between 25 – 28 July 2023 .

The workshop was organized under the **ACP-MEAs Programme**, a multi-year, multi-country partnership Programme established in 2009 with UNEP as the coordinating agency, in support of 79 Member States of Africa, Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP) regions. Covering 49 countries in Africa, the ACP-MEAs Programme is now in its third phase and works in the region through the Africa Hub led by the African Union Commission (AUC) with its headquarters in Addis Ababa. The Programme is funded by the European Union and supported by the Secretariat of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS).

Participants

Sub-Regional Workshop for West African Countries in Lomé, Togo

The workshop in Lome, Togo, was attended by UNCT representatives and national focal points for MEAs related to biodiversity and chemicals/waste from seven of West African countries – Togo, Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, DRC, Mali, Burkina Faso. In addition, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), The African Development Bank (AfDB), and other representatives from the UN system participated in and presented during the workshop.



Participants attending the Sub-Regional workshop in Lomé, Togo, between 27 – 30 June 2023.

Objective

The overall objective of the training was to strengthen the technical capacity of UNCTs together with national MEA focal points to support host countries to mainstream, implement and adhere to MEA obligations, including raising adequate finances to implement the MEAs in general and the Convention on Biological Diversity's Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) in particular.

Specifically, the workshop had the following objectives:

1. Increase coherence and synergy of actions on environmental issues through strengthening collaboration between national MEA focal points and the UNCTs.
2. Establish the link between environmental statistical data generated for MEAs and the UN Common Country Analysis (CCA) as a strategic intervention framework for the implementation of SDGs in the region.
3. Conduct in plenary a self-assessment of the current capacities of national institutions (National Directorate of Statistics, Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests) to generate and use environmental statistics for CCA, UN CF implementation and national development planning.
4. Identify tools to be promoted for strengthening the capacity of national institutions, including MEA Focal Points, to conduct integrated environmental assessments (identification of indicators and baseline data and their intelligence) in support of national development planning, produce periodic reports in support of the implementation of the UN Country Frameworks and the MEAs.
5. Contextualize MEA financing and explore innovative financing mechanisms to enhance/support MEA implementation at national and regional level.
6. Lead participants to formulate actionable recommendations with immediate effect and identify the role of each key stakeholder in the implementation of these recommendations.
7. Bring together stakeholders, including the national focal points and financing institutions to raise capacities for additional financial resource mobilization.

Technical Sessions

UNEP together with the representative of Togo's Minister of Environment supported by the UN Resident Coordinators Office in Togo kicked off the meeting with welcome remarks to all and highlighted the main objective of the workshop which was to build country capacities and understanding of the various Conventions and to foster interlinkages and compliance with other related Conventions. UNEP is uniquely positioned to support countries negotiate these processes for synergies towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Hence the key findings that emanated from the workshop are as follows.

1. Increased coherence and synergy of actions on environmental issues through strengthening and support collaboration between National Focal Points for MEAs and the UNCTs.

Key sessions that target this objective sought to bring participants to understand the benefit of working together in the future and ensure that MEA national focal points and UNCT members define workable mechanisms for an enhanced integration of MEAs in Common Country Analysis (CCA) and UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) in the involved countries. Indeed, the workshop provided an opportunity for UNEP to highlight the importance of this training of trainer's workshop on environmental management and provided an opportunity to develop strategic knowledge on environmental sustainability and the importance of strengthening the implementation of MEAs for the protection of the Planet and the People. Unfortunately, they are under threat and to remedy this it is necessary to adopt the principle of circular economy, policy coherence, the integrated approach and the strengthening of domestic resources, among others. The meeting demonstrated how those tools need to be integrated in national development plans including the VNR and on the UN team side the CCA and the CF which justifies the need for both sides to work together. This is very strategic since in the current

situation, UN focal points and country representatives do not even know each other in the

majority of countries. The various sessions in groups and plenaries led participants to be convinced of the fact that a synergy between the national side and the United Nations System will generate a series of medium- and long-term benefits including, among others:

1. The possibility of joint assessment of MEAs' contributions to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs.
2. Exploring opportunities for the UN programme management team to better support the integration of strategic planning for multilateral environmental agreements and the formulation of UNSDCF outcomes with better definition of results.
3. Joint exploration of how environmental financing, especially on biodiversity can be aligned with the approach to financing the SDGs.

The UNCT representatives from Togo also took the opportunity to share their experience of strong collaboration with the national bodies during their recent formulation of their CCA and UNSDCF. As part of this experiment, a variety of data from national side were used. A strong consultation with various partners involved also took place. This exercise made it possible to better define the priorities of the UNSDCF, to develop a stronger Theory of Change and to consolidate cohesion. It was concluded that to ensure a stronger collaboration between MEA focal points and the UN system, it is necessary to consider the role of policy and legislative coherence in engaging non-state actors to stimulate their engagement in a harmony that would ensure both strong implementation of MEAs and win-win partnership to ensure active involvement of non-state actors.

Finally, a session on the Regional Assessment of the most relevant MEAs was held, taking into account the case of the countries of the Horn of Africa (IGAD). It emerged from this session that IGAD countries have significant biodiversity and have ratified many conventions. However, the periodicity of reporting on the conventions varies from one convention to another. The evaluation revealed weak political will, lack of funding and coordination, which are gaps that could be filled by better collaboration between the MEA national focal points and the United Nations country teams.



2. Participants gained improved awareness and capacity to use the statistical tools needed to generate and use environmental data in the implementation of MEAs, both at national level, and in support to UNCT activities.

The workshop sessions offered the opportunity for an increased awareness on the importance of statistics for the implementation of MEAs objectives and regulations. Nevertheless, the implication was still that a joint work plan with regular meeting is required to improve awareness about UNCT and MEA linkages to support MEA implementation (such as monitoring and reporting) and uptake of MEA in UNCT planning and prioritization.

The meeting offered the opportunity for both sides (Government representatives in the form of national MEA focal points and UNCT representatives) to enhance capacities on ways to better handle identification and access to data sources, ensure data generation and data utilization, and ways to minor risks from the use of “Big data” including the risk for its use for climate change modelling. Participants came to realize that in general, there is no national data system on the MEA (no single data platform compiling all MEAs) in most of the countries.

Participants noted the need to put in place a data cooperation and sharing framework, guided by

national data governance principles and approaches and a national environmental data policy that would link to the databases located within respective ministries. A digital platform is required for sharing datasets, and one that is underpinned by a data governance framework. Togo noted for example that financial support for data collection should be part of national budgets and maintained by relevant ministries. Data coming through project should also contribute to national databases.

For coordination across UNCT members, it was proposed that UNCT members should brief their colleagues on MEA inclusion in CCA after their return from the workshop to their respective countries. At a group meeting, MEA focal points can be invited to brief the UNCT’s on MEA importance to SDG implementation. A network should be formed from this initial contact.

Participants noted highlighted that UNEP could assist countries by providing technical assistance to meetings of MEA focal points and UNCT members that would promote awareness on the importance of integrated data for informing policy.



3. Contextualize MEA financing and explore innovative financing mechanisms to enhance and support MEA implementation at national and regional level.

The Participants received strong knowledge on available global possibilities to mobilize funding to design and implement projects and programmes that support an enhanced implementation of the the MEAs targeted by the workshop with a particular focus on biodiversity related MEAs.

The sessions recognized the great value of the UN Common Approach to Biodiversity and recommended integrated financing for biodiversity restoration in the countries involved. It also recommended strong collaboration with

development banking institutions with a particular focus on domestic resource mobilization initiatives.

Participants stressed the need for financial support that would cover both policy and data development to support MEA implementation, highlighting that financial support should be directed at building capacity for developing and applying standards, data sharing and reporting.

4. Lead participants to formulate actionable recommendations with immediate effect and identify the role of each key stakeholder in the implementation of these recommendations with concrete follow up actions as post seminar work.

The workshop identified current challenges that need to be addressed to ensure stronger collaboration and synergy between MEAs national country focal points and UN country teams. Some of those challenges are highlighted as follows:

1. Environmental challenges remain the core of issues seeking to be addressed as a stronger implementation of MEAs can unblock various SDGs.
2. Multiplicity of Conventions – how can these be grouped tying each to a specific agenda. There is also a need to learn from each other to improve efficiency.
3. Harmonization of Conventions – the importance of exploring and harmonizing

different types of data that serves different needs.

4. Exploring and noting collaboration and coordination challenges at country level.
5. Data capture, statistics, and information sharing to necessary stakeholders, participants, and implementing agents.
6. Lack of funding to accelerate capacity building of UNRC offices, particularly the UNCT's Programme Management Team (PMT) and the UNSDCF monitoring group including to enhance their knowledge on MEA.

Key outcomes and recommendations

The objectives of the workshop were successfully met because of the collaborative efforts of UNEP Environmental Policy Unit (EPU) and UNEP Regional Office for Africa (Regional Development Coordination Unit and the Liaison Office in Addis Ababa) The workshop provided an avenue to create awareness and capacity on resource mobilization to support the implementation of MEAs and the role of data management for stronger GBF domestication and integration at a national and regional level. National focal points for MEAs and representatives from UNCTs, facilitated by UNEP and supporting agencies like Multilateral development Banks, request continued sessions/workshops to acquire up to date information and strengthen their understanding of data governance and nature financing for integrated and coherent implementation at the country level. According to the direct feedback provided by workshop participants, the overall objective of the workshop was met including the following specific key outcomes and recommendations.

Recommendations and follow up actions

For UNCT Representatives:

- Reporting on the workshop outcomes to UNCT during a monthly UNCT meeting. This should be followed by a close meeting with the Environment Result group to agree on specific steps on ways to elaborate a joint workplan with the National focal points to ensure a stronger integration of environment MEAs in CCA and CF implementation and resources mobilization.
- Organize a first meeting with the National focal points to agree on key activities to be undertaken jointly with them depending on the key issues of the countries (elaboration of data management policy, sensitization of data users, installation of MEAs data system, elaboration of governance system and infrastructure, data collection policy, harmonization on data policy, to name a few).
- Collaboration with the Ministry of Finance to support MEAs implementation in the various technical Ministries.
- Collaboration with country donors including the bilaterals and banking systems to support Biodiversity financing.

For National MEA Focal Points:

- Elaborate and submit a mission report to the national Supervisory entity and request meeting between high level national entities and the chair of the Environment result group.
- Discuss with the UN team to set a joint collaboration platform with them to undertake the implementation of the outcomes from the workshop.
- Reach an agreement on strategic activities to enhance resources mobilization in support to biodiversity agenda.

Annexes

Annex 1.

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Annex 2.

Workshop Programme and Agenda

S/NO	AGENDA TOPIC	SPEAKER/FACILITATOR	TIME
Day 1			
1	Registration		8:30am - 9:00am
2	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming remarks from the Resident Coordinator of Togo • Welcoming remarks from the National Government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E Mr. Aliou Dia, Resident Coordinator of Togo • Representative from the Government of Togo 	9:00am - 9:30am
3	Introduction of the Training Workshop and Setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training workshop motivation, objectives, and the expected outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitator: Jean Jacob Sahou, Regional Development Coordinator for Africa, UNEP 	9:30am - 10:00am
4	Introduction to Biodiversity MEAs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview on Biodiversity MEAs including CBD, CITES, CMS, Ramsar, World Heritage Convention (WHC – UNESCO), International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA – FAO) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Balakrishna Pisupati, Head of Environment Policy Unit, Law Division, UNEP 	10:00am - 11:00am
<i>Health Break</i>			
5	Introduction to Chemicals and Waste MEAs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview on the Chemicals and Waste MEAs including Stockholm Convention, Rotterdam Convention, Basel Convention and Minamata Convention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Alexander Mangwiro, Regional Coordinator for Africa, Chemicals, Waste and Air Quality, UNEP 	11:30am - 12:30pm
6	Regional Assessment of the relevant MEAs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case study: The experience from IGAD countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Margaret Oduk. Head a.i, Addis Ababa Liaison Office, UNEP • Facilitator: Jean Jacob Sahou, Regional Development Coordinator for Africa, UNEP 	12:30pm - 1:30pm
<i>Lunch Break</i>			
7	The role of MEAs Focal Points in the context of emerging responses for implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaborating the substantive roles of a MEA Focal Points, focus on interlinkages of MEA agendas. • Adapting to the evolving role of the MEA Focal Point 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presenter by Balakrishna Pisupati, Head of Environment Policy Unit, Law Division, UNEP • Facilitator: 	2:30pm - 3:00pm

		Margaret Oduk, Head a.i, Addis Ababa Liaison Office, UNEP	
8	Contributions of MEAs to SDGs implementation, and integration into United Nations Cooperation Framework (UN-CF) and National Development Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to UN-CF processes • Integration of MEAs in Common Country Assessment (CCAs) and UN-CF • Country case study of successful mainstreaming of MEAs in UN-CF and National Development plans to attain the Sustainable Development Goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Jean Jacob Sahou, Regional Development Coordinator for Africa, UNEP • Facilitator: Margaret Oduk, Head a.i, Addis Ababa Liaison Office, UNEP 	3.00pm - 4:00pm
9	Plenary session (Questions and Answers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A following session 6, 7 & 8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitator: Jean Jacob Sahou, Regional Development Coordinator for Africa, UNEP 	4:00pm - 5:00pm
<i>Health Break and End of Sessions for Day One</i>			
Day 2			
10	Recap of Key highlights/key messages of day 1 of the training workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapporteur: Alexander Mangwiro, Regional Coordinator for Africa, Chemicals, Waste and Air Quality, UNEP 	9:00am - 9:30am
11	Introduction to the Global Biodiversity Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the Global Biodiversity Framework as a guiding tool for integrated implementation of actions across MEAs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Balakrishna Pisupati, Head of Environment Policy Unit, Law Division, UNEP • Facilitator: Margaret Oduk Head a.i, Addis Ababa Liaison Office, UNEP 	9:30am - 10:30am
12	Tools for strengthening science-policy interfaces in Environmental Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Role of MEAs in strengthening science-policy interfaces in Environmental Governance as a tool to address the triple planetary crisis. • MEAs contribution to the attainment of National Development Plans • Use of digital platforms and big data to track and report on MEAs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by: Peter Gilruth Senior Policy Advisor at World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) • Facilitator: Jean Jacob Sahou, Regional Development Coordinator for Africa, UNEP 	10:30am - 12:00pm
13	Plenary session (Questions and Answers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A following session 12 and 13 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Gilruth Senior Policy Advisor at World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF), and Balakrishna Pisupati, Head of 	12:00pm – 1:00pm

		Environment Policy Unit, Law Division UNEP	
<i>Lunch</i>			
14	Integration of MEAs in UN-CF Results Framework and Monitoring and Evaluation in the contribution to SDG implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Abiziou Tchinguilou, UNDP . • Serge Yapo, RCO Head • Facilitator: Balakrishna Pisupati, Head of Environment Policy Unit, Law Division, UNEP 	2:00pm – 3:00pm
15	Role of Policy and legislation coherence in the engagement of non-state actors to stimulate market-based financing approach of MEAs in Africa.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Presentation by Cyrille-Lazare Siewe, Programme Coordinator, Kenya Country Programme, UNEP • Facilitator: Margaret Oduk, Head a.i, Addis Ababa Liaison Office, UNEP 	3:00pm – 4:00pm
<i>Health Break</i>			
16	Feedback plenary session (15 and 16)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitator: Jean Jacob Sahou, Regional Development Coordinator for Africa, UNEP 	4:30pm – 5:00pm
<i>Health Break and End of Sessions for Day Two</i>			
Day 3			
17	Recap of key highlights/messages of day 2 of the training workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapporteur: Jean Jacob Sahou, Regional Development Coordinator for Africa, UNEP 	9:00am - 9:45am
18	MEAs and SDGs implementation and the mandates from the UN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of UN wide contributions to biodiversity issues, discussing the Environment Management Group (EMG) process and contributions of UN to the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online presentations: Representatives from the EMG Secretariat, UNCATD, WHO, FAO and UN University 	9:45am - 10:45am
19	Group work – Strengthening the collaborative work of MEA Focal Points and the UNCT for attaining MEAs and environmental SDGs <p>Group 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of the contributions of MEAs in accelerating attaining of the SDGs • Exploring opportunities for UN Programme Management Team (PMT) to better support the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitators: Group 1: Margaret Oduk, Head a.i, Addis Ababa Liaison Office, UNEP 	10:45am – 11:45am

	<p>integration of strategic planning for MEAs and CF results formulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring the way financing environment can be embedded in the financing the SDGs approach. <p>Group 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation of the contributions of MEAs in accelerating attaining of the SDGs Exploring opportunities for UN Programme Management Team (PMT) to better support the integration of strategic planning for MEAs and CF results formulation Exploring the way financing environment can be embedded in the financing the SDGs approach. 	<p>Group 2: Jean Jacob Sahou, Regional Development Coordinator of UNEP Africa Office</p>	
<i>Health Break</i>			
20	Presentations from participants group work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation from group work Facilitator: Balakrishna Pisupati, Head of Environment Policy Unit, Law Division, UNEP 	12:15pm - 1:15pm
21	Feedback plenary session	<p>Facilitator: Margaret Oduk, Head a.i, Addis Ababa Liaison Office, UNEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	1:15pm - 1:45pm
<i>Lunch Break</i>			
22	<p>Group work - Way forward and Road map for actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group 1: Which are the key lessons learnt by MEA Focal Points in the implementation and enforcing of MEAs in countries in the last three years. Group 2: How can the knowledge from the training (Capacitation on data and knowledge of MEAs) ease PMT/UNCT work in the future 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitator: Group 1: Balakrishna Pisupati, Head of Environment Policy Unit, Law Division, UNEP Group 2: Jean Jacob Sahou, Regional Development Coordinator for Africa, UNEP 	2:45pm - 4:15pm
23	Evaluation of the workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitator: Margaret Oduk, Head a.i, Addis Ababa Liaison Office, UNEP 	4.15- 4.45
24	<p>Closing Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing remarks from UNRC and Government of Togo 	<p>Rapporteur : Margaret Oduk, Head a.i, Addis Ababa Liaison Office, UNEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident Coordinator/Head of RCO of Togo Representative from the Government of Togo 	4:45pm - 5:30pm

End of the Training Workshop (first part of the workshop)

Day 4: Integrating financing issues for achieving the environmental goals – Focus on MEAs			
25	Registration		9:00am - 9:30am
26	Welcome remarks and setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming remarks from the Head of Environment Policy Unit, Law Division, UNEP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balakrishna Pisupati, Head of Environment Policy Unit, Law Division, UNEP 	9:30am - 10:00am
27	Why is financing a key issue in achieving environmental goals?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Vanessa Ushie, Nature and Climate Lead, African Development Bank (AfDB) 	10:00am - 10:30am
28	Linking the financing discussions – climate finance, nature finance and ocean finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Balakrishna Pisupati, Head of Environment Policy Unit, Law Division, UNEP 	10:30am – 11:00am
<i>Health break</i>			
29	Group work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1: Financing the global biodiversity framework – Options for Africa • Group 2: Options for blending climate, green and blue finances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitator: Group 1: Innocent Onah, Chief Natural resources Officer, AfDB Group 2: Dr. Balakrishna Pisupati, Head of Environment Policy Unit, Law Division, UNEP 	11:30am – 1:00pm
<i>Lunch Break</i>			
30	Presentations from group work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations from group work • Facilitator: Margaret Oduk, Head a.i, Addis Ababa Liaison Office, UNEP 	2:00pm - 3:00pm
31	Interactive session focusing on elaborating the financing opportunities – facilitated session (based on the group work outcomes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflecting on the key challenges and opportunities from participants perspective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitator: Balakrishna Pisupati, Head of Environment Policy Unit, UNEP, and Vanessa Ushie, Nature and Climate Lead, AfDB 	3:00pm - 4:30pm
32	Closing session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliberations on the way forward by Head of Environment Policy Unit, Law Division, UNEP • Closing remarks from the Regional Development Coordinator for Africa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balakrishna Pisupati, Head of Environment Policy Unit, UNEP • Jean Jacob Sahou, Regional Development Coordinator of 	5:00pm - 5:30pm

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End of the Training Workshop



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