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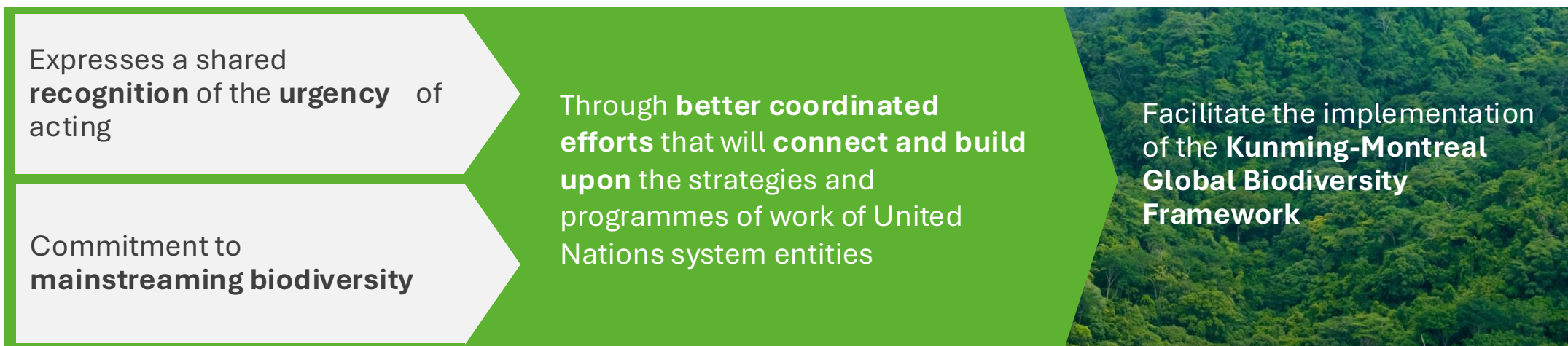
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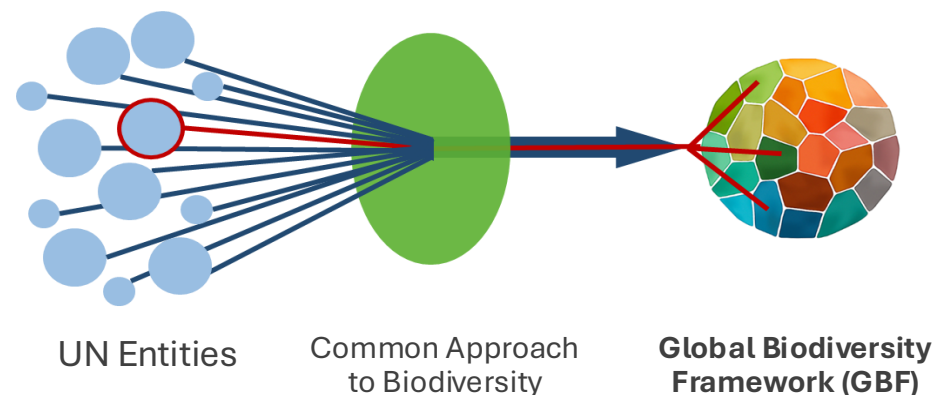
Integrating Biodiversity – IBC support

Through the Common Approach to **Biodiversity**, the United Nations system:

Expresses a shared **recognition** of the **urgency** of acting

Commitment to **mainstreaming biodiversity**

Through **better coordinated efforts** that will **connect and build upon** the strategies and programmes of work of United Nations system entities

Facilitate the implementation of the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**

The Common Approaches provide a structure to organize collective action and joint delivery to mainstream biodiversity and pollution. Resulting in accelerated transformational change.

UN Entities

Common Approach to Biodiversity

Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)

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Issue-based Coalitions

- UN Development System reform resulted in establishment of Regional Collaborative Platform and Issue-based Coalitions (IBCs), which act as **regional task forces** to facilitate improved cooperation **between different UN agencies and their partners.**

- The UN System in Europe and Central Asia has set up **7 Issue-based Coalitions** and **2 other thematic groups** clustered around cross-cutting policy issues.

Membership of IBC on environment and climate change

Co-chairs

Members

The Coalition is open to all UN agencies, funds and programmes.

Related entities working at the regional level on environment and/or climate change may also be invited.

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Addressing the environment and climate change risks and challenges.

Preventing the negative impacts of development interventions on the environment and climate change

Expected results of mainstreaming

Enhancing positive environment- and climate change related benefits and opportunities of the development interventions to support environmentally sustainable, low-emission, and resilient development

Identifying indicators for measuring the achievement of environmentally sustainable, low emission, and resilient development

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Entry Points for Mainstreaming

Country Framework Roadmap 01

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Common Country Analysis

CCA Steps

Steps for Mainstreaming

CCA Steps	
Methodology and work plan	A. **Integrate the process** of Env, CC **and BD** mainstreaming in the CCA methodology and workplan
Development Context	B. **Identify and analyze key environmental, including BD and CC issue**s within context of country development
Priorities, Needs, and Commitments	C. **Identify national priorities and commitments under MEAs** and other relevant standards
SDG target	D. **Assess progress towards relevant SDG targets**, including for the non-environmental SDGs

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Common Country Analysis

CCA Steps

Risks

E. **Identify and evaluate risks** of env. Degradation, **BD loss** and/or the impacts of CC **within the broader context of the development**

Bottlenecks

F. **Examine and identify gaps and challenges** for achieving env., **BD** and CC related goals and targets

Finance

G. **Include public and private financing** for addressing the environment, CC, and **BD action**

Steps for Mainstreaming

UNSDCF Design

UNSDCF Steps

UNSDCF Design Process

A. **Create an enabling environment** for mainstreaming (i.e., relevant expertise, right stakeholders, mechanisms)
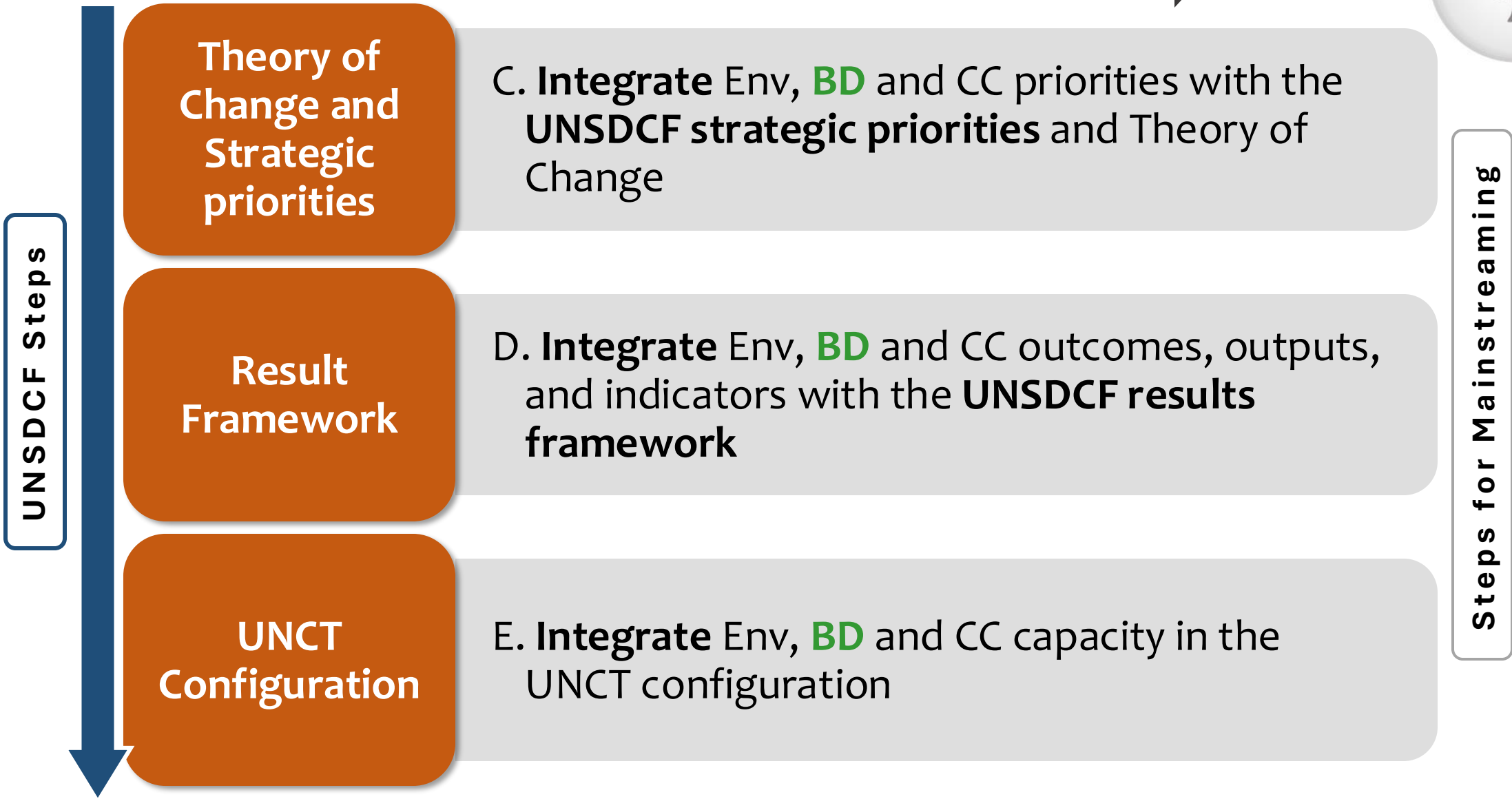
Country Context

B. **Confirm** the key Env (including **BD**) and CC issues, risks, and opportunities

Steps for Mainstreaming

UNSDCF Design

UNSDCF Steps

Theory of Change and Strategic priorities

C. **Integrate** Env, **BD** and CC priorities with the **UNSDCF strategic priorities** and Theory of Change

Result Framework

D. **Integrate** Env, **BD** and CC outcomes, outputs, and indicators with the **UNSDCF results framework**

UNCT Configuration

E. **Integrate** Env, **BD** and CC capacity in the UNCT configuration

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UNEP Digital Accelerator Lab

Offers the tools and resources to turn data into actionable insights, some examples of tools/platforms;

1. **STRATA:** Integrates satellite imagery with climate, environment, and security-related data to create hotspot maps.

2. **SCP-HAT:** Identify hotspots of unsustainable consumption and production practices.

3. **UN Biodiversity Lab**: Offers access to global spatial data on biodiversity.

4. **World Water Quality Hub**: This hub offers real-time data on water quality across the globe.

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1

Advocacy Messages

Key advocacy messages to utilize CCAs and UNDCFS as tools for addressing the biodiversity crisis

2

Practical Actions

A checklist of practical actions for mainstreaming biodiversity in UNSDCF processes

3

Webinar **(November 27)**

A webinar to discuss key advocacy messages and the checklist with IBC members and stakeholders, and **exchange best practices**

4

Guidance

Biodiversity-specific guidance for inclusion in the *Guidance on Integrating the Environment and Climate Change in UNSDCFs*

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Common preliminary messages and actions

Recognize that nature and biodiversity are the **foundation for everything else** on the planet, providing essential ecosystem services and the basis of human wellbeing

There is a need to keep **generating evidence on the social, environmental and economic impact** of biodiversity conservation and sustainable use.

Biodiversity conservation can be seen as a costly alternative to development; however, it shall be seen as an **investment**

Biodiversity action shall follow **integrated and holistic approaches**, addressing the different drivers of biodiversity loss

Common preliminary messages and actions

Improve **multisectoral and multistakeholder participation** throughout the design and implementation of biodiversity-related policies and strategies, enabling continuous dialogue allowing the alignment of global, regional, national, and local agendas (i.e.: through Biodiversity Taskforce for the Western Balkans)

Learn from experience and **scale up** successful biodiversity actions in the region, as well as capitalize on regional expertise (i.e.: technical expertise, resource mobilization, cross-border action, etc.)
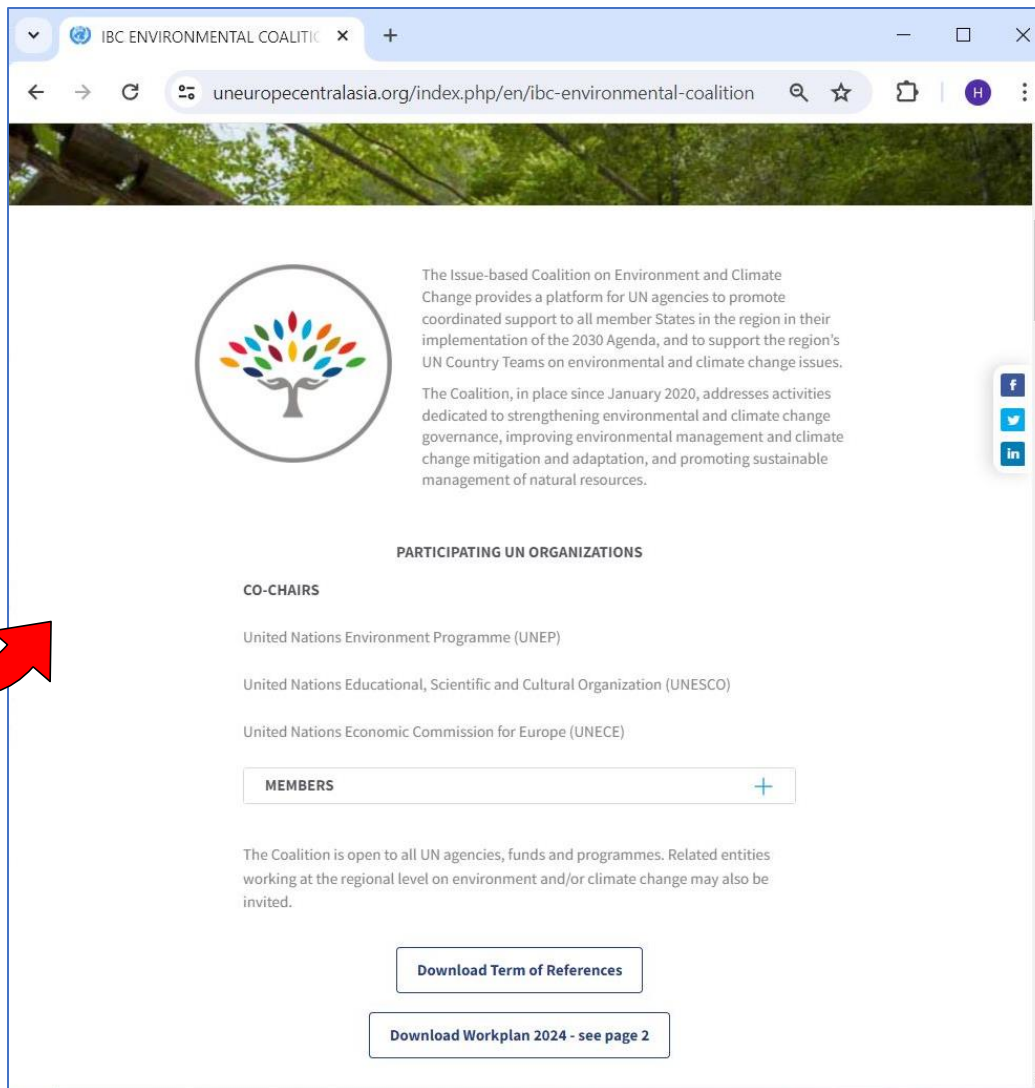
Guiding questions for discussion

- What are the **main gaps and challenges** to strengthen biodiversity action in the Balkans at the **national and regional** level?

- What are **examples of key programmes, projects, initiatives, and other actions** related to biodiversity conservation and sustainable use that your organization is implementing in the Balkans at the national and regional level (s)?

- Have these activities followed **participatory processes** strengthening regional cooperation, strategic planning, and improving knowledge exchange between the different actors involved in biodiversity action?

To learn more about the IBC and its resources

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Issue-Based Coalitions & Groups

Issue-based Coalition on
Environment and Climate Change

find out more

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The IBC communication tool kit
coming soon on the IBC website

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Online Resources

Full document: Guidance On Integrating the Environment and Climate Change in Processes for United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks.

Webinar on mainstreaming environment and climate change into UNSDCF processes.

A two-part virtual training workshop on guidance for UN RCOs and UNCTs for mainstreaming environment and climate change issues into UNSDCFs. Organized into:

Part I Webpage, Part I Recording:

An overview and experience-sharing webinar for representatives of RCOs and UNCTs from Central Asia, Southeast Europe and Turkey, and Eastern Europe and the Caucasus.

Part II:

Provides training on country specific approaches and tools.

Central Asia Webpage, Recording

South-eastern Europe Webpage, Recording

Eastern Europe & The Caucasus Webpage, Recording

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