

# Introduction to UNEP

## UNEP Governing bodies: Structure and functions of UNEA

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8th Africa Animal Welfare Conference  
Nairobi, Kenya, 30 September - 02 October 2024

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# UNEP's History, Mandate and Mission



# Key milestones in UNEP's history



**1972**

**Stockholm Conference**

**UNEP is established**



**2012**

**RIO+20**

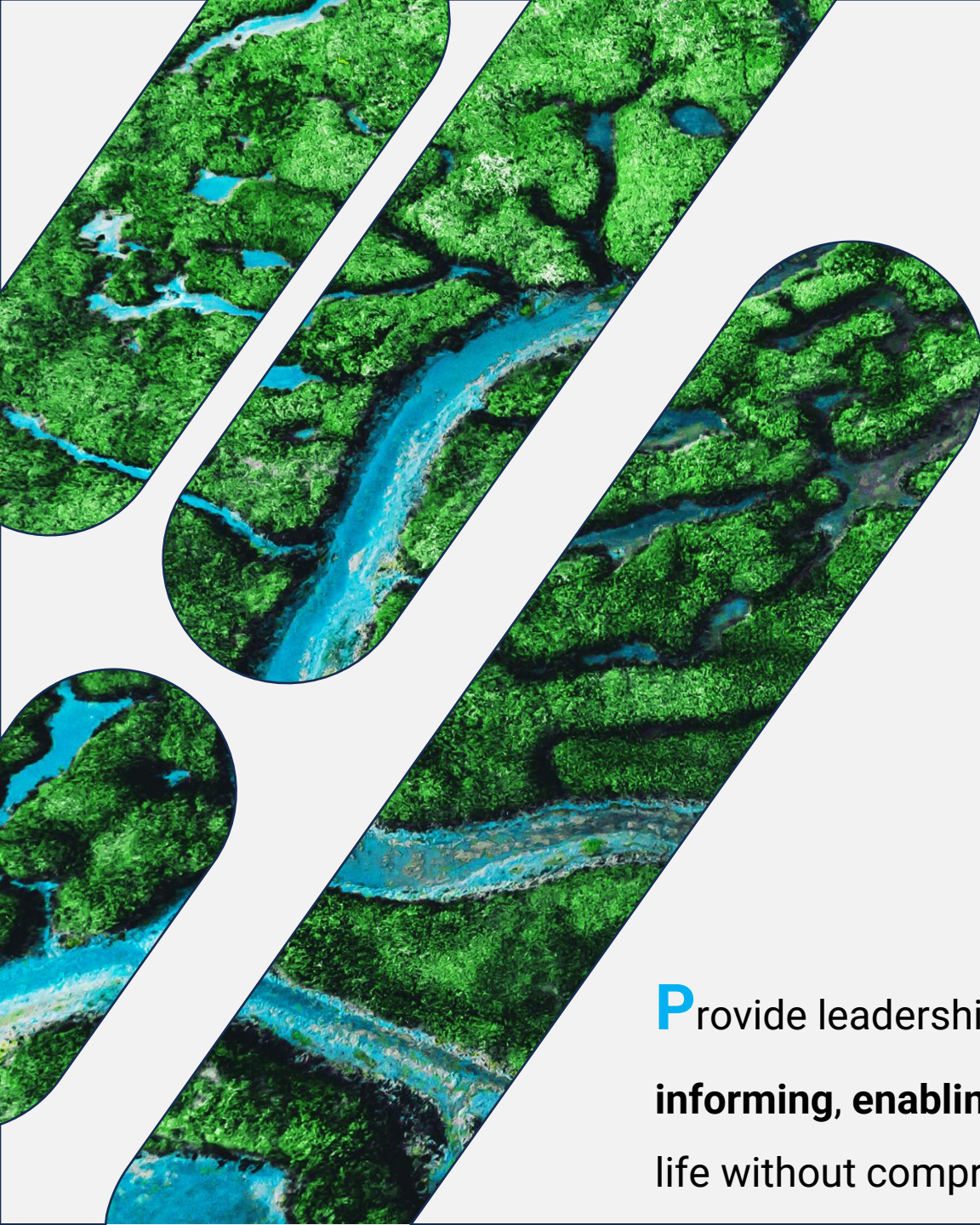
**UNEP is strengthened**



**2022**

**UNEP@50**

**UNEP's contribution is  
acknowledged**



# UNEP's mandate and mission

## 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.

- **SCIENCE-POLICY**

identifies emerging environmental threats

**INFORM**

- **CONVENING POWER** to tackle triple planetary crisis
- **ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE**
- **CAPACITY BUILDING**
- **PARTNERSHIPS**

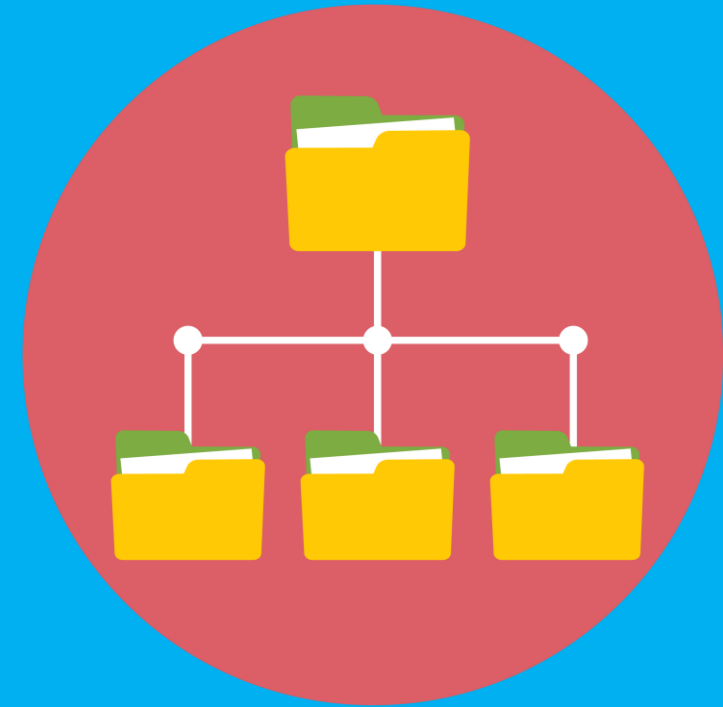
**ENABLE**

- **SHOWS POSITIVE CHANGE IS POSSIBLE**
- **“ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIENCE OF THE WORLD”**

**INSPIRE**

**UNEP's mission in practice**

# UNEP's role in the wider UN system





# UNEP within the United Nations System

## PRINCIPAL ORGANS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SECURITY COUNCIL

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

SECRETARIAT

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL<sup>6</sup>



## The United Nations System

### 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)

# UNEP's Structure and its governance





# UNEP's organigram

## REGIONAL PRESENCE

RO for Africa  
**Rose Mwebaza**  
(Kenya)

RO for Asia  
and the  
Pacific

RO for Europe

RO for Latin  
America and the  
Caribbean

RO for West  
Asia

RO for North  
America

Subregional Office for  
West Africa  
**Mohamed Atani** (Cote  
d'Ivoire)  
South Africa Country  
Office  
**Meseret Zemedkun**  
Addis Ababa Liaison  
Office  
**Margaret Oduk a.i.**

New York Office/Secretariat of  
the Environment Management  
Group

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

INC Secretariat  
**Jyoti Mathur-Fillipp**

## THEMATIC DIVISIONS

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

Law Division  
**Patricia Kameri-  
Mbote**

Climate Change  
Division  
**Dechen Tsering  
a.i.**

Ecosystems  
Division  
**Susan Gardner**

Early Warning  
Assessment  
Division  
**Jian Liu**

## EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Executive  
Director  
**Inger Andersen**

Deputy Executive  
Director  
**Elizabeth Mrema**

Chief of Staff  
**Nicolas Bertrand**

Chief Scientist  
**Andrea  
Hinwood**

Chief Digital  
Office  
**Sally Radwan**

Evaluation  
Office  
**Michael  
Spilsbury**

## CORPORATE DIVISIONS

Communications Division  
**Daniel Cooney**

Policy and Programme Division  
**Ebrahim Gora a.i.**

Corporate Services Division  
**Elizabeth Mrema a.i.**

# 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...**



**Why 50 years of UNEP shows it's possible to save the planet**