



Proposed closure of the Disasters and Conflicts Subprogramme in the 2022-2025 MTS

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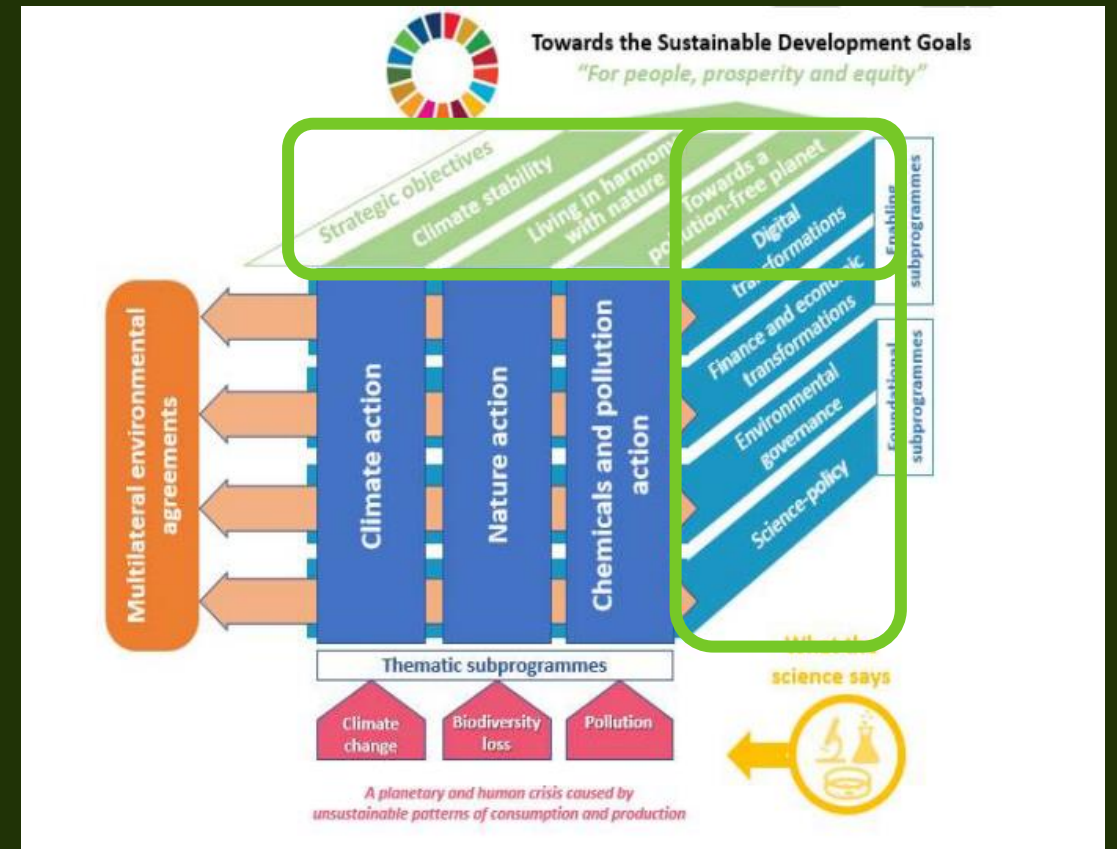
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What's happening?

Instead of a dedicated Disasters and Conflicts Subprogramme, the intention is to mainstream the work on disasters and conflicts across the new thematic subprogrammes.



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“...the MTS emphasizes UNEP’s commitment “to leave no one behind”, while increasing focus on the special needs of disaster and conflict-affected states”... Inger Andersen

Situation

- International attention on the environmental dimensions of peace and security has never been greater.
- The D&C Subprogramme was the least resourced of UNEP's priority areas but its knowledge base has been hugely influential.
- Fragile, conflict and disaster-affected countries do require focused support on climate, biodiversity, pollution, governance and risk reduction to ensure that no one is left behind.
- Mainstreaming makes sense to ensure that those most in need are prioritised.

But...

- Losing subprogramme status means losing a dedicated budget.
- UNEP is institutionally risk averse, and its mandate on conflicts is contested by a minority of states.
- Conflicts work is politically sensitive and technically challenging. Donors want quick results, will other areas provide easier wins?
- Unclear who will be responsible for mainstreaming and ownership, and how it will be monitored and measured.
- The Programme of Work makes little mention of specific mainstreaming goals.

Our role

- The number of people at risk from disasters and conflicts continues to increase.
- The MTS will be adopted and steps have already been taken.
- It will be up to Member States and civil society to ensure that UNEP does as proposed and effectively mainstreams disasters and conflicts across its new pillars.
- Failure to do so risks leaving some of the world's most vulnerable people behind.

Key questions

- How will UNEP's highly influential situated knowledge and experience base on disasters and conflicts be sustained and expanded?
- What measures will be in place to ensure that work on disasters and conflicts is reliably and sustainably financed across different timescales in the MTS, when the work no longer financially benefits from being a subprogramme?
- We would like to see clear targets and indicators developed to ensure that the success of the mainstreaming measures can be properly tracked.



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