

# Regional consultations on the Fifth Montevideo Environmental Law Programme

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# Options paper for legal responses to address climate change

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**Priority area 4:** Preparation of a report for the national focal points on options for clearly defined priority areas for **legal responses to address climate change** that would strengthen, develop or implement appropriate **legal and institutional frameworks** at the national or subnational level **and build the related capacity** to mitigate and adapt to climate change, **while avoiding duplication** and ensuring the mutual supportiveness of efforts with the processes under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement.

# Options paper for legal responses to climate change: A timeline

**June 2022**

First in-person  
Global Meeting of  
NFPs

**September 2023**

Regional  
consultation for  
LAC

**June 2024**

Options paper for  
legal responses to  
climate change  
approved

**August 2023**

Regional  
consultations for  
ASPAC and Africa

**November 2023**

Meeting of the  
Steering Committee  
for Implementation

# Breakout groups

## Main Conference Room

**Topic 1:** Development and implementation of adequate and effective legislation and legal frameworks to address climate change.

**Topic 2:** Awareness-raising initiatives at different levels.

## Africana Room

**Topic 3:** Enhanced capacity-building for increased effectiveness of environmental law for all stakeholders at all levels.

## Mika Room

**Topic 4:** Research and knowledge development on issues related to legal responses to climate change.

# Breakout group questions

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- 1) What should be the thematic areas of priority under this topic?
- 2) What kind of activities would best address the thematic areas identified above? Who should be the beneficiaries of this activity?
- 3) Who is already working in the thematic area or activity specified above? Who should UNEP collaborate with?

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- Legal Responses to Combat  
Climate Change



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