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EMG update on the progress of the two UN system-wide Common Approaches on Biodiversity and Pollution

UN Environment Management Group presentation to the
11th Annual Subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

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Why Common Approaches?

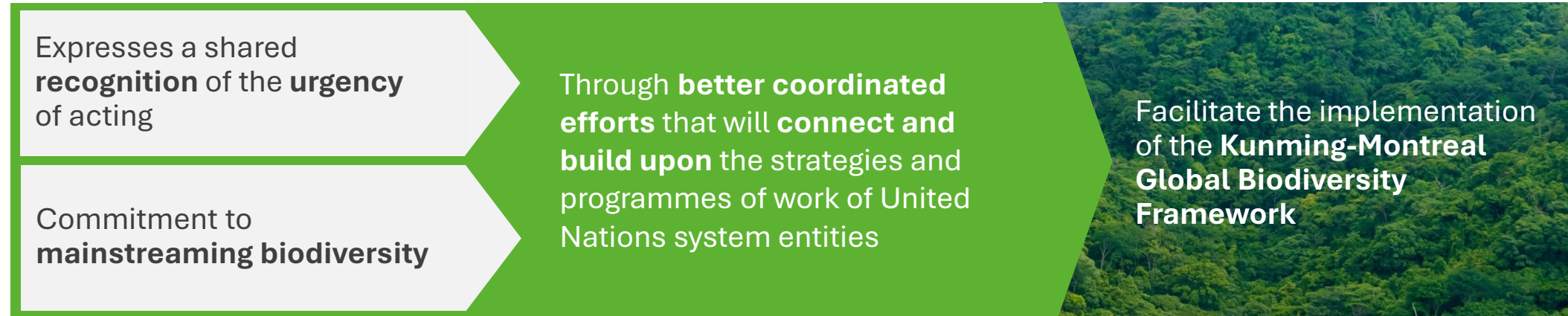
These strategic frameworks ensure a **cohesive, systematic, and collaborative effort across the United Nations system** to address the critical challenges posed by biodiversity loss and pollution.

These approaches aim to integrate environmental considerations into the policies, programs, and operations of various UN entities, leveraging the collective strength of the UN system.

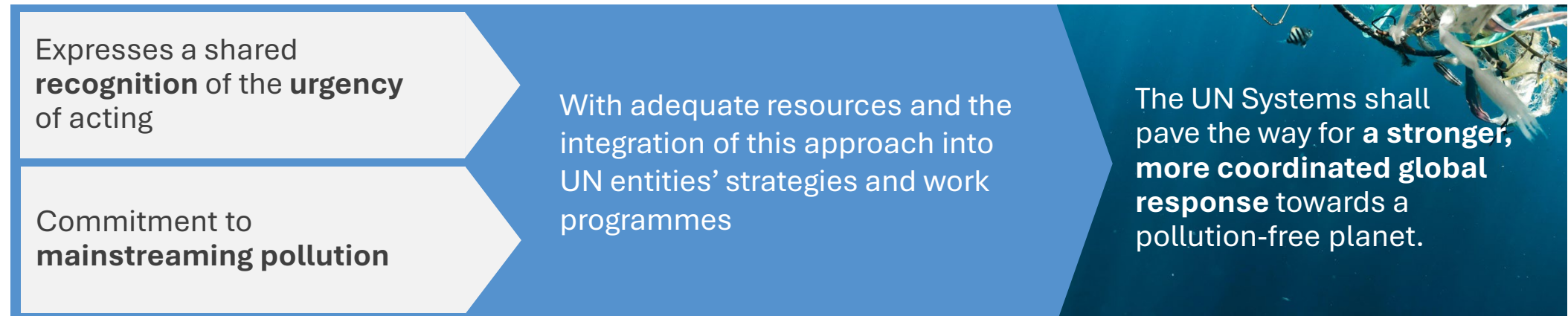


The distinct advantage of the common approach is the ability to leverage the mandates of UN agencies, through the EMG, to foster collective action that strengthens the delivery of the Member States agreed frameworks.

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

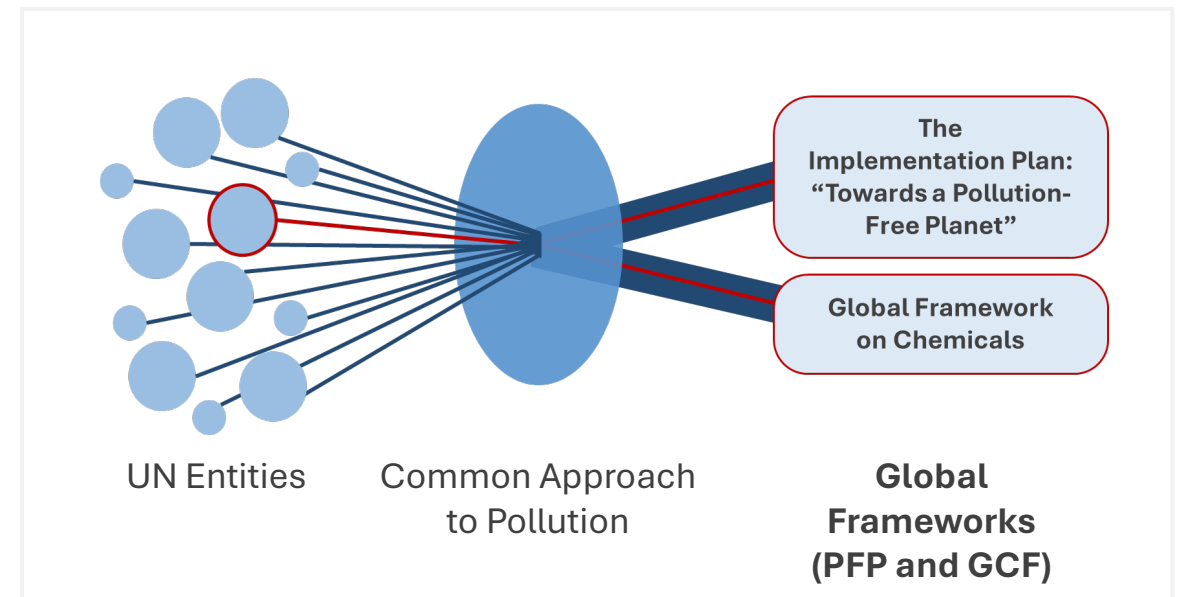
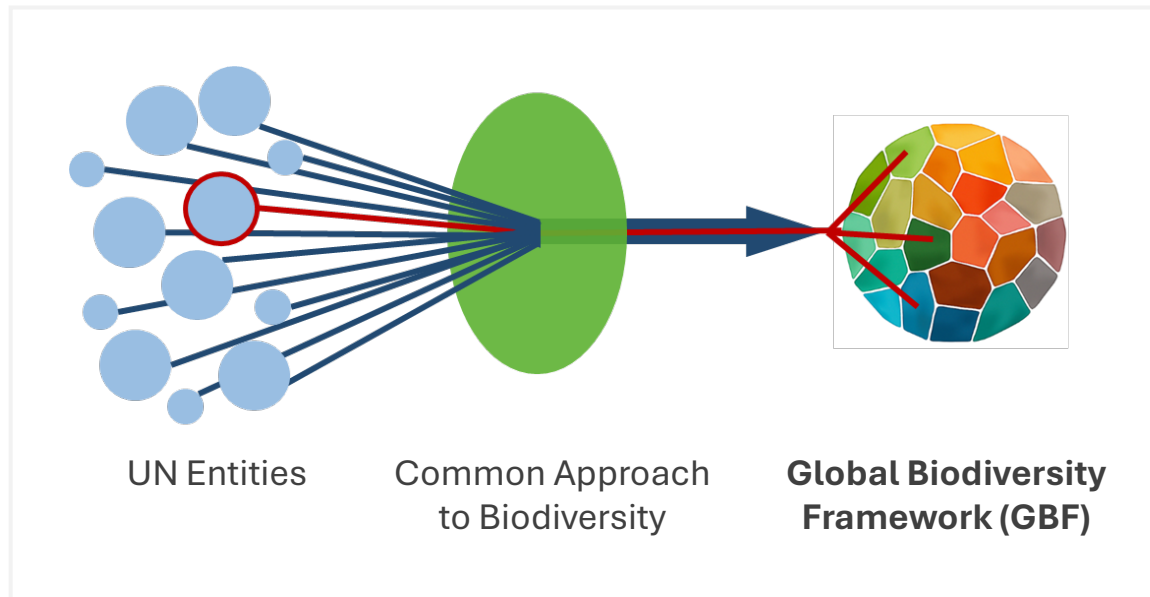


Through the Common Approach to **Pollution**, the United Nations system:

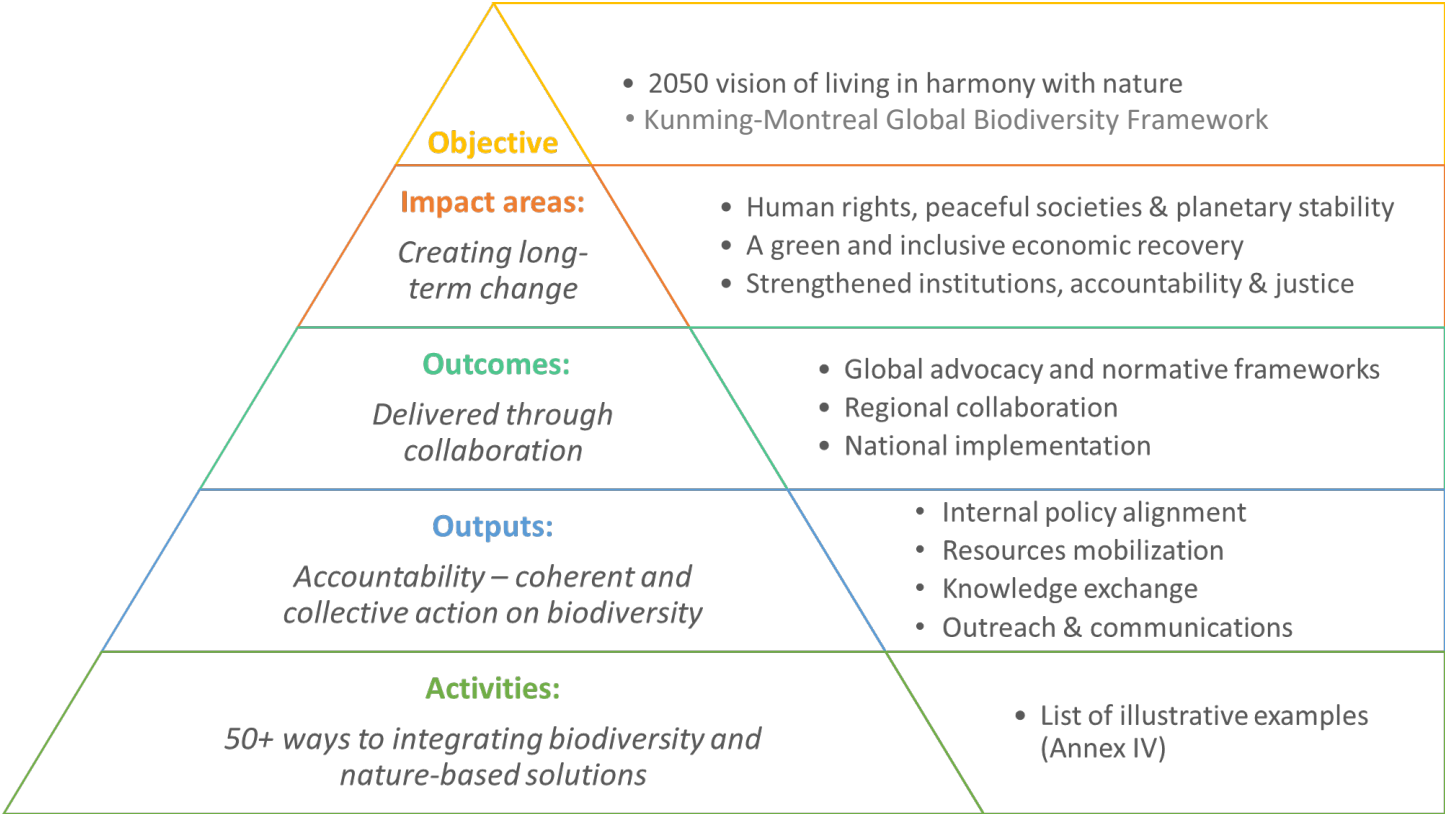


The Common Approaches contribute to and act as a tool for the **delivery of Global Frameworks**

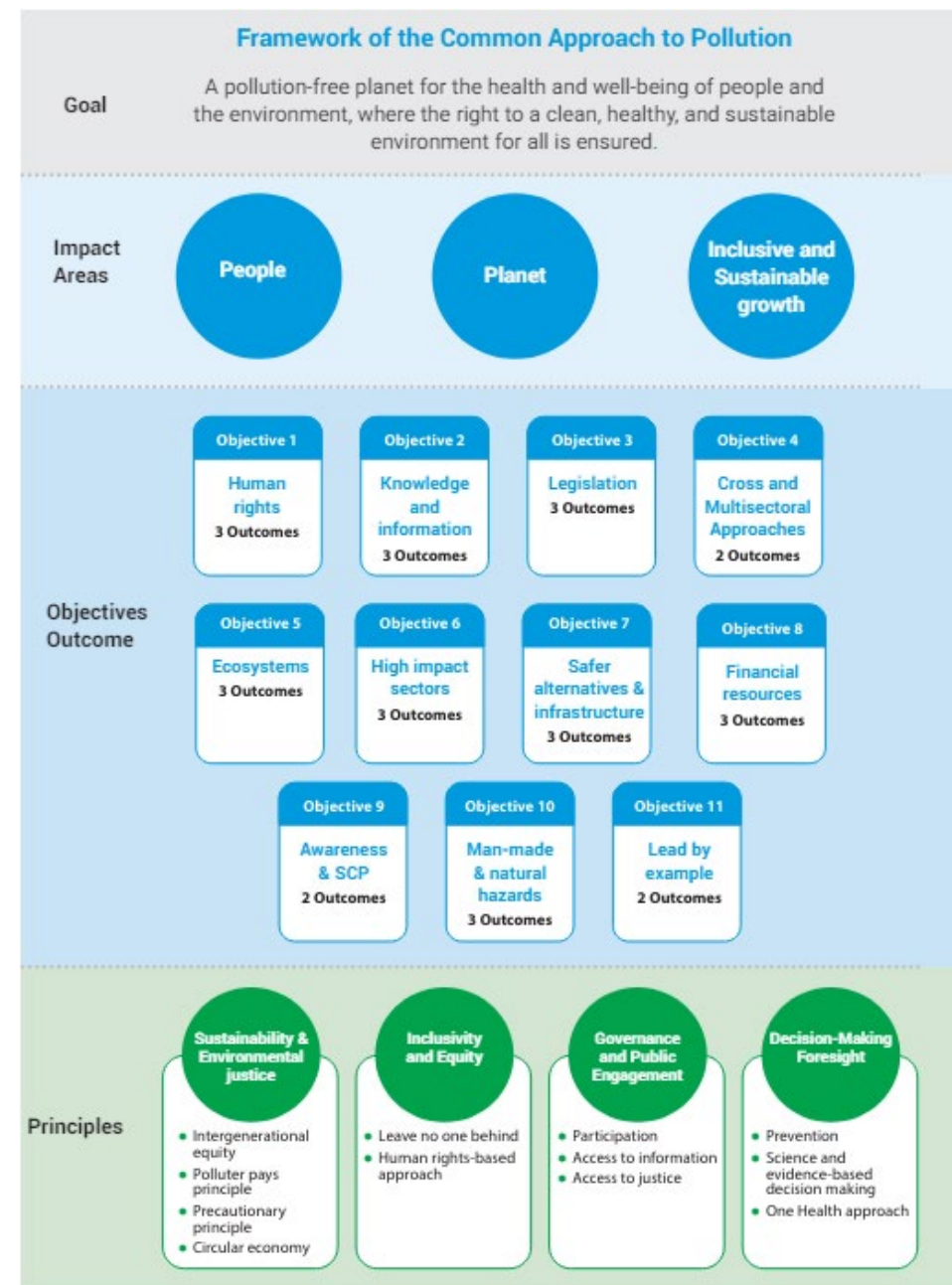
The Common Approaches provide a structure to organize collective action and joint delivery to mainstream biodiversity and pollution. Resulting in accelerated transformational change.



UN Common Approach to Biodiversity and Nature-based Solutions



UN Common Approach towards a Pollution-free Planet



Role of the EMG in the implementation of the approaches



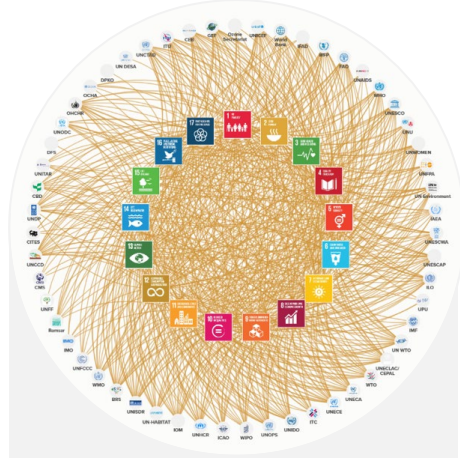
Convening

EMG Members meet regularly to discuss progress and provide inputs



Advocacy and awareness raising

Of the Common Approaches and the Global Frameworks. Production of materials, webinars and outputs at key events and processes.



Knowledge Sharing

Dissemination of UN knowledge products on biodiversity and pollution across UN entities at all levels



Mainstreaming

Mainstreaming pollution across entities' strategies, policies and programmes, the UN development system. Promotion of countries interagency work on pollution.



Accountability and Reporting

Monitoring and reporting on the system-wide progress towards the implementation of the approaches and their contributes to global frameworks.



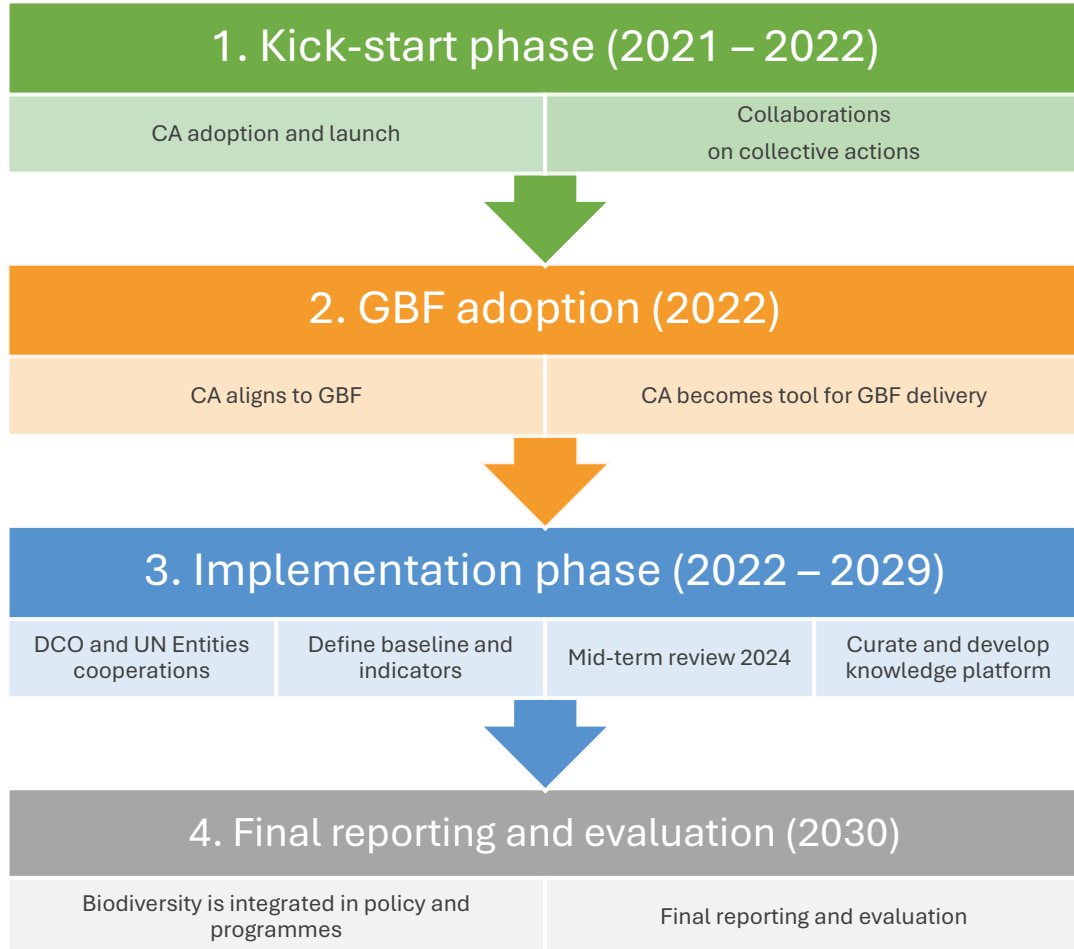
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Implementation

Biodiversity (2021):



Pollution (2023):

In development:

EMG Implementation Plan 2024 - 2025

The plan will focus on three areas of work, which contribute towards the PFP and GCF:

1. System-wide Advocacy
2. Mainstreaming Prevention and Reduction
3. Monitoring and Reporting



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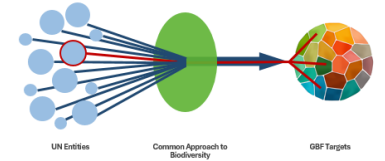
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2021 - 2024



Cross Mapping: Common Approach and GBF Complementarity

Common Approach to Biodiversity (CA) objectives cross mapped to the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) targets and their contribution to GBF Goals.



Common Approach to Biodiversity		GBF Target and contribution to GBF Goals																							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Human rights, peaceful societies and planetary stability	Right to a healthy environment	1	●		●							●	●						●					●	
	Leaving no one behind	2	●									●		●	●				●			●		●	●
	One Health approach	3			●	●	●	●				●	●						●						
	Restoration, disaster risk reduction and climate action	4	●	●	●				●			●													
	Education and cultural diversity	5																●				●	●	●	●
Green and inclusive economic recovery	Public and private investments	6													●	●			●	●					
	Sustainable lifestyles	7				●	●			●							●								
	Sustainable production	8		●		●	●	●			●						●	●	●						
	Sustainable food systems	9									●							●	●						
	Valuing nature	10								●					●	●					●				
Institutions, accountability and justice	Institutional capacity	11												●	●				●			●			
	Monitoring and reporting	12			●		●								●	●				●					
	Environmental rule of law	13		●	●	●		●		●				●	●	●	●	●	●						
	Criminal justice	14			●	●																			
	Information and communications technologies	15												●				●				●	●	●	

Monitoring and Reporting

Preparation of a Monitoring and Reporting Framework to contribute towards the Mid-Term Report, expected 2025.

The framework will report on areas such as:



Common Approach **outputs and outcomes** at global, regional and national level



The UN systems role in **supporting the GBF**, through the Common Approach



UN entities' **strategies, frameworks and activities** that cover/integrate biodiversity



UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks that contain actions to **implement NBSAPs and MEAs**



UN development system entities that address biodiversity loss

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UN Common Approach to Biodiversity Monitoring and Reporting Framework Draft

Background and objectives

1. In May 2021, the UN System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) endorsed the [UN Common Approach to Biodiversity](#) (hereafter 'Common Approach'), an UN-system commitment to mainstream biodiversity in policies, programmes and operations and to create opportunities for collective action for nature.
2. The Common Approach foresees that the Environment Management Group (EMG) "identifies a limited number of measurable targets and related indicators on the basis of existing reporting mechanisms and compiles a midterm and final report on the implementation of the Common Approach at the global level".
3. Furthermore, the Common Approach calls on existing UN system reporting mechanisms to increasingly take into consideration biodiversity-related targets and indicators.
4. An EMG Issue Management Group (IMG) on Biodiversity was created to coordinate the implementation of the Common Approach at global and regional level.



UN Common Approach to Biodiversity Webinar Series



Urban Spatial Planning for Biodiversity Conservation and Preservation

24 April 2024



Agrifood Systems and Biodiversity

4 June 2024



Human Rights and Biodiversity

9 July 2024



Disaster Risk Reduction and Biodiversity

Coming later in 2024



Financing Biodiversity

Coming later in 2024

Series aims include:

- Promote and support GBF implementation
- Identify opportunities to increase engagement of all actors with the GBF
- Explore how the UN system can collectively better support Member States
- Engage with UN Country Teams



An underwater photograph showing a large amount of plastic waste, including ropes, bags, and debris, floating in the water. Several fish are visible swimming around the trash. The water is clear blue.

UN Common Approach towards a Pollution-free Planet

2023 - 2024

Progress: IMG on Pollution and CA on Pollution

Established in 2023, the Issue Management Group on Pollution consists of 26 Members, representing 18 Agencies, and 1 Observer from IOMC.

IMG on Pollution Implementation Plan - Areas of Work:



Promote the implementation of the Common Approach to across the UN system and all stakeholders



Mainstream pollution prevention and reduction in the UN system using the Common Approach



Monitor and report back to the EMG on the progress of the CA implementation and activities of the IMG

Cross Mapping: CA on Pollution, GCF, SDGs

The Global Framework on Chemicals (GCF), left, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), right, have been mapped to the Common Approach.

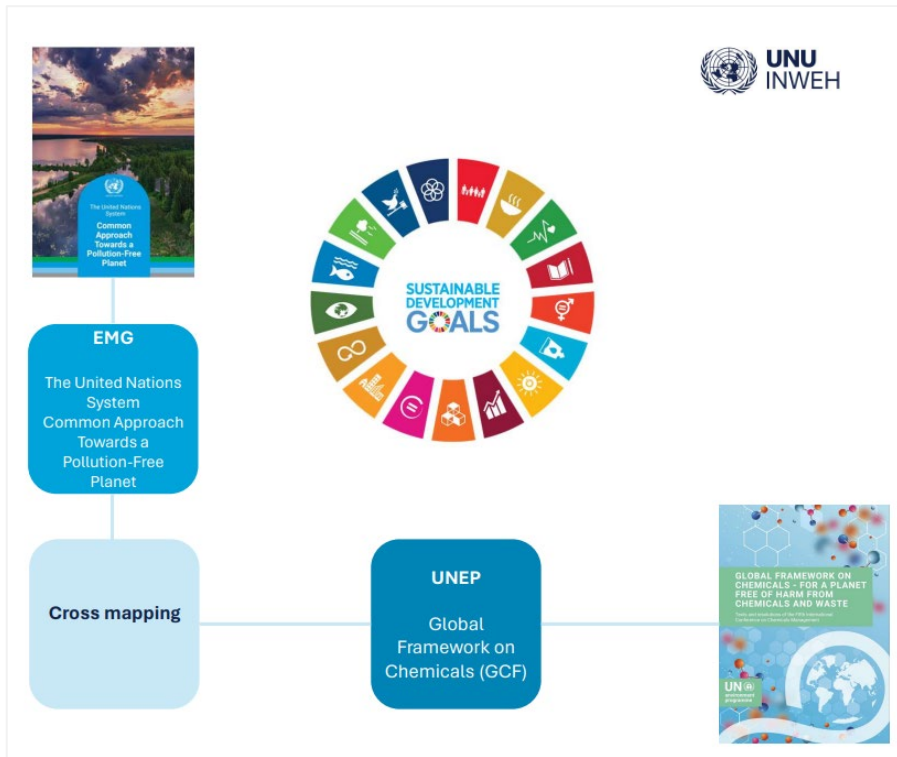


Figure 1. CAP SDG Mapping

SDG 1	SDG 2	SDG 3	SDG 4	SDG 5	SDG 6	SDG 7	SDG 8	SDG 9	SDG 10	SDG 11	SDG 12	SDG 13	SDG 14	SDG 15	SDG 16	SDG 17
1.1	2.1	3.1	4.1	5.1	6.1	7.1	8.1	9.1	10.1	11.1	12.1	13.1	14.1	15.1	16.1	17.1
1.2	2.2	3.2	4.2	5.2	6.2	7.2	8.2	9.2	10.2	11.2	12.2	13.2	14.2	15.2	16.2	17.2
1.3	2.3	3.3	4.3	5.3	6.3	7.3	8.3	9.3	10.3	11.3	12.3	13.3	14.3	15.3	16.3	17.3
1.4	2.4	3.4	4.4	5.4	6.4	7.a	8.4	9.4	10.4	11.4	12.4	13.a	14.4	15.4	16.4	17.4
1.5	2.5	3.5	4.5	5.5	6.5	7.b	8.5	9.5	10.5	11.5	12.5	13.b	14.5	15.5	16.5	17.5
1.a	2.a	3.6	4.6	5.6	6.6		8.6	9.a	10.6	11.6	12.6		14.6	15.6	16.6	17.6
1.b	2.b	3.7	4.7	5.a	6.a		8.7	9.b	10.7	11.7	12.7		14.7	15.7	16.7	17.7
		3.8	4.a	5.b	6.b		8.8		10.a	11.a	12.8		14.a	15.8	16.8	17.8
		3.9	4.b	5.c			8.9		10.b	11.b	12.a		14.b	15.9	16.9	17.9
		3.a	4.c				8.10		10.c	11.c	12.b		14.c	15.a	16.10	17.10
		3.b					8.a				12.c		14.4	15.b	16.a	17.11
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Level of relevance: Low Moderate High



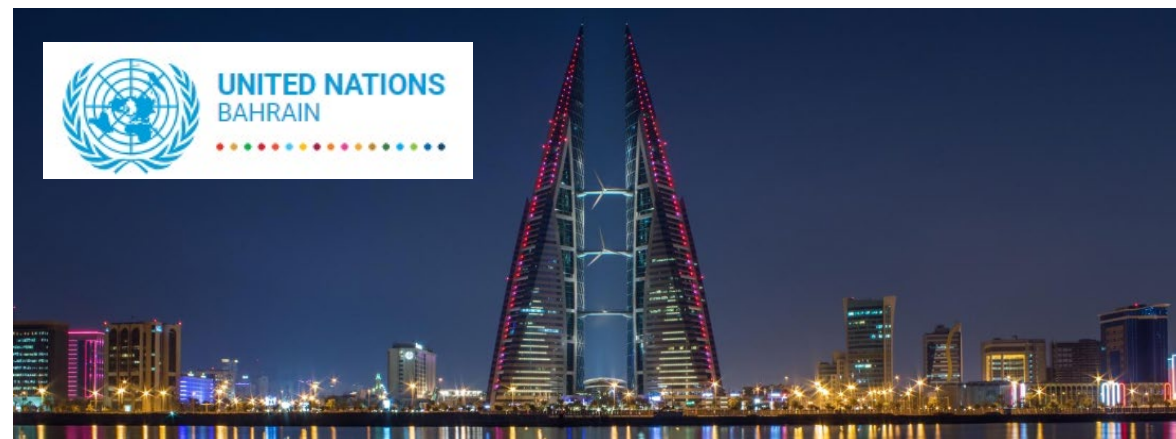
Support and Advocacy:



Coordinated support towards the **Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee** to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment

Ongoing preparation of a UN collective vision statement for INC-5, 25 November to 1 December 2024 at the Busan Exhibition and Convention Center in Busan, Republic of Korea.

This builds on *Addressing marine litter and microplastics - UN system-wide contributions (2022)* and *UN Common Offer to support the transition towards a plastic pollution-free planet (2023)*.



Members of the IMG on Pollution provided a briefing on the Common Approach and **taylor-made assistance to reduce pollution upon request by the UN Resident Coordinator's Offices and the UN Country Teams.**

The first briefing was done for UNCT Bahrain on 1 July 2024.
FAO and UNEP represented the IMG.



Find out more:

[Common Approach to Biodiversity](#) | [EMG Issue Management Group on Biodiversity](#)

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