

UNEP's mandate and its organizational structure

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Key milestones in UNEP's history



1972

Stockholm Conference

UNEP is established in 1972 at the UN Conference on the Human Environment to monitor the state of the environment, inform policy making with science and coordinate responses to the world's environmental challenges.

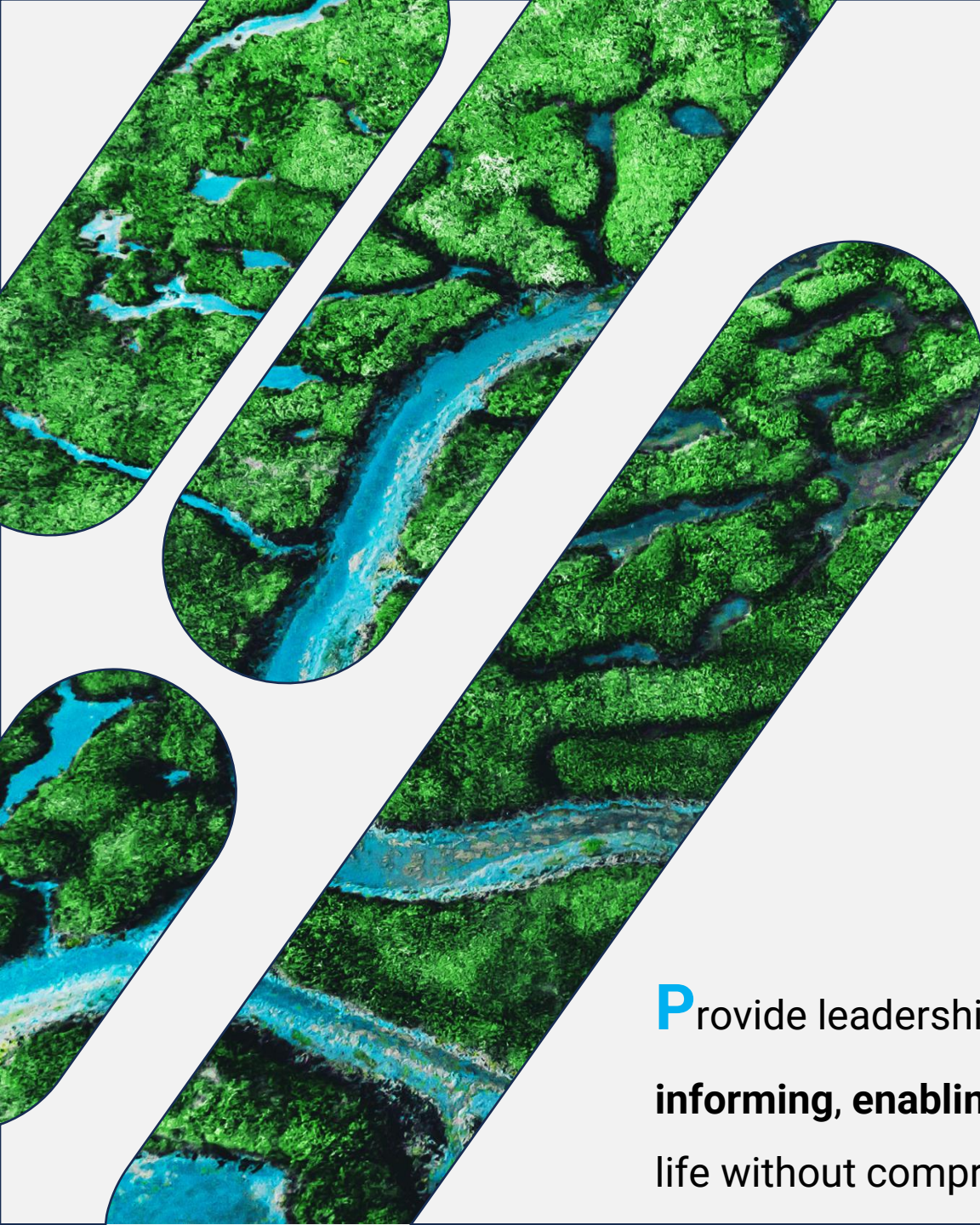
2012

RIO+20, UNEP strengthened

At the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, UNEP's **mandate is strengthened**, and governance upgraded to **universal membership through UNEA** helping to define a new era of international environmental governance.

2022

UNEP@50, UNEP's contribution acknowledged. Political declaration at the UNEP@50 Special Session of UNEA **acknowledged 50-year contribution** of UNEP and further strengthened the mandate.



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

Provides evidence on planetary health and solutions
Identifies emerging environmental threats
Offers guidance on sound policies

INFORM

CONVENING POWER to tackle triple planetary crisis

ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE
Supports robust environmental laws and institutions and plays a key role in MEAs

CAPACITY BUILDING

PARTNERSHIPS

ENABLE

SHOWS POSITIVE CHANGE IS POSSIBLE
Shares environmental success stories and recognizes outstanding individuals and institutions.

“ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIENCE OF THE WORLD”
Raises awareness and advocates for action on the environment

INSPIRE

UNEP's mission in practice

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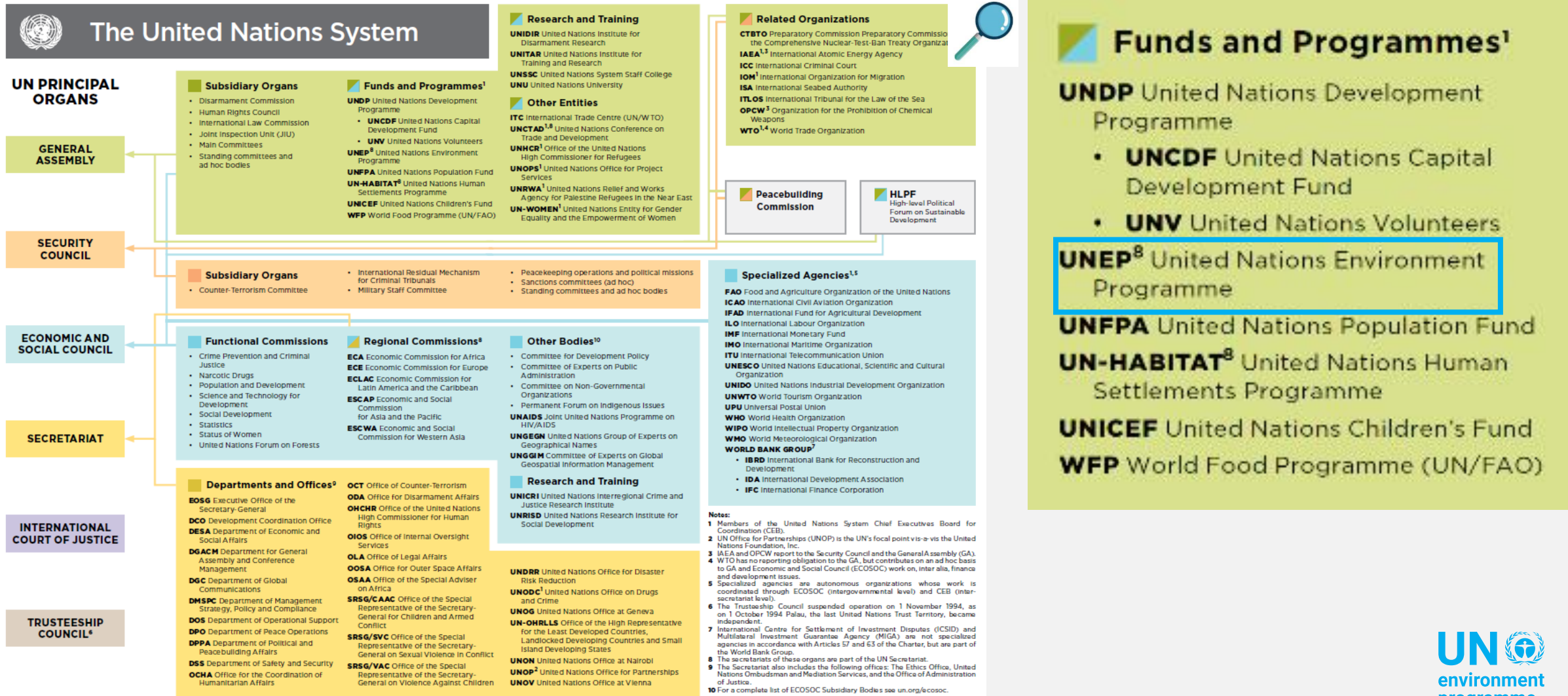
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UNEP within the United Nations System



UNEP is governed by Member States

**The UN General Assembly
(UNGA)**
yearly meetings

Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC)
**Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary
Questions (ACABQ)**
Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th committee)

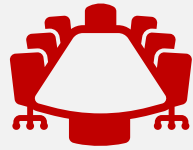


**The United Nations Environment
Assembly (UNEA)**
meets every two years

Open-ended CPR (every two years to prepare UNEA)
Annual CPR subcommittee
Quarterly CPR meetings
CPR Subcommittee (scheduled for specific topics)



UNEP in the Secretariat



UN System Chief Executives Board (CEB)

Highest level coordination forum of UN system, chaired by UNSG.
UNEP represented by the Executive Director

High-Level Committee on Management (HLCM)

Subsidiary body of CEB, acts on behalf of the CEB on administration and management.
UNEP represented by Director of Corporate Services Division.

High-Level Committee on Programmes (HLCP)

A system-wide coordination on policy coherence on programme.
Chaired by UNEP Executive Director.



UN Environment Management Group (EMG):

UNEP leverages its role as the Secretariat and Chair to better mainstream environmental issues into the work of the UN system, while coordinating the group's environmental activities for max impact and efficiency.

3 UNEP's Secretariat

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UNEP's organigram

REGIONAL PRESENCE

RO for Africa
Rose Mwebaza
(Kenya)

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

RO for Asia and
the Pacific
Dechen Tsering
(Thailand)

Subregional Office for the Pacific
Jinhua Zhang a.i. (Samoa)
China Country Office
Tu Ruhie

RO for Europe
**Arnold
Kreilhuber**
(Switzerland)

India Country Office
Balakrishna Pisupati

RO for Latin
America and the
Caribbean
Juan Bello
(Panama)

Subregional Office for Centra Asia
Aidai Kumanova (Kazakhstan)
Russian Federation Country Office
Vladimir Moshkalo
Brussels Liaison Office
Veronika Hunt Safrankova
Vienna Programme Office
Harald Egerer

RO for West Asia
Sami Dimassi
(Lebanon)

Subregional Office for the Caribbean
Vincent Sweeney (Jamaica)
Subregional Office for the Southern Cone
Alberto Pacheco Capella (Uruguay)
Brazil Country Office
Alberto Pacheco Capella (Brasilia)
Mexico Country Office
Dolores Barrientos

RO for North
America
Rafael Peralta
(The United
States)

New York Office/Secretariat of
the Environment Management
Group
Ligia Noronha

Governance Affairs
Office/Secretariat of Governing
Bodies
Radhika Ochalik

Plastic Pollution
Intergovernmental Negotiating
Committee Secretariat
Jyoti Mathur-Fillipp

THEMATIC DIVISIONS

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**Patricia Kameri-
Mbote**

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Division
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a.i.**

Ecosystems
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Susan Gardner

Early Warning
Assessment
Division
Jian Liu

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Inger Andersen

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Director
Elizabeth Mrema

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Nicolas Bertrand

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**Andrea
Hinwood**

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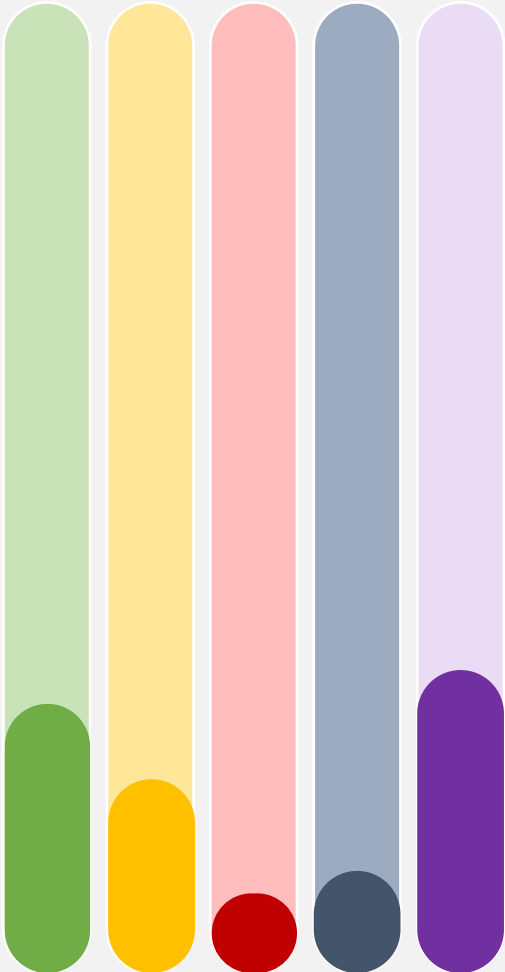
Corporate Services Division
Elizabeth Mrema a.i.

UNEP: HR OVERVIEW

1377 STAFF MEMBERS

62%
Female

38%
Male



34% **Africa Group**
P+ staff represent the **19%**

18% **Asia Pacific Group**
P+ staff represent the **21%**

4% **Eastern European Group**
P+ staff represent the **5%**

9% **Latin America & Caribbean**
P+ staff represent the **11%**

35% **Western European & Others**
P+ staff represent the **44%**

UNEP and the MEAs

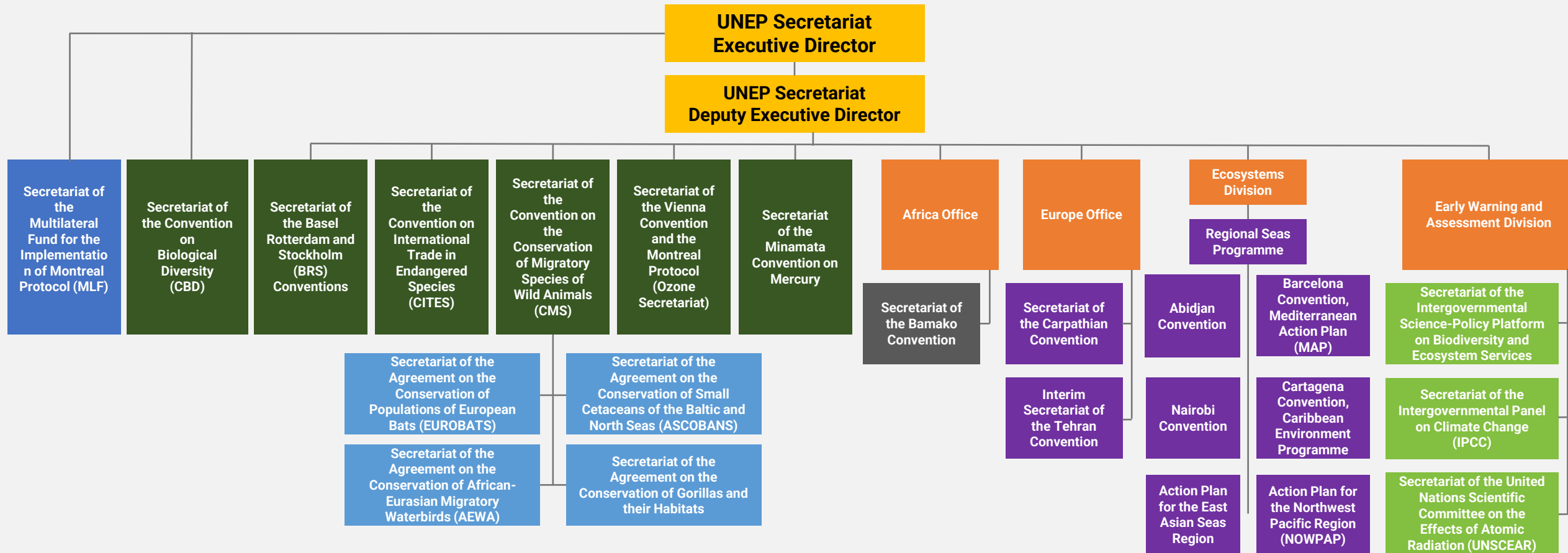


UNEP supports the negotiation and implementation of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs)

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...

The MEAs and other entities to which UNEP provides the Secretariat or Secretariat Functions



UNEP: Oversight and Accountability

Internal controls

Accountability
Statement of Internal Controls
Delegation of Authority



Evaluation

UNEP independent Evaluation Office



Audits

“Single audit principle”
External: Board of Auditors
Internal: Office of Internal Oversight
Services



Risk Management

Risk Management Umoja tool
Risk Management awareness



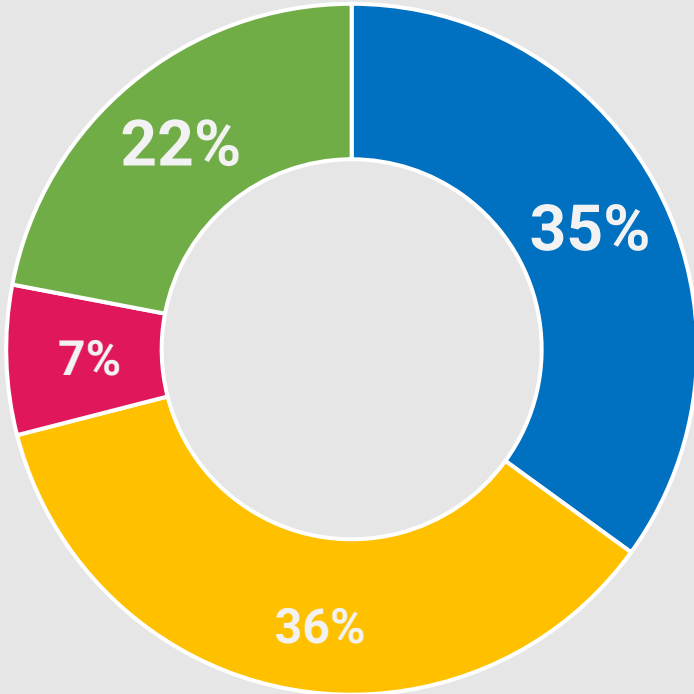
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4 UNEP's Funding

How is UNEP funded?



UNEP INCOME 2024*

*combined income from Jan 2024 – June 2024

CORE CONTRIBUTIONS

Gives flexibility to implement PoW as approved by all Member States

22% Environment Fund

The core fund, supports essential capacity needed for balanced and efficient delivery of programme approved by Member States (\$63.2M)

7% UN Regular Budget

Supports functions of UNEP Secretariat, including Governing Bodies, coordination in the UN system, and cooperation with global scientific communities (\$20M)

EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS

Earmarked for specific projects, themes or countries, enable expansion and replication of programme and results in more countries with more partners

36% Tightly and soft Earmarked Funds

From Member States, the European Commission, the UN family, the Multilateral Fund (Montreal Protocol), etc. (\$102.6M)

35% Global Funds

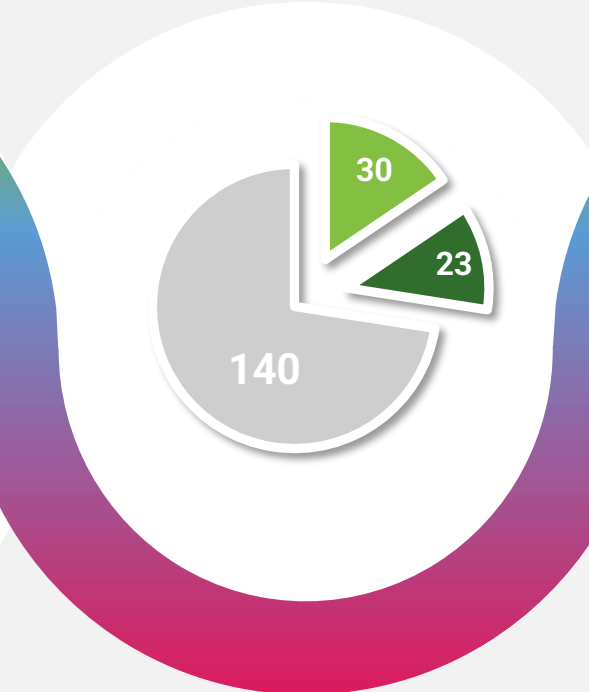
From GEF and GCF (\$102.5M)

How to strengthen UNEP's funding



Fund the Environment Fund at the level of the budget

approved by Member States. As of June 2024, we have pledges of 63M which is 69% of the annual target of \$91.07M



Contribute your full share - all UNEP Member States (193) have the responsibility to fund UNEP. During this period of 2024, 53 Member States contributed to the Environment Fund, 30 of whom contributed their full share as per the indicative scale established by Member States (as at June 2024).



When core funding to the Environment Fund is not possible, **support the three Thematic Funds**. Currently almost 80 per cent of the funding received by UNEP is earmarked. More effective delivery of results needs more flexibility in funding

UNEP IS YOUR PARTNER ON THE JOURNEY TO TACKLE THE TRIPLE PLANETARY CRISIS

WE INVITE OUR PARTNERS TO SHARE THE JOURNEY



An aerial photograph of a dense, vibrant green forest. A winding river, with a light blue-green hue, meanders through the center of the forest, creating several meanders and small islands. The sunlight filters through the trees, creating a dappled light effect on the forest floor.

THANK YOU

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