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“Supporting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by enhancing UN system-wide collaboration and coherent responses on environmental matters”

							
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UNU	FAO	UNFPA	OHCHR	UNWTO	GEF	UN WOMEN	OCHA
							
UNDP	UNHCR	UNICEF	WHO	IAEA	RAMSAR	UNIDO	UN-HABITAT
							
WMO	ICAO	UNCTAD	UNOPS	IFAD	UN AIDS	WIPO	WORLD BANK
							
WTO	ILO	UNCCD	WFP	IMF	UNEP	IMO	UNITAR
							
BRS	UNISDR	ESCAP	UNECE	ECLAC	UNECA		



SYSTEM-WIDE

EMG convenes all of the UN System to foster system-wide coherence and effectiveness on the environment.



INTER-DISCIPLINARY

EMG curates the collective wisdom and expertise from 51 UN agencies around specific environmental issues.



COLLABORATION

EMG fosters system-wide efficiency through collaboration to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.



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**SDGs our common Agenda,
An integrated approach our methodology.**



The System-Wide Framework of Strategies on the Environment (SWFS)



UN SWFS

key features

- **Converge of organizations' environmental strategies and work programmes toward the common objectives reflected in the SDGs**
- **Focus on integration and application of cross-sectoral solutions, a systems thinking approach**
- **Focus on drivers and leverage points for the integration**
- **Identifying best practice and solutions for collective action and support.**

1st SWFS Synthesis Report



SYSTEM-WIDE COLLABORATION ON THE ENVIRONMENT



Synthesis Report on System-wide Contributions to the Implementation of the
Environmental Dimension in the Sustainable Development Goals

2016-2017

The Report Shows

- Organizational changes in response to environmental dimensions of the SDGs (mandate, strategic plans , budgets, performance frameworks, etc..)
- Agencies primary and secondary focus on SDGs
- Partnerships in response to environmental dimensions (at national, regional, global and internal UN level
- Opportunities and recommendations
















TABLE 1: ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES IN RESPONSE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION OF THE SDGs

AGENCY	STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT	PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORKS	FUNDING ALLOCATION
BRS-MEAS- Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions	YES SDGs 12.4, 12.5	The Budget Activity Fact Sheets have been revised to indicate how proposed activities contribute to the 2030 Agenda.	Adjustments have been considered for the 2018-2019 biennium and subject to the approval by Parties to the Conventions.
DESA- Department for Economic and Social Affairs	YES SDG 17	Annual sessions of the High level political forum on SD; SDGs/SD partnerships platforms, ECESA Plus; SG Reports.	N/A
DFS- Department of Field Support	YES SDGs 3.9, 4.7, 6.1-6.4, 7.2, 7.3, 9.4, 9.a, 11.2, 11.4, 11.7, 11.b, 12.2-12.5, 13.2, 13.3, 15.1, 15.5, 15.7, 15.8, 17.18, 17.19.	Scorecard-based environmental performance management of the field missions.	Budget allocation is related to mandates to reduce the missions' environmental impact.
FAO- Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN	YES SDGs 2.4, 2.5, 6.4, 12.1, 12.3, 12.5, 14.4, 14.6, 14.7, 15.3, 15.6	Strategic Objectives aligned with SDG targets and indicators.	Changes to consolidate the headquarters' structure so as to elevate and strengthen FAO's work on climate change, SDGs and statistics require a cost of USD 1.86 million, which will be covered by savings arising during 2016-17 from streamlining of administrative services. Therefore, the structural changes are budget neutral, that is, they are accommodated within the approved 2016-17 budgetary appropriation and do not require additional resources, and therefore are within the authority of Council to approve.
ICAO- International Civil Aviation Organisation	YES SDGs 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17.	ICAO Business Plan explicitly builds on the SDGs. ICAO's current five Strategic Objectives contribute to 15 out of the 17 SDGs, among which the ICAO's Environmental work programme contributes to 14 SDGs.	Budget allocation is related to mandates to reduce the missions' environmental impact.
IFAD- International Fund for Agricultural Development	YES SDGs 2.4, 2.5, 6.4, 12.1, 12.3, 12.5, 14.4, 14.6, 14.7, 15.3, 15.6	Strategic Objectives and related activities are linked to relevant SDGs	All IFAD investments will mainstream climate change by 2018. IFAD has formulated a 10-point climate mainstreaming plan to enhance climate resilience and environmental sustainability across all IFAD country strategies and investments.
ILO- International Labour Organisation	In progress	Environmental Sustainability Action Plan for 2016-2017 has been adopted	Funding allocation for environment-related activities is undertaken by concerned departments and field offices within their budget provisions. Specific funds for activities related to the environmental dimension of the SDGs are being explored.
IMF- International Monetary Fund	NO	Informal Board meetings on IMF work on climate change held in September and November 2015. Managing Director's Statement on the Role of the Fund in Addressing Climate Change.	N/A



TABLE 2: PARTNERSHIPS IN RESPONSE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION OF THE 2030 AGENDA

 National Focus
  Regional Focus
  Global Focus
  Internal- UN system

AGENCY	FOCUS	PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION	SDG IMPACT
BRS-MEAS - Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions	  	Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative (MPPI), Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment (PACE) with UNU. Household Waste Partnership. Environmental Network for Optimizing Regulatory Compliance on Illegal Traffic (ENFORCE). Polychlorinated Biphenyls Elimination Network (PEN) (multi-stakeholder).	11, 12
DESA - Department for Economic and Social Affairs		The Partnerships for SDGs online platform; SIDS action Platform; The Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) with 14 international Organisations and secretariats with substantial programmes on forests as its members.	14, 15, 17
DFS - Department of Field Support		The DFS-UN Environment Rapid Environment and Climate Technical Assistance Facility (REACT).	6, 7, 12
FAO - Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN		Rome-based Agencies: FAO, IFAD, WFP collaboration. Technical support to the Committee on World Food Security.	2
ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organisation	  	UNDP-GEF-ICAO joint assistance project “Transforming the Global Aviation Sector: Emission Reduction from International Aviation”. In cooperation with UNITAR ICAO developed dedicated training material, consisting of an e-learning course and e-books on States’ Action Plans and mitigation measures. ICAO closely follows up the evolution of the relevant discussions of the UNFCCC process on the development of a new market-based mechanism under the Paris Agreement and its possible implication to ICAO’s work on CORSIA. Aspects related to international aviation and climate change are addressed under various IPCC Reports. ICAO also partners with UN Environment to ensure, through the development of its Carbon Emissions Calculator, the successful and effective implementation of the UN Roadmap for Climate Neutrality by 2020.	7, 12, 13
IFAD - International Fund for Agricultural Development	  	Rome Based Agency cooperation regarding engagement at CBD, UNCCD and UNFCCC. Contribution to various knowledge platforms with the World Bank, The GEF, UN Environment, Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security, CGIAR /CCAFS and many more.	2, 17
ILO - International Labour Organisation	  	PAGE partnership for sustainability at the heart of economic policies: UN Environment, ILO, UNDP, UNIDO, and UNITAR. ILO-UNFCCC partnership to boost action on just transition and decent work in the context of climate change	8, 17
		IMF has worked with ILO on issues related to employment, as well as social protection floors; UNICEF on fiscal issues and social policy; UN	

Areas of collaboration

- Policy integration opportunities
- Exchange of environmental know-how (knowledge exchange network)
- Capacity building for enhancing coherent policy making
- Thematic collaborative areas (climate, chemicals,..)
- Nexus collaborative areas (health,pollution,cities, poverty-environment,Environment in humanitarian actions)

Challenges

- **Properly tracking progress towards SDG implementation.**
- **Monitoring and review of agencies' impact.**
- **lack of standardized performance indicators -Align strategic-plans to relevant SDGs and respective targets on an ad-hoc and uncoordinated manner**
- **Practical evidence of this can be the relatively limited reported collaboration and action across SDGs 6, 7, 11, 14, and 15.**
- **balance between comparative advantage and coherence-driven cooperation** will prove key to achieving the 2030 Agenda. This in turn can bring higher **transparency and accountability**

An aerial photograph of a vast tea plantation. The tea bushes are arranged in neat, terraced rows that follow the contours of the land. Numerous workers are scattered across the field, each carrying a large, round, woven basket on their back. They are actively picking tea leaves. A central dirt path or drainage channel runs vertically through the middle of the plantation. The overall scene is a vibrant green, with the workers providing small human figures against the large expanse of the tea field.

Nexus Dialogue Series

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- Enhance integrated thinking, planning and collaboration.
- Many environmental goals require integrated and cross sectorial solutions.
- understand interlinkages, synergies, and trades off between goals and within each goal with focus on environmental dimensions
- identify practical strategies and tools for integrating the nexus approach into their mission and work.
- Enhance expertise of sectors in addressing overlap and nexus issues
- Nexus Mapping tool

Latest Nexus Report





Next Steps

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- Exploring emerging nexus issues within SDGs under review from an environmental perspective and based on our members needs
- Integrating UN input to HLPF in a systemic manner
- Improving nexus based on country needs