Agenda 2030: Sustainable Development and Good Governance

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Agenda 2030: Objectives

- A plan of action for people, planet and prosperity.
- To strengthen universal peace in larger freedom.
- To eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions.
**Agenda 2030: Priorities**

"As we embark on this collective journey, we pledge that no one will be left behind."

Agenda 2030, Preamble

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**UNEP contribution to Agenda 2030**

- UNEP played a critical role in creating the Agenda, laying the conceptual groundwork to ensure environmental sustainability was reflected in the goals, targets and indicators as a cross-cutting issue and priority.
- UNEP promotes integrating the environmental, social and economic dimensions to secure long-term human and environmental well-being.
- UNEP has also advocated for the principle of universality in the agenda. Universality requires the recognition of universal principles, standards and values applicable to all countries and all peoples.
- UNEP is the primary UN organization mandated to support the monitoring of the environment. UNEP has been working with the Inter-agency Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IEAG-SDG) and the UN Statistical Commission (UNSC) to ensure that the Agenda is well-balanced and serves as a mechanism for bringing the environmental dimension into the indicator framework.
- 1/3 of the indicators are directly related to the environment. UNEP is playing a role by either taking the lead or contributing to the implementation of the 80 environment-related indicators in coordination with other actors. Indicators with an environmental focus will be made available on UNEP Live, which will bring together information from multiple sources to serve as a central database for tracking progress and monitoring the environment's contribution in achieving the goals.
Agenda 2030: Partnerships

- Cooperation of main actors for peace, security, and sustainable development is essential.
- Interlinkages and integrated nature of SDGs are crucial to ensure that the purpose of the Agenda is realized based on a spirit of strengthened global solidarity.
- Madrid Declaration on Environment and Security:

  «Environmental degradation, including both natural and man-made disasters, and their possible impact on migratory pressures, could be a potential additional contributor to conflict. Climate change may magnify these environmental challenges».  

- UN Environment and OSCE are part of the ENVSEC initiative: 5 organizations with the goal to provide holistic solutions to resolve today’s environment and security challenges.

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ENVSEC initiative

- Regional assessments.
- Joint programming and implementation.
- Synergies for innovative solutions.
- Platform for coordination .
- Regional approach for cross-border challenges.
- Participatory and multi-level approach.
- Champions in environmental diplomacy.
- Transparency, efficiency and accountability.

Remediation solutions for areas affected by environmental hazards.
Way forward

- Strengthened cross-border cooperation and environmental risk reduction.
- Increased dialogue, collaboration and action in addressing environment and security challenges across borders.
- More dynamic and extensive partnerships in the field.
- Long-term approach to sustainability, security, and good governance.

Thank you