

UNDESA/DSD: Environmental Mandate & Activities

United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs / Division for Sustainable Development

Environmental mandate

The Division for Sustainable Development/DESA provides coordinated support for the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the further implementation of Agenda 21, the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of SIDS, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPol), and work programmes and decisions adopted by the CSD.

Environmental activities

Provides substantive support to the intergovernmental bodies as the Commission on Sustainable Development and the related work of the General Assembly and the ECOSOC.

Promotes inter-agency collaboration and coordination in the area of sustainable development through facilitating actions in the UN system for the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and JPol.

Promotes dialogue and partnerships with non-governmental organizations, the private sector and other major groups, and seeks to enhance their contribution to the implementation of above-mentioned UN documents at the international, national and local levels and their effective involvement in the work of the CSD and related intergovernmental processes.

Monitors implementation through the assessment of data collected at the national, regional and international levels relating to the work on indicators of sustainable development.

Provides policy advisory services and technical cooperation activities, in particular for the incorporation of sustainable development concerns into national sectoral plans and strategies and in the field of energy, freshwater and mineral resources management.