

## **UNEP: Environmental Mandate & Activities**

### **United Nations Environment Programme**

#### **Environmental mandate**

UNEP was established by the General Assembly following the Stockholm Conference by resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972. Under the resolution, the Governing Council is composed of 58 members elected by the General Assembly and has the following main functions and responsibilities to:

- Promote international cooperation in the field of the environment and to recommend, as appropriate, policies to this end;
- Provide general policy guidance for the direction and coordination of environmental programmes within the United Nations system;
- Receive and review the periodic reports of the Executive Director on the implementation of environmental programmes within the United Nations system;
- Keep under review the world environmental situation in order to ensure that emerging environmental problems of wide international significance receive appropriate and adequate consideration by Governments;
- Promote the contribution of the relevant international scientific and other professional communities to the acquisition, assessment and exchange of environmental knowledge and information, and, as appropriate, to the technical aspects of the formulation and implementation of environmental programmes within the United Nations system;
- Maintain under continuing review the impact of national and international environmental policies and measures on developing countries as well as the problem of additional costs that may be incurred by developing countries in the implementation of environmental programmes and projects and to ensure that such programmes and projects shall be compatible with the development plans and priorities of those countries; and review and approve the programme of utilization of resources of the Environment Fund.

#### **Environmental activities**

- Early Warning and Assessment
- Environmental Policy Development and Law
- Technology, Industry and Economics
- Environmental Policy Implementation
- Regional Cooperation
- Environmental Conventions
- Global Environment Facility Coordination