



UNITED NATIONS

ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT GROUP

EMG

3rd Meeting of the Consultative Process on Biodiversity

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EMG Decisions

- Sept 2019 - 25th EMG Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) establish Consultative Process on Biodiversity to prepare the UN system’s contribution to post 2020 GBF
- Oct 2020 – 26th EMG SOM approves the report with request for EMG Secretariat to continue facilitating the implementation of the recommendation
- May 2019 – EMG initiates Phase II of Strategy on Environmental and Social Standards with a Model Approach including a benchmark standard on Biodiversity, Ecosystems and Sustainable Natural Resource Management

UN Common Approach

- March 2020 - Secretary General called the UN System to mainstream biodiversity work in key areas
- May 2020 - Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) tasked its High-level Committee on Programmes (HLCP) to develop a common approach to integrating biodiversity and nature-based solutions for sustainable development into the UN’s policy and programme planning and delivery.
- March 2021 – 41st Session HLCP approved the UN Common Approach and expected to be endorsed by the CEB on 3 May 2021.
- Dec 2020 – UNGA Resolution 75/233 called upon the UN entities to continue to provide evidence-based and integrated policy advice and programmatic support

“All UN entities will be engaged, including those not traditionally involved in biodiversity work, and an emphasis will be placed on awareness-raising and advocacy.

I welcome this report and call on the executive heads of United Nations system entities to support the implementation of its recommendations to stem global biodiversity loss.”

Antonio Guterres, Secretary General UN

“Recognize the importance of building on synergies across the United Nations system;

Recognize the importance of addressing both the direct and indirect drivers of biodiversity loss and the need for transformative changes in our societies, economies and institutions;

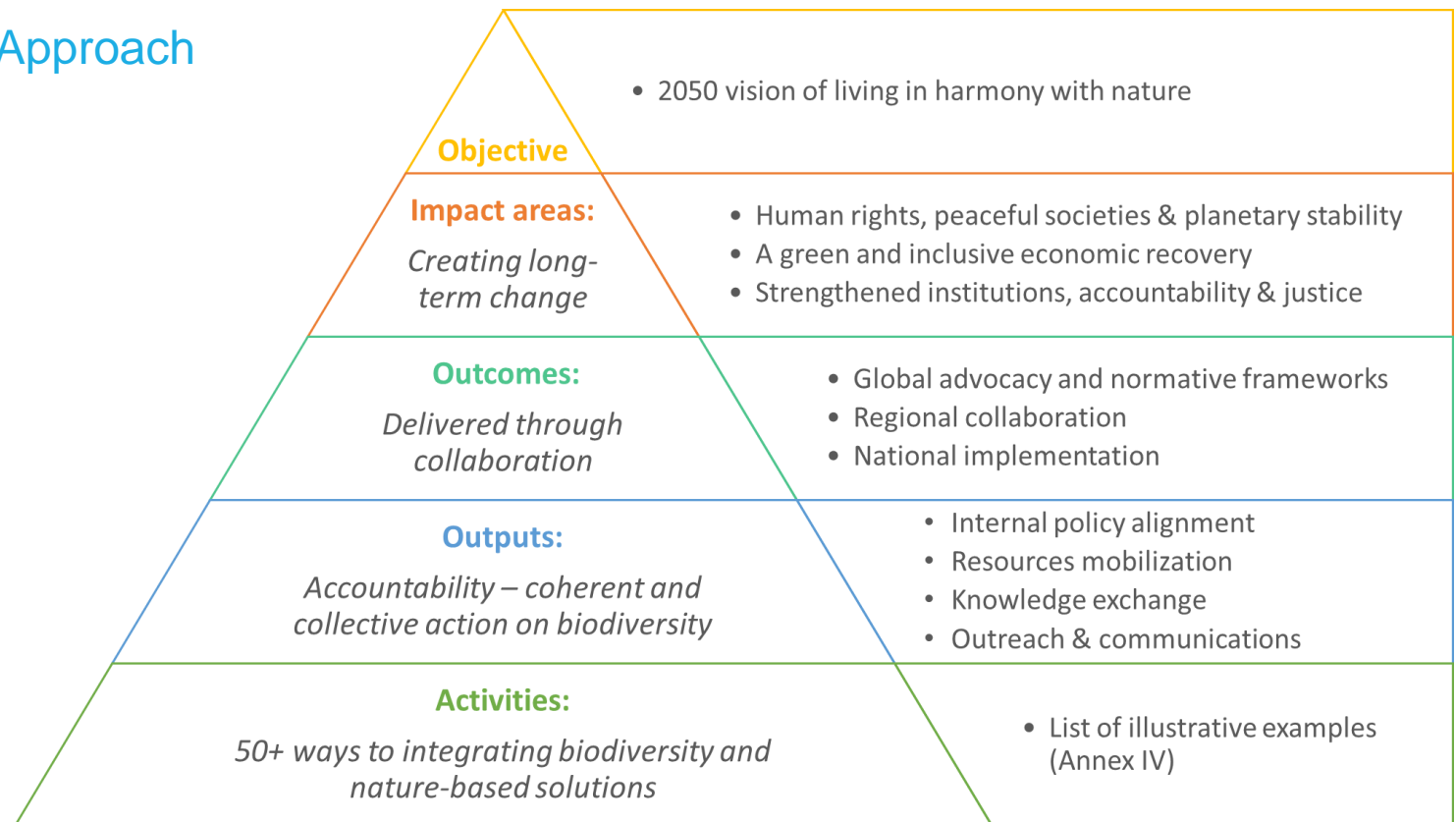
Commit to ensure biodiversity is mainstreamed across our policies, programmes and internal operations at all levels within our own mandates and obligations to ensure a nature-positive UN, building on our agencies’ existing strategies and in order to provide a more coherent UN system response and action to support the implementation by Member States of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.”

Executive Heads of EMG Members

EMG report recommends four overarching actions

1. Support country abilities to halt biodiversity loss and to sustainably use and enhance biodiversity through policies and programmes;
2. Establish strong coalitions for biodiversity;
3. Mainstream biodiversity in UN internal operations, and;
4. Enhance UN-wide coherence and follow-up on biodiversity.

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Proposed Areas for EMG Issue Management Group on Biodiversity

- 1. Accountability and reporting:** Further “Greening the Blue” by building on Sustainability Strategy Phase II to define performance indicators and design the UN system wide reporting on biodiversity – for policy and programming.
- 2. Training and information sharing:** Strengthen horizontal and vertical integration on biodiversity by further bridging the gap between UN system expertise and operational needs.
- 3. Knowledge broker and matchmaking:** Advance the integration of biodiversity through periodic review of UN system needs and dissemination of technical resources across the UN
- 4. Align current resources and mobilize additional:** Review current programming and resources towards nature positive investments and support collaborative efforts for pooled funding mechanisms

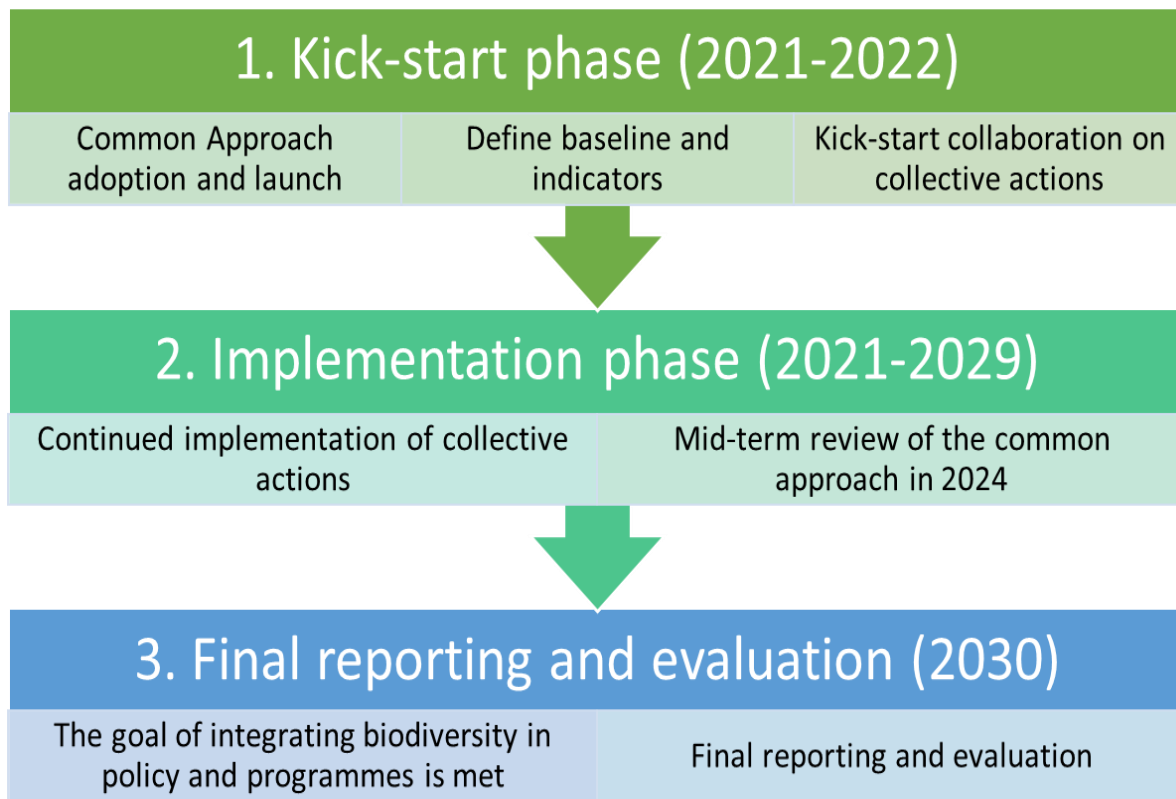
Opportunities for Feeding into 2021 Nexus Dialogues



| Nexus Dialogues/Processes | Time | Partners | Status |
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| Gender and Biodiversity: 2-Part Series 1. Unpacking Linkages with Gender and Biodiversity in UN System Efforts 2. Towards Gender Responsive Biodiversity Action and Outcomes: A Workshop | 29-Mar 30-Mar | CBD Secretariat | COMPLETED COMPLETED |
| Addressing COVID-19 for the Environment: 3-Part Series 1. Defining Green Recovery 2. Financing Green Recovery 3. Regional Nexus Approaches to Building Back Better | 27-Apr 04-May 15-Jun | Multiple: UNEP UNEP-FI RCNYO, ESCAP, ECLAC, ECA, ECE, ECSCWA | COMPLETED READY READY |
| Food System Resilience through Integrated Natural Resource Management | 7-Jun | UNU, UNEP | Progress 80% |
| Impact of Digitalization on Environmental Governance: 3-Part Series 1. Digitalizing Environment Sustainability – Risks, Opportunities, and Actions 2. Socioeconomic Drivers and Systemic Shifts for Digitalization 3. Digital Data Infrastructure for the 2030 Agenda | Jul TBD | UNEP | Conceptualizing 20% |
| Sustainable Fashion | Sep TBD | ITC, UNESCO, UNEP, UNCTAD, UNFCCC, UNECE, ZOINet, GEN | Conceptualizing 50% |
| Stockholm+50 | Q4 2021 | UNEP, GEN | Conceptualizing 20% |
| Enhancing Synergies between the Post-2020 Biodiversity and Chemicals Frameworks | Jun or Jul TBD | UNEP, SAICM, CBD | Conceptualizing 20% |

The Way Forward

Proposed Timeline for
EMG Issue Management
Group on Biodiversity



- Public Online Launch of EMG Report on 25 May 2021
- Identify Chair and Co-chairs for EMG Issue Management Group along with taskforce leads
- Towards an Workplan - Proposed Activities and lead agencies

| Focal Area | Suggested contribution | Possible responsible entity |
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| 1. Accountability & Reporting | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building on the work of the Sustainability Strategy Phase I, UNEP could support the UN system to develop indicators and a monitoring framework to mainstream and disclose performance on biodiversity-related measures for its facilities and operational portfolio. | UNEP |

- Next IMG BD Meeting – 10 June 2021?