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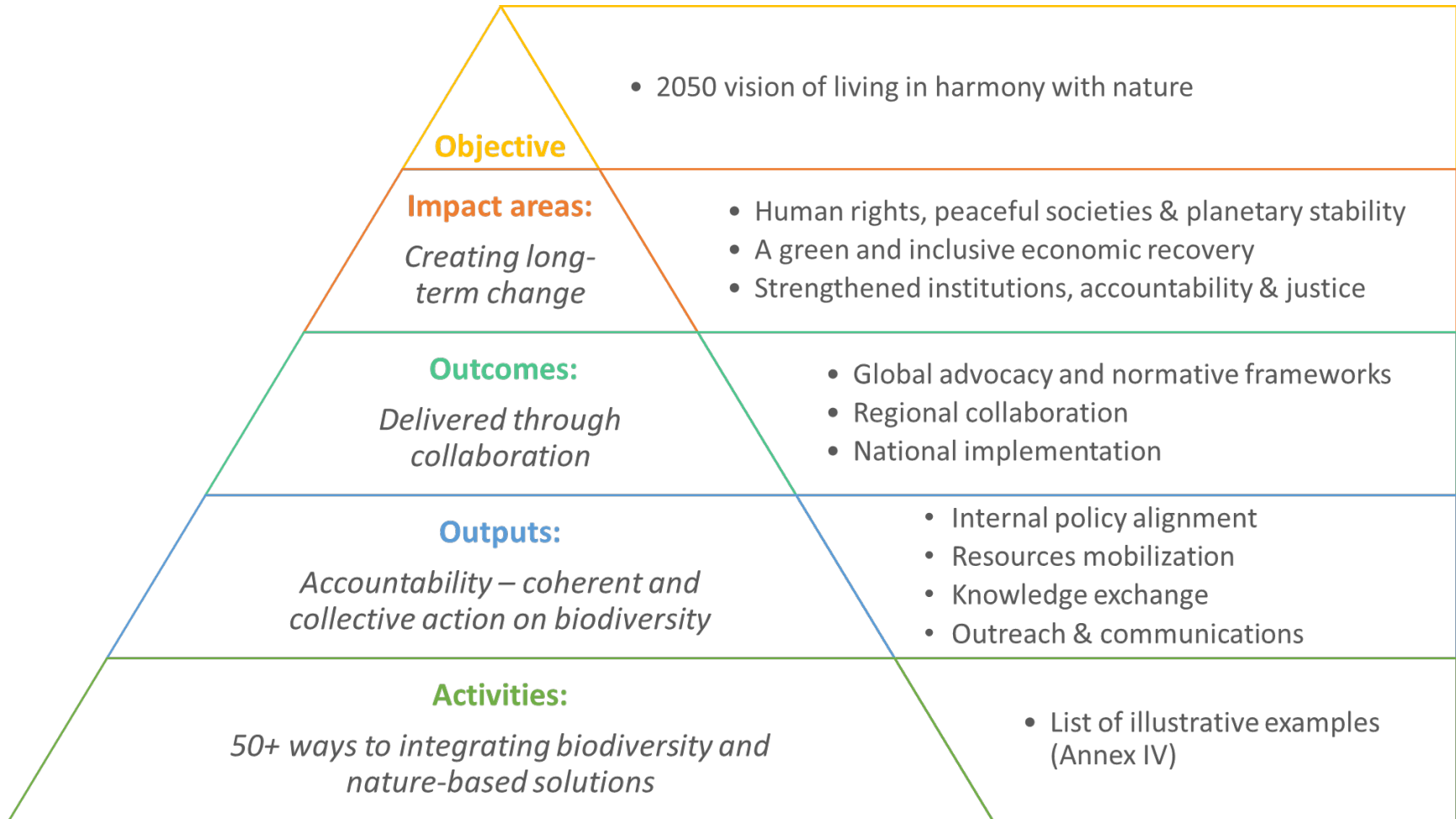


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15 medium-term objectives are framed as expected accomplishments

Human rights, peaceful societies and planetary stability

#1: Human rights are protected and can be exercised, including the right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment.

#2: Persons, groups and people in vulnerable situations, particularly those who rely on natural resources for subsistence and cultural identity, and who are disproportionately affected by environmental degradation, are prioritised.

#3: A One Health approach is implemented, and the interconnections among people, animals and ecosystems are recognized.

#4: Nature is conserved and restored, while nature-based solutions for disaster risk reduction, climate action are accelerated

#5: The links between biological and cultural diversity are recognized, and the protection of sites of international importance for biological and cultural diversity enhanced.

A green and inclusive economic recovery

#6: Public and private finance and investments, especially those mobilized to respond to the COVID-19 induced crisis, accelerate green, just and inclusive socioeconomic transitions, including from the informal to formal economy.

#7: Sustainable consumption, including sustainable lifestyles and livelihoods, is promoted, inequalities are eliminated and biodiversity loss halted.

#8: Material-intensive socioeconomic production systems are transformed to create better outcomes for people and nature, while meeting increased demand for resources and materials.

#9: Sustainable and secure food systems are ensured through urgent action by all actors.

#10: Markets, economic and financial practices are fundamentally reformed and use metrics for governments, the private sector and society, to measure progress towards sustainable development, supported by strengthened regulations to conserve and restore natural capital.

Strengthened institutions, accountability and justice

#11: Institutional capacity is supported to plan and pursue integrated solutions to reverse biodiversity loss and accelerate progress on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

#12: Safeguards on biodiversity and the integrity of all ecosystems are implemented, sectoral and national accountability is clarified, and monitoring and reporting against environmental obligations fulfilled.

#13: Environmental rule of law and procedural rights on access to information and justice are promoted, and meaningful participation in environmental decision-making is enabled.

#14: Criminal justice and anti-corruption measures to environment-related crimes are strengthened as an essential part of the integrated solutions to protecting biodiversity.

#15: Advanced digital information and communication technologies (ICTs) are deployed to ensure open access to and equitable coverage of data and repositories.

12 Outcomes delivered through collaboration

Global advocacy and normative frameworks

#1: UN system entities **demonstrate leadership on biodiversity** and promote strong commitments for nature.

#2: The UN system delivers **unified communications campaigns** to mobilize demand for global action for nature.

#3: Through initiatives such as the SG's Common Agenda, the UN system convenes **dialogues on systemic challenges** that can only be addressed through multilateral action.

#4: The Secretary-General's **Call to Action on Human Rights** is implemented to support action on biodiversity.

#5: UN system entities collaborate with partners to provide **data for insight, impact & integrity**, and aligned to the SG's Data Strategy.

Regional collaboration

#6: The UN **regional mechanisms foster collaboration** within and between regions to address biodiversity-related challenges that transcend borders.

#7: Member States are supported to **position regional and national priorities** in biodiversity-related multilateral negotiations and processes.

#8: **Regional development banks are engaged to integrate biodiversity** conservation and nature-based solutions in economic models, and design incentives and policies for investment in ecological and social sustainability.

National implementation

#9: UN Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams **support Member States to implement MEA decisions**, through the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks and the COVID-19 Socio-Economic Response Plans.

#10: UN Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams support the inclusion of biodiversity and nature-based solutions in **Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFF)**.

#11: UN Country Teams promote **environmental and intergenerational justice** as an integral part of the UN's advocacy on human rights, rule of law and governance.

#12: UN Country Teams facilitate **inclusive multi-stakeholder partnerships** and promote networking to resolve development conflicts, nexus issues and landscape/seascape level challenges in a transparent and equitable manner.

- IMG will be composed of EMG Agencies focal points and may co-opt inputs from non-UN entities
- The IMG is to decide the frequency of its meetings including the establishment of time-bound task teams; encouraging at least quarterly per annum
- The IMG Co-chairs (initially UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO) will be supported by the EMG Secretariat to facilitate the process.
- ToR of the IMG on Biodiversity is valid until the Senior Officials Meeting in September 2022, and reviewed every second year thereafter

Two streams of work to support UN Decisions

| Activities | Outputs | Existing processes for alignment |
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Result 1. Awareness raising and knowledge sharing

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| <p>Guidance, knowledge products and advocacy material in support of the 15 medium-term objectives of the Common Approach (Annex 2)</p> | <p>1. Source and share existing technical guidance, knowledge products and training materials, as well as communications materials / narratives while also encourage EMG members to develop and share succinct internal advocacy pieces to support national and regional engagement.</p> | <p>Work with EMG members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Divisions and Regional Offices • Thematic coordination mechanisms |
| <p>Access to biodiversity-related knowledge products</p> | <p>2. Increase the availability of knowledge products to regional and national teams, as well as other coordination mechanisms.</p> | <p>Collaborate with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNSDG • Regional Collaborative Platforms • Thematic coordination mechanisms |
| <p>Exploring and enhancing collaboration on the post-2020 biodiversity and the pollution agendas</p> | <p>3. Explore and raise awareness on the interlinkages between the post-2020 global biodiversity and pollution agendas and articulate guidance for the EMG members to tackle the interconnected crises of biodiversity loss and pollution through their mandates, initiatives and programmes in an integrated manner that responds to a system-level approach.</p> | <p>Work with EMG Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Divisions and Regional Offices • Thematic coordination mechanisms |
| <p>UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration</p> | <p>4. Facilitate and scale up UN system-wide response to the Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030)</p> | <p>Work with EMG Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Divisions and Regional Offices • Coordination Group and Task Forces of the UN Decade • Thematic coordination mechanisms |

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| #2: Accountability & global-level reporting | | |
| Common Approach indicators for the QCPR Monitoring framework | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Share individual entity inputs and map indicators and potential gaps in reporting on QCPR operational paragraphs related to biodiversity in policy and programming. 2. Liaise with facilities and operations reporting: assess indicators in collaboration with SUN Team and IMG on Sustainability Management; 3. Liaise with DCO and UNSDG representatives on UNCT reporting related to indicators at the national level as part of UN INFO 4. Promote internally a limited number of measurable targets and related indicators to include in the QCPR monitoring framework | Link with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN INFO • Greening the Blue • Sustainability Strategy Phase I and Phase II |
| Common Approach reporting framework development | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Produce an overview of the reporting mechanisms relevant to biodiversity; 2. Produce a synthesis of existing data availability, baselines and periodicity of submission of reporting; 3. Produce a reporting framework for the Common Approach to biodiversity. 3. Report at the global level on collective action on biodiversity to the relevant mechanisms (EMG SOM, CEB/HLCP), as well to the drafting process of the SG's reports on the QCPR. | Coordinate with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN entities-specific reporting mechanism • CEB/HLCP • QCPR reporting framework |

| Result | Indicators | Lead | Timeline | | | | | | Link with | Users | Timeframe | Budget |
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| | | | 2021 | | 2022 | | | | | | | |
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| Operationalise the UN Common Approach to Biodiversity at the global and regional levels | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Result 1. Awareness raising and knowledge sharing | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 1. Guidance, knowledge products and advocacy materials | 2 themes per region | UNESCO & FAO (TBC) | | | | | | | Work with EMG members: Global Divisions and Regional Offices; Secretariats to the UN Decades; Thematic coordination mechanisms | Regional & Country Coordinators, ResReps, | 2030 | |
| Activity 1.1. Consult regional offices and DCO on priority themes and formats | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 1.2. Assign theme leads and issue requests for input | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 1.3. Review and publish knowledge products as available | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 1.4. Consult regional offices and DCO on usefulness & knowledge gaps | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 2. Access to biodiversity-related knowledge products | Global, regional & thematic opportunities | EMG Secretariat | | | | | | | UNSDG, Regional Collaborative Platforms, Thematic coordination mechanisms | Regional & Country Offices | 2030 | |
| Activity 2.1. Assess platform options for knowledge sharing, e.g. UNSDG knowledge platform, AFP websites, etc. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 2.2. Develop a schedule of webinars and communiques to highlight knowledge products | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 2.3. Collate user feed back on content, format and accessibility to inform next round | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 4.3. Produce a reporting framework for the Common Approach to biodiversity | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 4.4. Report at the global level on collective action on biodiversity to the relevant mechanisms (EMG SOM, CEB/HLCP), as well to the drafting process of the SG's reports on the QCPR | | | | | | | | | | | | |

- **15 Sept:** Submission of final IMG ToRs and workplan to SOM27 for their meeting on 30 Sept and 7 Oct 2021
- **30 Sept:** Nominate activity leads to EMG Secretariat who will facilitate process of finalising and implementing 2021-22 workplan as follows:
 - **RESULT #1: Awareness raising and knowledge sharing**
 - **Activity 1 & 2:** Guidance, knowledge products and advocacy material in support of the 15 medium-term objectives of the Common Approach & Access to biodiversity related knowledge products – **UNEP & UNESCO**
 - **Activity 3:** Exploring and enhancing collaboration on the post-2020 biodiversity and the pollution agendas – **UNEP & EMG Secretariat** (Nexus Dialogue in Oct 2021 to decide next steps)
 - **Activity 4:** UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration – **UNEP & FAO**
 - **RESULT #2: Accountability & global-level reporting within the UN system**
 - **Activity 5 & 6:** Common Approach indicators for the QCPR Monitoring framework & development of reporting framework – **UNEP & FAO**
- **30 Nov:** First Meeting of the EMG Issue Management Group on Biodiversity
- **For consideration** – UN EMG joint input to CBD SBI and SBSTTA (April 2022)



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