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Environment Management Group work plan 2022- 2023

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Introduction

This information note presents a work plan for the Environment Management Group (EMG) for 2022-2023 for approval by the 28ᵗʰ meeting of the EMG Senior Officials. The work plan captures activities planned between November 2022 to October 2023 and has three main expected outcomes which pertain to programmatic, operational and management issues, as well as overall policy dialogue and information exchange. The workplan activities support the implementation of the action points proposed for approval by the Senior Officials and may be complemented following the updating of terms of references for the groups.

The work plan remains un-costed as there is no common budget for EMG activities. The workplan will be implemented subject to the availability of financial resources and in-kind contributions of member entities.

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Expected outcome	Activities	Schedule
I. Enhanced coherence in programming	**1. Issue Management Group on Biodiversity**	
	- Facilitate the management of the Issue Management Group on Biodiversity in support of the UN Common Approach to Biodiversity. - Finalize the reporting framework for the Common Approach to biodiversity. - Organize a UN Pavilion and a high-level roundtable at the CBD COP15.	November 2022-October 2023

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	- Establish and support issue-based coalitions on biodiversity in the UN system.	
	- Prepare an overview of how the UN system is responding to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.	

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I. **Enhanced coherence in programming**	2. **Consultative Process on a Pollution-Free Planet**	
	- Map existing efforts, roles, mandates and opportunities in the UN system for strengthened efforts towards a pollution-free planet.	November 2022-October 2023
	- Prepare an analysis of pollution-related capacity gaps.	
	- Develop a common approach to tackling pollution promoting more coordinated action on pollution across the UN system.	
	- Create working groups on specific aspects of pollution as needed, i.a. on nitrogen pollution.	

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I. **Enhanced coherence in programming**	3. **Issue Management Group on Human Rights and the Environment**	
	- Support country level implementation of the Right to a Healthy Environment, including through finalising a checklist to go with the Common Narrative and preparing and/or finalising checklists relating to the integration of human rights into NBSAPs and NDCs.	November 2022-October 2023
	- Consider core strategic themes of engagement across the Rio Conventions (rather than each Convention individually) and the UN Decades.	
	- Consider methods of engagement with UN Human Rights processes through identifying and sharing opportunities for UN agencies to engage with and support the Human Rights Council, treaty-bodies and special procedures, for example 'resolution informals' at the Human Rights Council, as well as side events.	
	- Review feedback from trainings carried out so far and considering what further training needs exist in this area.	
	- Further delineate the work of the IMG in relation to the Call to Action and Common Agenda in order to ensure mutually supportive and cohesive action relating to the right to a healthy environment.	

Expected outcome	Activities	Schedule
II. Enhanced coherence in advancing environmental and social sustainability of the UN system	**UN Sustainability Strategy - Network technical focal points**	
	- Guide the implementation of the UN *Sustainability Strategy.* - Develop a knowledge sharing platform to facilitate knowledge exchange on sustainability management. - Plan and organize the first annual UN sustainability management conference. **i. Working group on sustainability in programming** - Organize deep dive session to exchange experiences amongst UN entities on the application of environmental and social standards in programming. - Organize training sessions on the application of environmental and social standards in programming. **ii. Working group on sustainability in management functions** - Collect and analyse data for the UN 2022 environmental footprint in view of the 2023 Greening the Blue report. Launch the 'Greening the Blue' report.	November 2022-October 2023

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III. Enhanced dialogue, policy and information exchange for implementation of the environmental dimensions of the SDGs	**4. UN System-Wide Framework of Strategies for the Environment (SWFS)**	
	- Finalize the third edition of the SWFS Report. - Agree on topic for the next thematic report under the SWFS. - Raise awareness of the need for better and more disaggregated data and indicators and prepare manuals and other guidance for governments and UN agencies. - Prepare an analysis of current sets of environment-related indicators.	November 2022-October 2023

	- Identify priority gaps in data sets and opportunities for joint capacity building.	
	- Promote knowledge-sharing of innovative methodologies.	

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II. Enhanced dialogue, policy and information exchange for implementation of the environmental dimensions of the SDGs	**5. Environment Management Group Dialogues**	
	- Organize at least four dialogues on environmental aspects of SDGs. Themes: programmatic consequences of climate change; environmental sustainability and digital transformation, the environmental aspects of minerals and metals and closing the knowledge gap on sustainable consumption and production.	November 2022-October 2023