


























































STRATEGIC NARRATIVE 2023-2030

 BRS	 CBD	 CITES	 CMS	 DOS	 ECA	 UNECE	 ECLAC	 ESCAP	 ESCWA	 FAO
 GEF	 IAEA	 ICAO	 IFAD	 ILO	 IMF	 IMO	 IOM	 ITC	 ITU	 Minamata
 OCHA	 OHCHR	 Ramsar	 UNCCD	 UNCTAD	 UNDESA	 UNDP	 UNDRR	 UNEP	 UNESCO	 UNFCCC
 UNFPA	 UN-Habitat	 UNHCR	 UNICEF	 UNIDO	 UNITAR	 UNODC	 UNOOSA	 UNOPS	 UNU	 UN Women
 UNWTO	 UPU	 WFP	 WHO	 WIPO	 WMO	 WB	 WTO	 IUCN	 WWF	 Youth
<i>Observers</i>										

Strategic Narrative 2022-2030

Guided by past and ongoing EMG processes, Stockholm+50 outcome and the Common Agenda

Includes three broad and flexible **thematic areas** to absorb new and emerging issues

Will guide and frame the work of the Group in 2023-2030



Strategic Narrative Goal

→ Make the EMG more “fit for purpose” and **future ready** to deliver on the interconnections of the environment with development, peace, health, human rights, and humanitarian affairs.



Objectives

Enhance system-wide policy coherence to galvanize the environmental dimensions of the SDGs

Improve partnerships and collaborations with and beyond UN agencies

Leverage existing UN system data in forecasting emerging global trends and facilitate data and knowledge gathering efforts

Add value to UN reform by aligning work better with HLCP and UNSDG through coherent, UN system-wide responses to the triple planetary crisis



Thematic Areas

1

Making EMG future ready in support of an inclusive and strengthened international environmental governance

2

Promoting partnerships to enhance the implementation of environmental SDGs and the environmental dimensions of the SDGs

3

Enhancing UN leadership in sustainability management



Thematic Areas



1
Making EMG future ready in support of an inclusive and strengthened international environmental governance

2
Promoting partnerships to enhance the implementation of environmental SDGs and the environmental dimensions of the SDGs

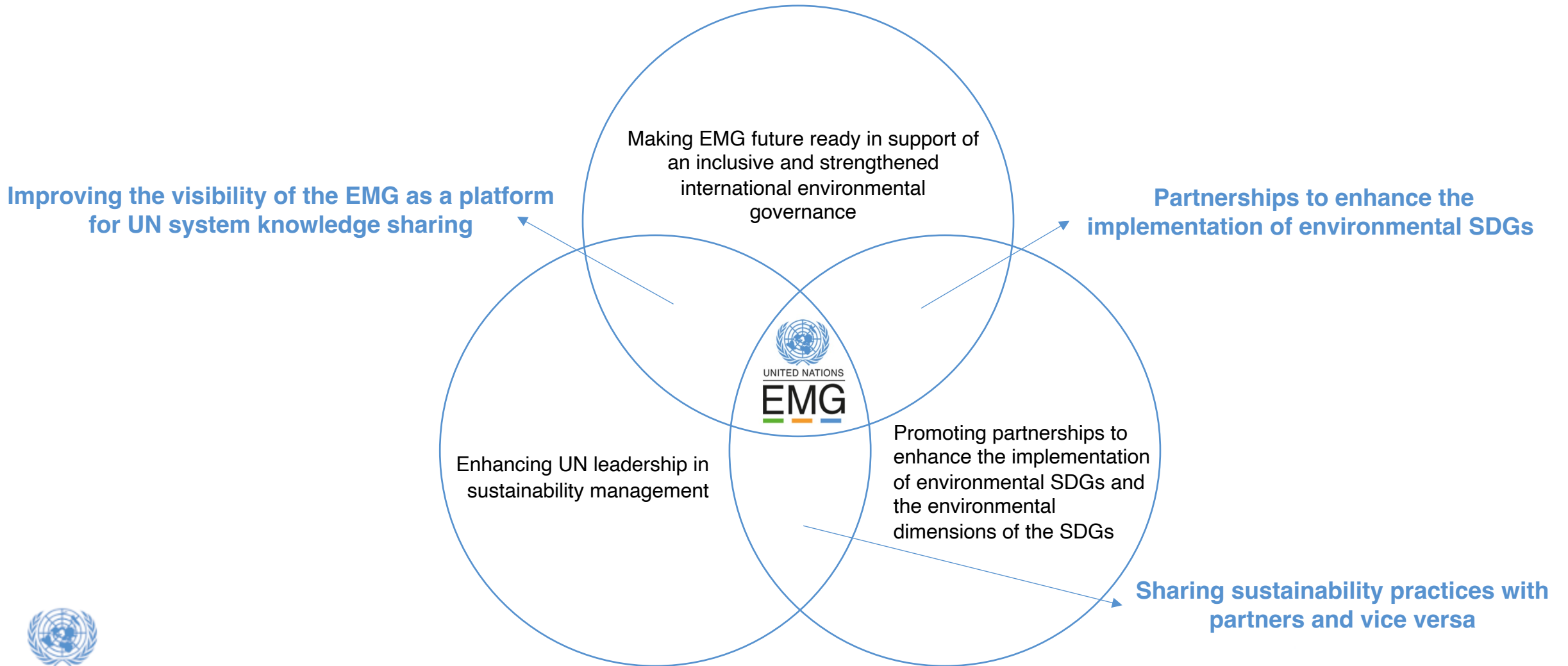
3
Enhancing UN leadership in sustainability management

EMG Strategic Narrative



Making EMG future ready

Thematic Area Connections



Thematic Area Actions

Promote multilateral and multisectoral policy discussions with respect to the international environmental and sustainable development agenda

Prepare policy and normative guidance, guidelines and tools within the UN system

Prepare UN system-wide strategies and common approaches to promote policy coherence

Support the CEB, HLCP, HLCM and the UN Development Cooperation Office in mainstreaming and implementing environmental priorities across UN policies, programming, management and operations, including in UN Country Teams



Thematic Area Impacts

1

Making EMG future ready in support of an inclusive and strengthened international environmental governance

2

Promoting partnerships to enhance the implementation of environmental SDGs and the environmental dimensions of the SDGs

3

Enhancing UN leadership in sustainability management

Providing normative guidance and facilitating coherent, collaborative responses to help create a more efficient UN system, **capable of effectively helping countries.**



1

Making EMG future ready in support of an inclusive and strengthened international environmental governance

2

Promoting partnerships to enhance the implementation of environmental SDGs and the environmental dimensions of the SDGs

3

Enhancing UN leadership in sustainability management

THREE THEMES WITH INTERCONNECTED IMPACTS

Supporting Our Common Agenda

Enhancing system wide coherence and collaboration

Developing UN system-wide strategies and common approaches for policy coherence

Preparing policy guidance and tools

Supporting the CEB in mainstreaming and implementing environmental priorities in UN development system

Theme 1: Making EMG future ready in support of an inclusive and strengthened international environmental governance

STRATEGY

Following the EMG's current work on biodiversity and pollution as well as looking at "Our Common Agenda", work in this area would focus on emerging trends (such as the triple planetary crisis, macroeconomic uncertainty, technological innovation) that impact international environmental governance arrangements. Improved efforts in data gathering, as well as management of existing UN system data, will be crucial in forecasting and detecting these emerging global trends. The EMG would explore ways in which the UN system as a whole can work together to mitigate adverse effects and capitalize on opportunities for further environmental action. This would allow the EMG to be better prepared, more proactively engaged and more reflective of considerations of intergenerational equity, gender, and human rights.

CURRENT AND POTENTIAL EMG INITIATIVES

- The UN System-Wide Framework of Strategies on the Environment (SWFS) (*ongoing*)
- Developing a common approach to addressing pollution (*ongoing*)
- Supporting implementation of the UN Common Approach to Biodiversity (*ongoing*)



Theme 2: Promoting partnerships to enhance the implementation of environmental SDGs and the environmental dimensions of the SDGs

STRATEGY

The EMG could explore ways to operationally link the UN system's work so as to encourage Member States to undertake integrated approaches to sustainable development. Methodological approaches could include enhanced UN system-wide networking and enabling enhanced participation by various stakeholders in multilateral environmental governance, policy setting, and implementation. This would enable the UN system to support the coherent, integrated, and effective management of the global environmental commons as a key element in the achievement of the SDGs. The EMG could also interact more consciously with the UN Sustainable Development Group to open a dialogue aimed at assisting UN Member States to meet the environmental dimensions of the SDGs. The EMG should also consider going beyond usual UN partnerships, and look towards youth groups, civil societies, the private sector, judiciary organisations and other underutilized collaborators.

CURRENT AND POTENTIAL EMG INITIATIVES

- Promoting the human right to a healthy environment (ongoing)
- The EMG SDGs Nexus Dialogues (ongoing)
- Strengthening The One Planet Network (a UN Alliance for SDG 12) (potential)
- Environment and trade (potential)



Theme 3: Enhancing UN leadership in sustainability management

STRATEGY

The UN Sustainability Strategy 2020-2030 outlines the vision of the UN system being a leader in integrating environmental and social sustainability considerations across its work in a systematic and coherent way, practicing the principles that it promotes and leaving a positive legacy. The EMG continues to support enhanced internal sustainability in the UN system, assisting entities to establish and meet sustainability targets. This could include the development of a well-interconnected and innovative ecosystem that supports the creation of dialogue and synergies between organizations, supports effective transfer of expertise and provides a forum for presentation of new research and innovation solutions. The EMG should work to support capacity building and accountability in the UN's sustainability management efforts, while ensuring the UN leaves behind a positive legacy.

CURRENT AND POTENTIAL EMG INITIATIVES

- Facilitating the implementation of the UN Sustainability Strategy 2020-2030 (ongoing)
- Greening the Blue (ongoing)

