

UN Common Approach to Biodiversity and Nature-based Solutions

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Environment Management Group

The EMG: UN system-wide coordination body on environment and human settlements.

EMG membership: 51 UN entities.

EMG identifies issues on the international environmental agenda that warrant cooperation, and finds ways of engaging its collective capacity in coherent management responses to those issues.

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What is the CA to Biodiversity?

Common Approach to Integrating Biodiversity and Nature-based Solutions for Sustainable Development into United Nations Policy and Programme Planning and Delivery



- To mainstream biodiversity and catalyse collective action
- To address the drivers of biodiversity loss, restore ecosystems and ultimately living in harmony with nature.

The CA provides:

- The normative framework, in a resultbased structure
- To organize collective action and joint delivery to mainstream biodiversity and nature-based solutions.





Purpose



Through the Common Approach, the United Nations system:

recognition of the urgency of acting

Commitment to mainstreaming biodiversity

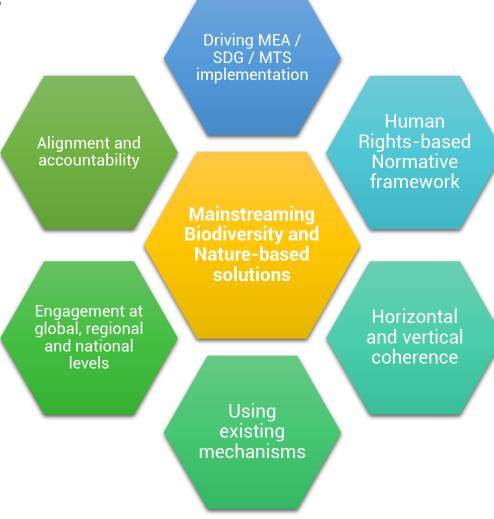
Through better
coordinated efforts that
will connect and build
upon the strategies and
programmes of work of
United Nations system
entities

Facilitate the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework



Strategic Intent



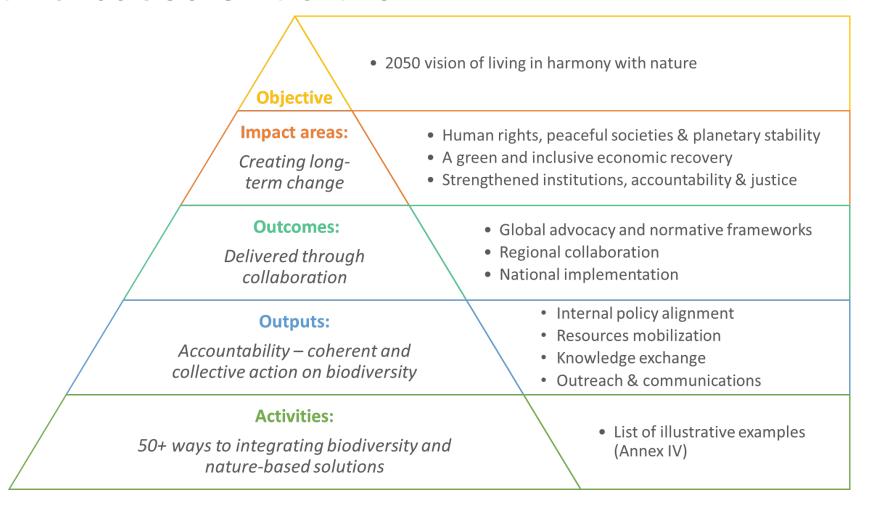


3 Impact Areas and 15 Medium-term Objectives



A Results-based Structure







Implementation Timeline



1. Kick-start phase (2021-2022)

Common Approach adoption and launch

Define baseline and indicators

Kick-start collaboration on collective actions



2. Implementation phase (2021-2029)

Continued implementation of collective actions

Mid-term review of the common approach in 2024



3. Final reporting and evaluation (2030)

The goal of integrating biodiversity in policy and programmes is met

Final reporting and evaluation





Examples of enabling collective action on biodiversity

Training and information sharing

- UN entities can review their current programming and resources
- A series of thematic webinars and training seminars
- Greater engagement with and visibility of biodiversity in existing global coordination mechanisms
- Supporting coherent narratives during the UN Decades

Knowledge broker and matchmaking

- Leverage UN system data, knowledge and expertise
- Technical support to DCO, UN Resident Coordinators and UNCTs
- Knowledge-sharing via the UN regional mechanisms, notably Regional Collaborative Platforms, Regional Issue-based coalitions and Regional Peer Support Groups

Accountability and reporting

- Limited number of measurable targets and related indicators
- UN INFO system and Business Operations Strategy (BOS) and Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) at national and regional level
- UN 2020-2030 Sustainability Strategy Phase II
- Existing UN system reporting mechanisms, Greening the Blue, SUN

Mainstreaming the Common Approach



Level Actors Tasks

Global

UNEP, UN entities (coordinated by UN EMG)

Knowledge sharing, develop and disseminate training and knowledge products, conceptualize joint initiatives such as e.g., SDG HII)

Regional

UNEP Regional Offices

DCO Regional Offices (NA RSPCs,

Development Coordinators)

Coordinate delivery of training/ webinars for UNCTs

National

UN Country Teams/ UNEP's
Program of Work/ Nature Action
RSPC, MEA Focal Points

Integrate biodiversity into CCAs, USDCFs and project design.

Develop joint projects.

EVIDENCE OF WHAT WORKS

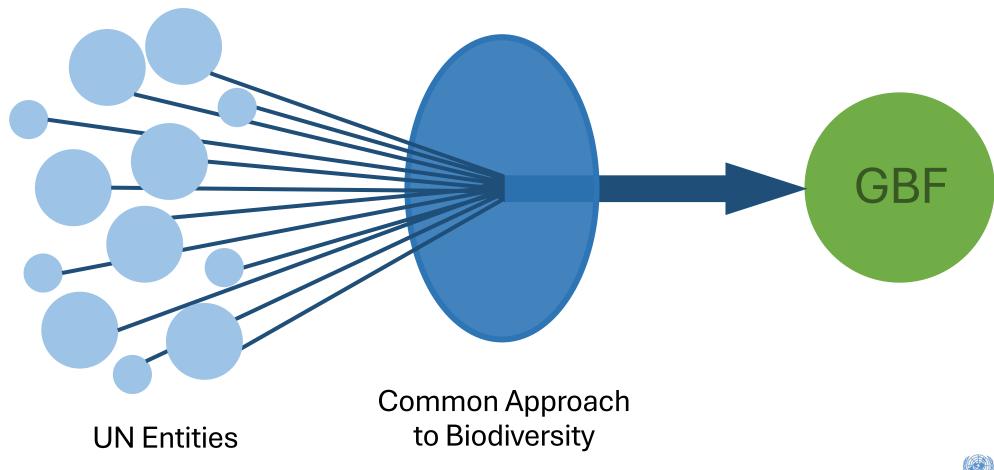
Mechanisms for CA delivery



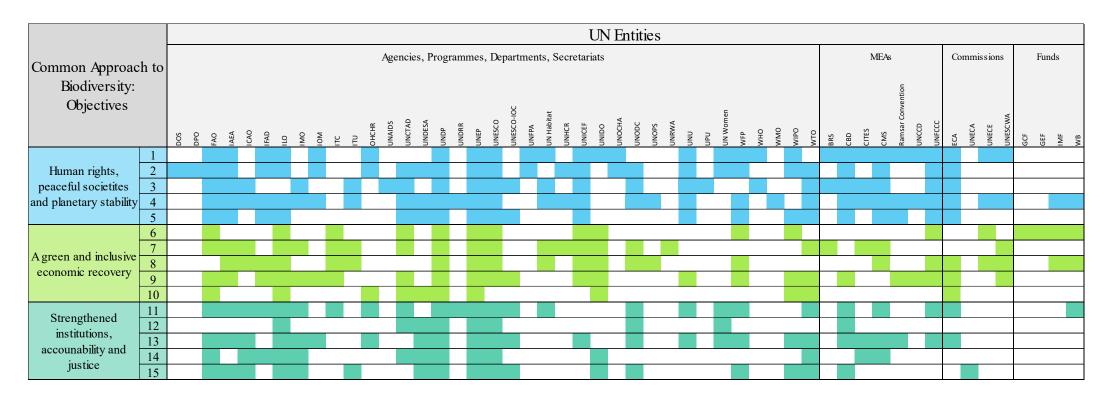
Pathways	Role / Activity	Responsible
EMG	 Advocacy (e.g. webinars) Coordination lead on accountability framework and reporting 	 EMG Secretariat lead PPD is UNEP representative
PoW and MoUs with UN Entities	 Food systems, One Health, Nature-based solutions and others MoUs with other UN Entities, e.g. WFP, WHO, FAO, UNIDO MEA synergies 	 Ecosystems lead on CA coordination Supported by substantive divisions Law lead MEA synergies
Engagement with UNRCs and UNCTs (mainstreaming in CCAs, CFs, Joint workplans and all relevant processes)	 Engaging with UN Resident Coordinator and UN Country Teams to strengthen biodiversity mainstreaming Example ROAP and Ecosystems collaboration in Indonesia 	 UNEP Regional Offices Supported by PPD and substantive divisions (finance and technical support) Law lead MEA alignment
Leveraging Issues-based Coalitions to share knowledge	Increasing UNCTs' access to information and tools generated by UNEPand others through the issue based coalition	 Regional Offices lead Supported by PPD and substantive divisions
SDG High Impact Initiative	"Nature Driving Economic Transformation" HII to be launched at the SDG Summit on 17 th September 2023	 Ecosystems and New York office lead Supported by substantive divisions

The Common Approach and the GBF





The Common Approach and UN Entities



Potential collective action of UN entities has been mapped to the Common Approach objectives.

Connections sourced from "Biodiversity Common Approach: 50+ ways to integrate biodiversity and nature-based solutions"



The Common Approach and the GBF



						GBF Target																		
Common Approach to Biodiversity		Re	Reducing threats to biodiversity							Meeting people's needs through sustainable use and benefit sharing				Tools and solutions for implementation and mainstreaming										
Impact Areas	Medium-term Objectives		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Human rights, peaceful societites and planetary stability Green and inclusive economic recovery	 1 Right to a healthy environment 2 Leaving no one behind 3 One Health approach 4 Restoration, disaster risk reduction and climate action 5 Education and cultural diverstiy 6 Public and private investments 7 Sustainable lifestyles 8 Sustainable production 9 Sustainable food systems 10 Valuing nature 																							
Institutions, accountability and justice	11 Institutional capacity 12 Monitoring and reporting 13 Environmental rule of law 14 Criminal justice 15 Infortmation and communications technologies																							



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Focus Questions

1. How does the EMG go about engaging the regions? As part of that, how does the EMG support country teams?