



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.

 BRS	 CBD	 CITES	 CMS	 DOS	 ECA	 ECE	 ECLAC	 ESCAP	 ESCWA	 FAO
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 UNFPA	 UN-Habitat	 UNHCR	 UNICEF	 UNIDO	 UNITAR	 UNODC	 UNOOSA	 UNOPS	 UNU	 UN Women
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Observers										





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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

The CA commits the UN system:

- 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 result-based structure
- To organize collective action and joint delivery to mainstream biodiversity and nature-based solutions.





Purpose

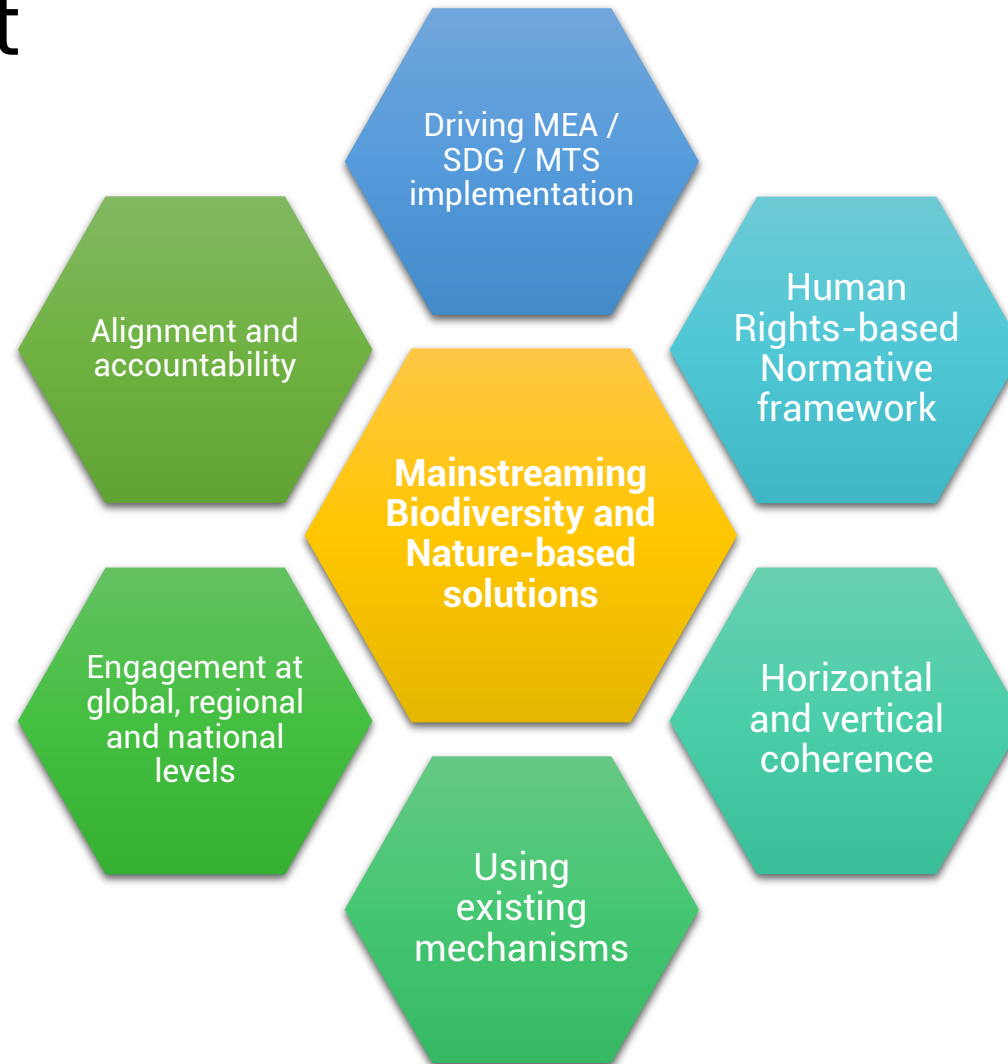
Through the Common Approach, the United Nations system:





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Strategic Intent





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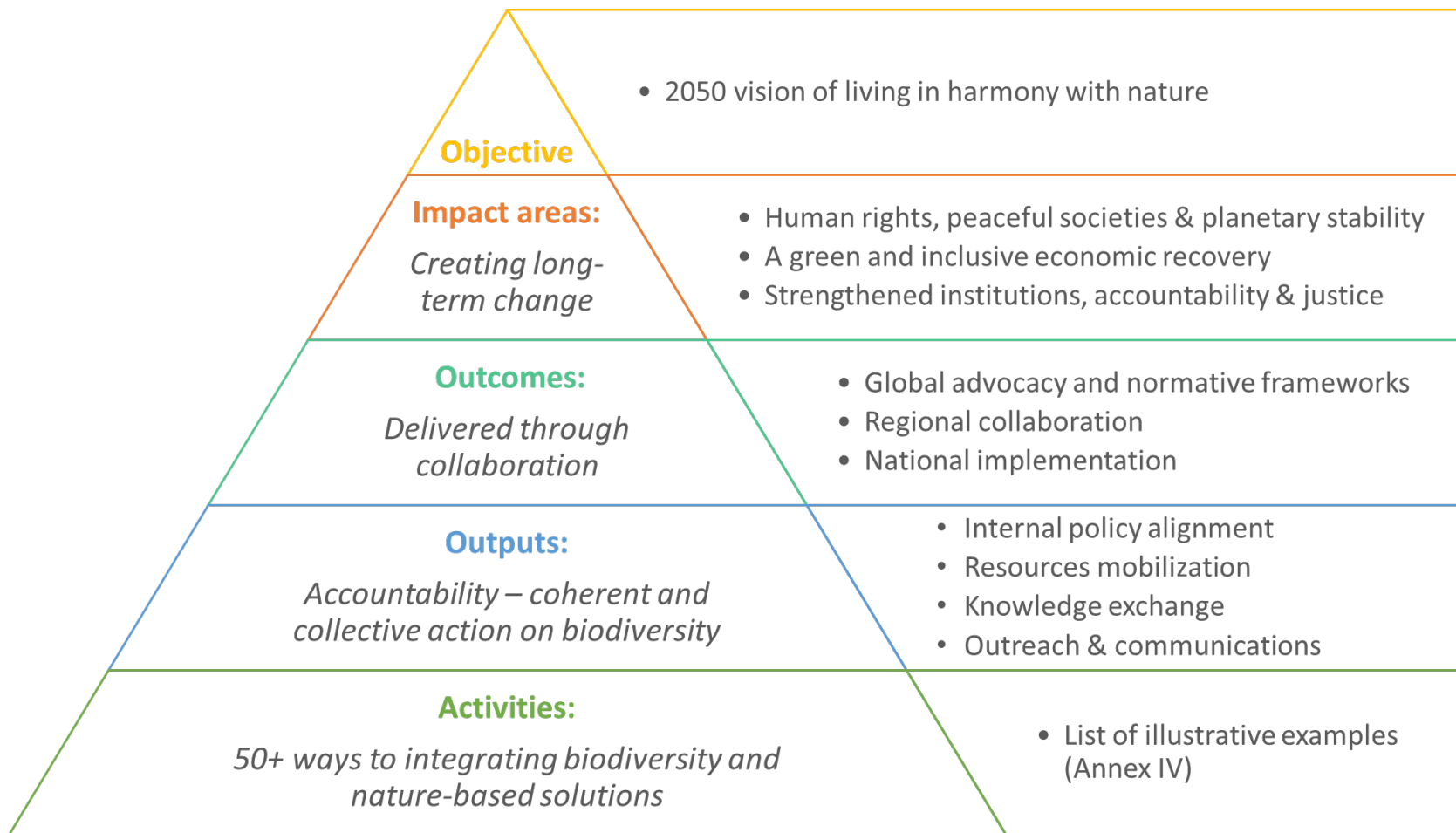
3 Impact Areas and 15 Medium-term Objectives





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A Results-based Structure



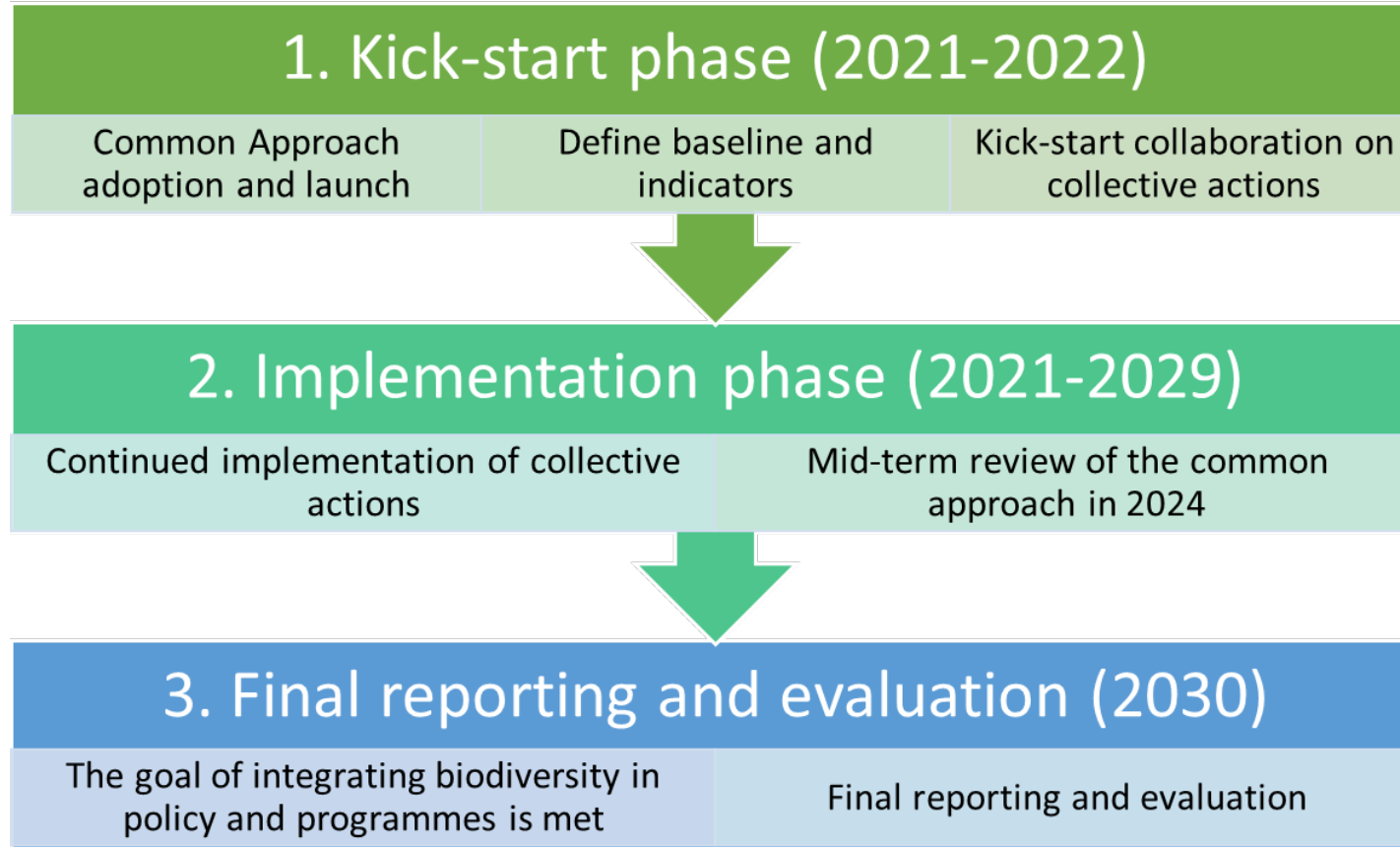
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Implementation Timeline





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

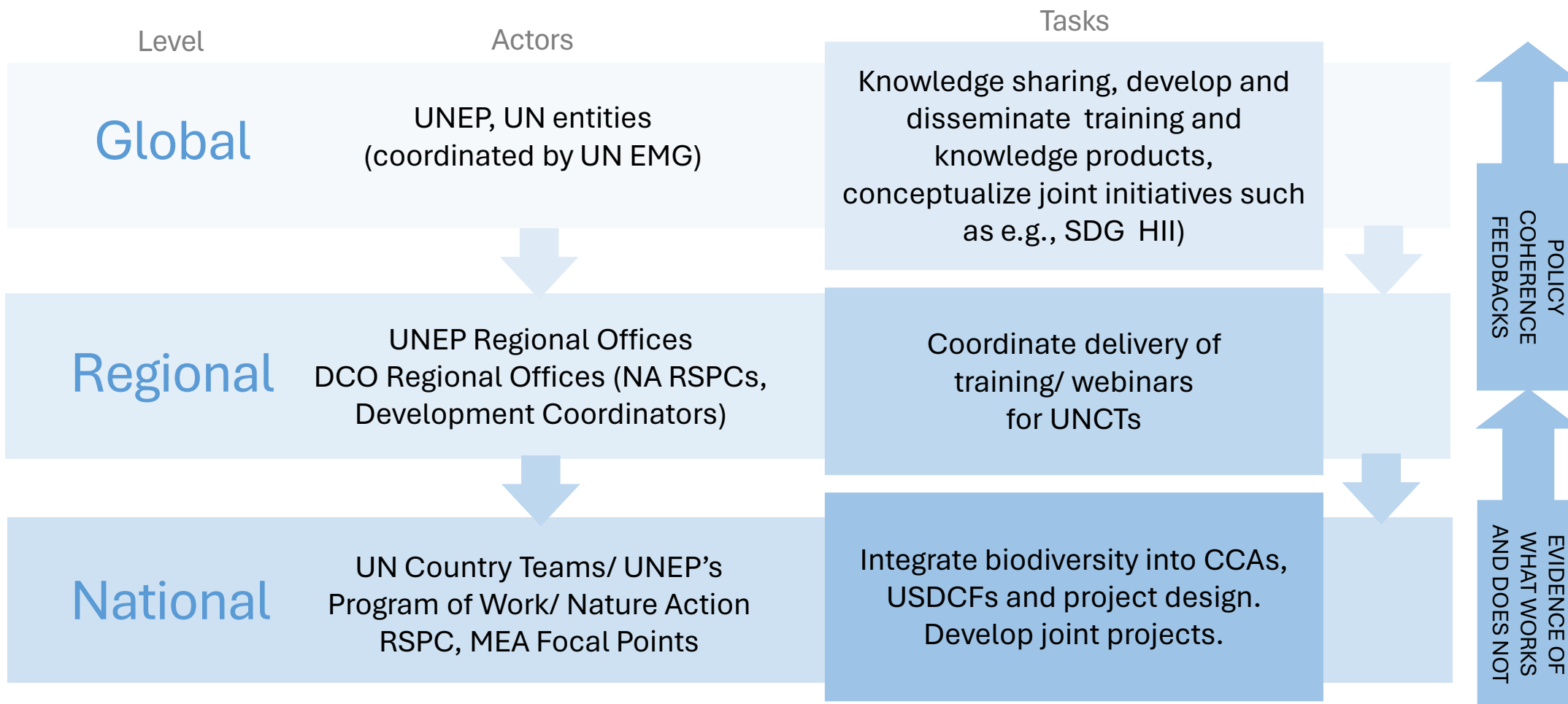
- Leverage UN system data, knowledge and expertise
- Technical support to DCO, UN Resident Coordinators and UNCTs
- Knowledge-sharing via the UN regional mechanisms, notably Regional Collaborative Platforms, Regional Issue-based coalitions and Regional Peer Support Groups

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





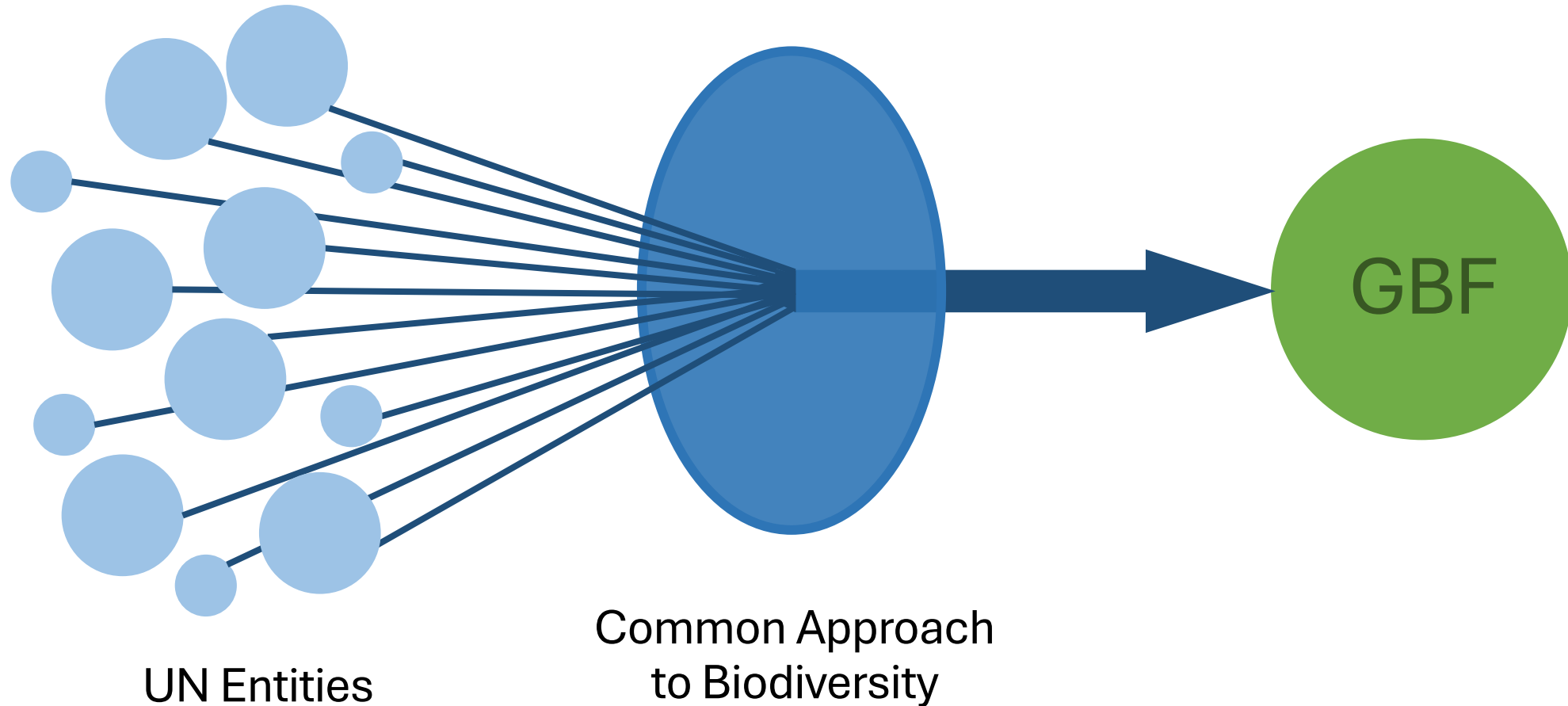
Mechanisms for CA delivery

Pathways	Role / Activity	Responsible
EMG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy (e.g. webinars) • Coordination lead on accountability framework and reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMG Secretariat lead • PPD is UNEP representative
PoW and MoUs with UN Entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food systems, One Health, Nature-based solutions and others • MoUs with other UN Entities, e.g. WFP, WHO, FAO, UNIDO • MEA synergies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging with UN Resident Coordinator and UN Country Teams to strengthen biodiversity mainstreaming • Example ROAP and Ecosystems collaboration in Indonesia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNEP Regional Offices • Supported by PPD and substantive divisions (finance and technical support) • Law lead MEA alignment
Leveraging Issues-based Coalitions to share knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing UNCTs' access to information and tools generated by UNEP and others through the issue based coalition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Offices lead • Supported by PPD and substantive divisions
SDG High Impact Initiative	<p>“Nature Driving Economic Transformation” HII to be launched at the SDG Summit on 17th September 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecosystems and New York office lead • Supported by substantive divisions



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Common Approach to Biodiversity		GBF Target																							
		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	1	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 societies and planetary stability	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 diversity																	█				█	█	█	█
Green and inclusive economic recovery	6 Public and private investments					█	█								█	█			█	█					
	7 Sustainable lifestyles					█	█	█		█								█	█	█					
	8 Sustainable production			█		█	█	█			█							█	█	█					
	9 Sustainable food systems										█				█	█					█				
Institutions, accountability and justice	10 Valuing nature									█					█	█					█				
	11 Institutional capacity												█		█	█		█				█			
	12 Monitoring and reporting				█			█							█	█					█				
	13 Environmental rule of law			█	█	█		█		█					█	█	█	█							
	14 Criminal justice				█	█												█							
15 Information 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?