

Introduction to UNEP

Mandate, organizational structure and governance

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UNEP's History, Mandate and Mission



Key milestones in UNEP's history

1972: Stockholm Conference, UNEP established

UNEP is established in 1972 at the UN Conference on the Human Environment to monitor the state of the environment, inform policy making with science and coordinate responses to the world's environmental challenges.



2012: RIO+20, UNEP strengthened

At the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, UNEP's **mandate is strengthened**, and governance upgraded to **universal membership through UNEA** helping to define a new era of international environmental governance.



2022: UNEP@50, UNEP's contribution acknowledged

Political declaration at the UNEP@50 Special Session of UNEA **acknowledged 50-year contribution** of UNEP and further strengthened the mandate.



UNEP's MANDATE (its role)

...leading global environmental authority, that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment.

UNEP's MISSION (the "how")

...provide leadership and encourage partnerships in caring for the environment by **informing**, **enabling** and **inspiring** nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations.



UNEP's mission in practice

inform

SCIENCE-POLICY

- ...provides evidence about the state and health of the planet and contributes solutions
- ...identifies emerging environmental threats
- ...provides guidance on sound policies

inspire

SHOWS POSITIVE CHANGE IS POSSIBLE

- ...shares environmental success stories
- ...celebrates and awards individuals and institutions

"ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIENCE OF THE WORLD"

- ...raises awareness and advocates for action on the environment

enable

CONVENING POWER

- ...brings people together to tackle triple planetary crisis (e.g. UNEA)

ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

- ...supports strong environmental laws and institutions
- ...plays important role with regards to MEAs

ROLE IN UN SYSTEM

- ...is the voice of environmental dimension of sustainable development within the UN

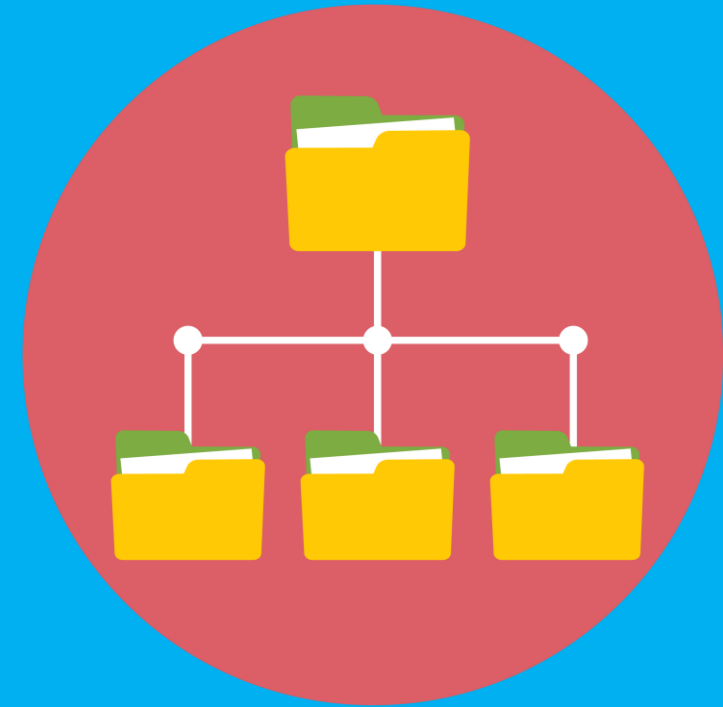
CAPACITY BUILDING

- ...helps countries deliver on their environmental commitments
- ...provides tools and facilitates transfer of technologies

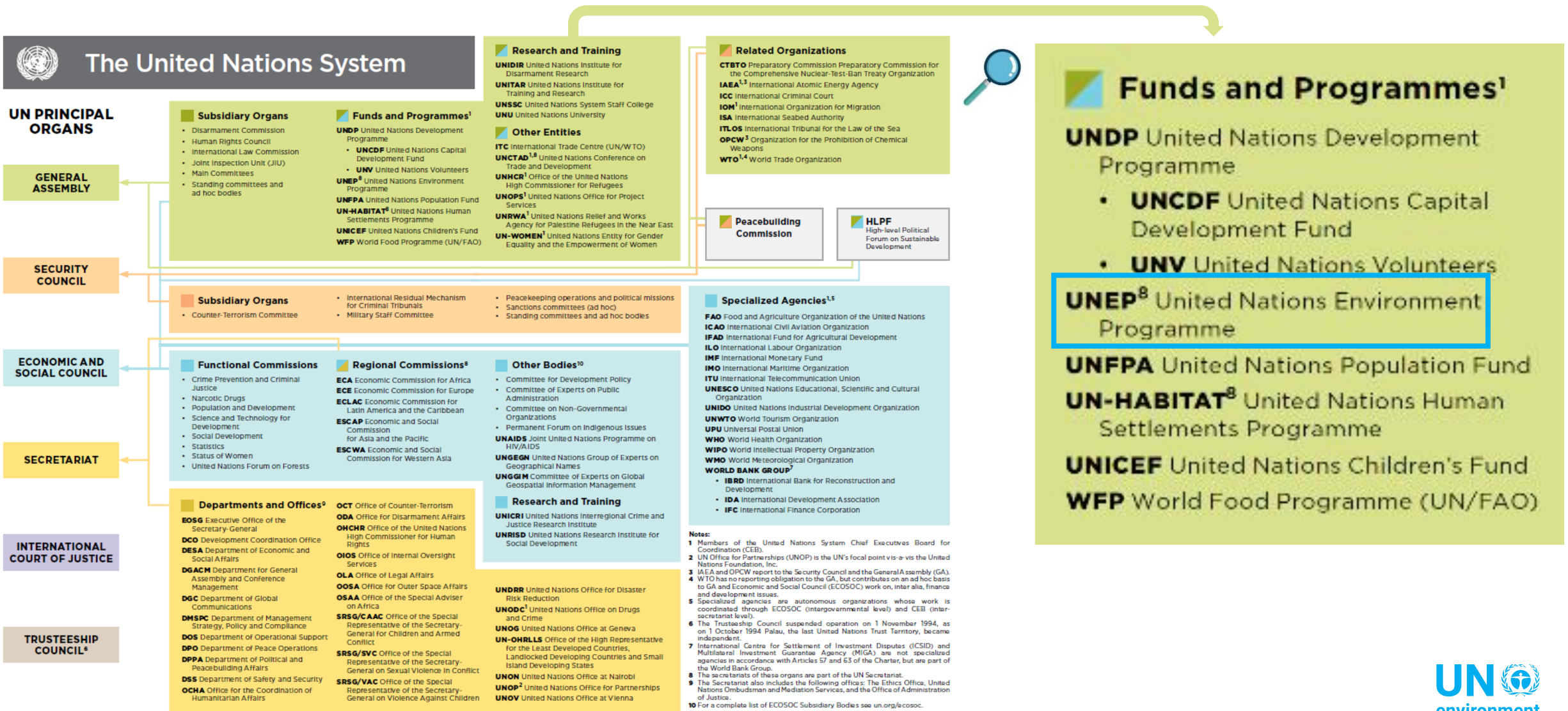
PARTNERSHIPS

- ...facilitates South-South and triangular cooperation
- ...supports partnerships and access to global funds

UNEP's governance and role in the wider UN system



UNEP within the United Nations System



UNEP is Governed by Member States

The United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) – meets every two years

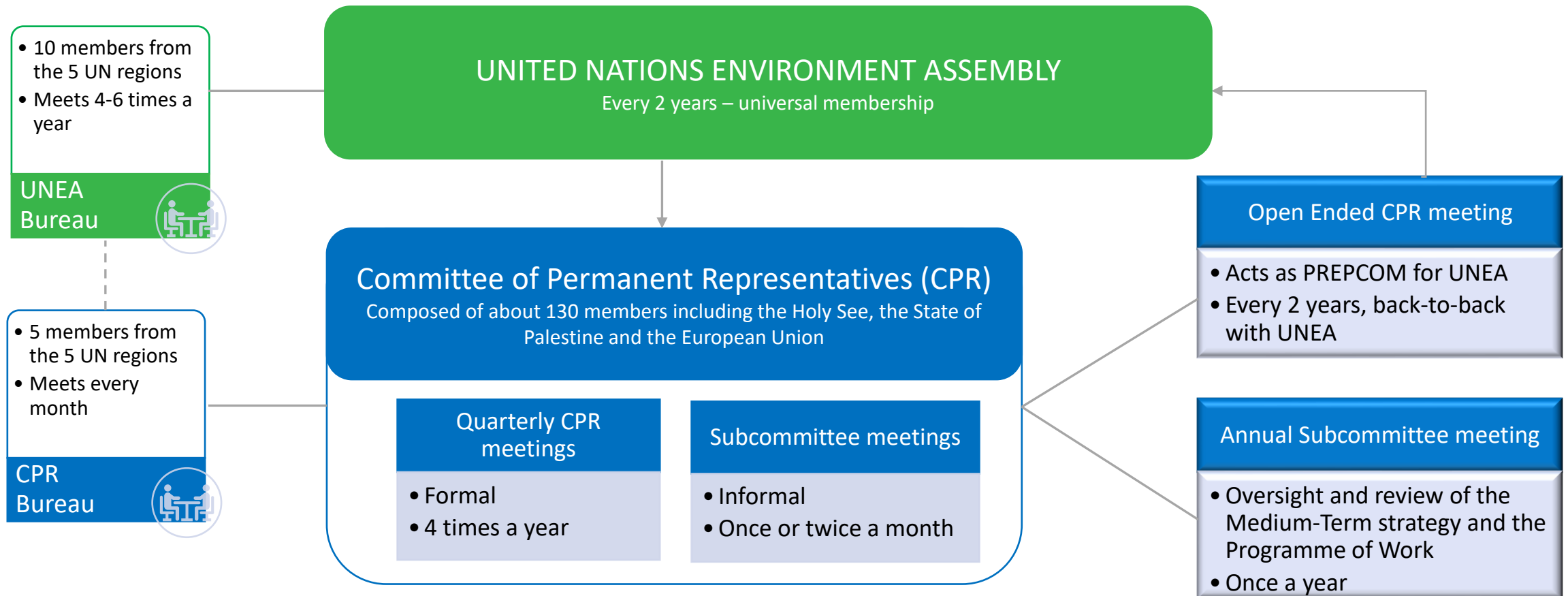
- Committee of Permanent Representatives
 - 4 regular meetings per year
 - Open-ended CPR every two years to prepare UNEA
 - Annual CPR subcommittee every October/November
 - CPR Subcommittee (as necessary)

The UN General Assembly (UNGA) – every year

- Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th committee)
- Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) and Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC)



UN Environment Programme Governance Structure



Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR)

Mandate



2 main functions:

1. Provides review and oversight of UNEP's Programme of Work and implementation of UNEA resolutions
2. Prepares decisions for upcoming UNEA sessions

Governing Council decision 19/32, 1997

- Reviews, **monitors and assesses the implementation of decisions** of the UNEP's governing body on administrative, budgetary and programme matters;
- Reviews the **draft UNEP Programme of Work and Budget** during its preparation by the secretariat;
- Reviews **reports** requested of the Secretariat by Member States on the effectiveness, efficiency and transparency of functions and work of the Secretariat and makes recommendations;
- Prepares **draft decisions** for consideration by the UNEP governing body based on inputs from the secretariat and on the results of the above functions.

Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR)

Membership



“Representatives of all States Members of the UN, members of the specialized agencies and the European Union, accredited to the UN Environment Programme, **based in Nairobi or outside**” (GC decision 19/32 Para 8).

Current membership:

- Accredited Member States: **130 Member States**
- Accredited Non-Member States: Holy See + State of Palestine
- The European Union

Observers: League of Arab States + Sovereign Military Order of Malta

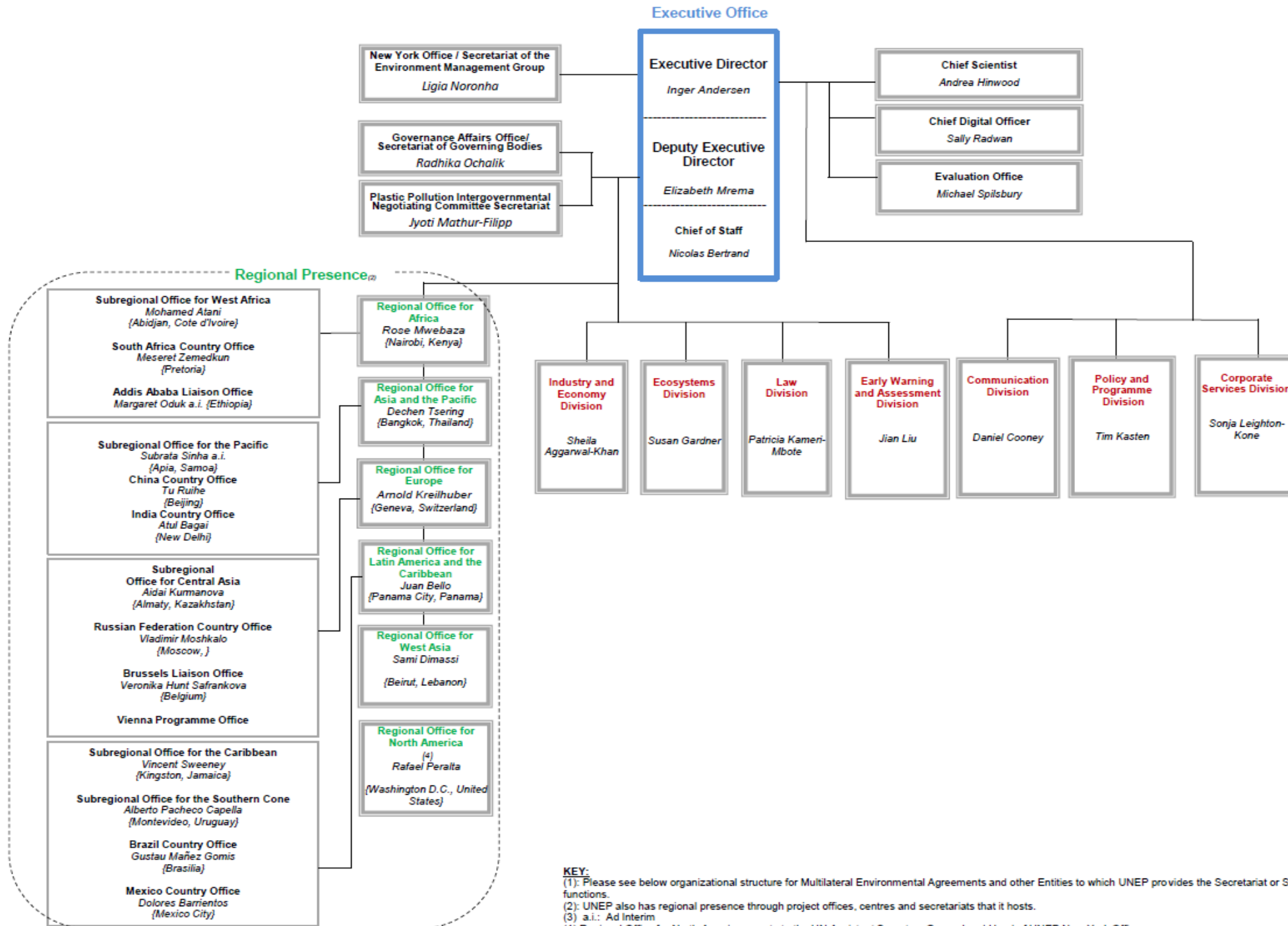
96 accredited missions in Nairobi

37 accredited missions outside Nairobi

More than **1000** accredited Major Groups and Stakeholders

UNEP's Secretariat





KEY:

(1): Please see below organizational structure for Multilateral Environmental Agreements and other Entities to which UNEP provides the Secretariat or Secretariat functions.

(2): UNEP also has regional presence through project offices, centres and secretariats that it hosts.

(3) a.i.: Ad Interim

(4) Regional Office for North America reports to the UN Assistant Secretary-General and Head of UNEP New York Office

UNEP and the MEAs

- UNEP supports the negotiation and implementation of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs)
- UNEP hosts the secretariat of 15 MEAs that cover a wide range of regional and global environmental issues
- ...including hazardous chemicals and waste; biodiversity; oceans; migratory species; and rehabilitation of the ozone layer...



UNEP's funding



How is UNEP funded?

EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS

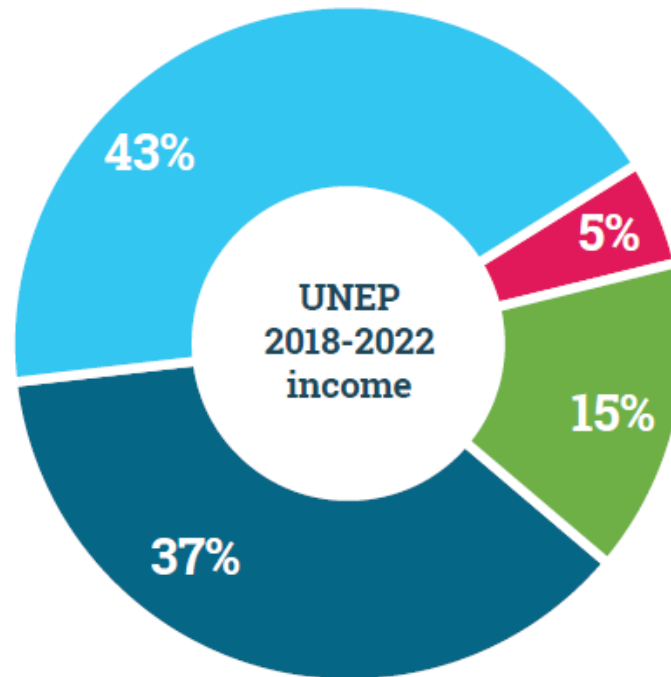
earmarked for specific projects, themes or countries, enable expansion and replication of programme and results in more countries with more partners.

- **Earmarked Funds**

From Member States, the European Commission, the UN family, the Multilateral Fund (Montreal Protocol) etc. (\$1,143.5M/43 per cent*)

- **Global Funds**

From GEF and GCF (\$992.6M/37 per cent*)



** combined income in five-year period (2018-2022) as at 31 Dec 2022*

CORE CONTRIBUTIONS

gives flexibility to implement programme of work as approved by all Member States.

- **UN Regular Budget**

supports functions of UNEP Secretariat, including the Governing Bodies, coordination in the UN system, and cooperation with global scientific communities. (\$121.3M/5 per cent*)

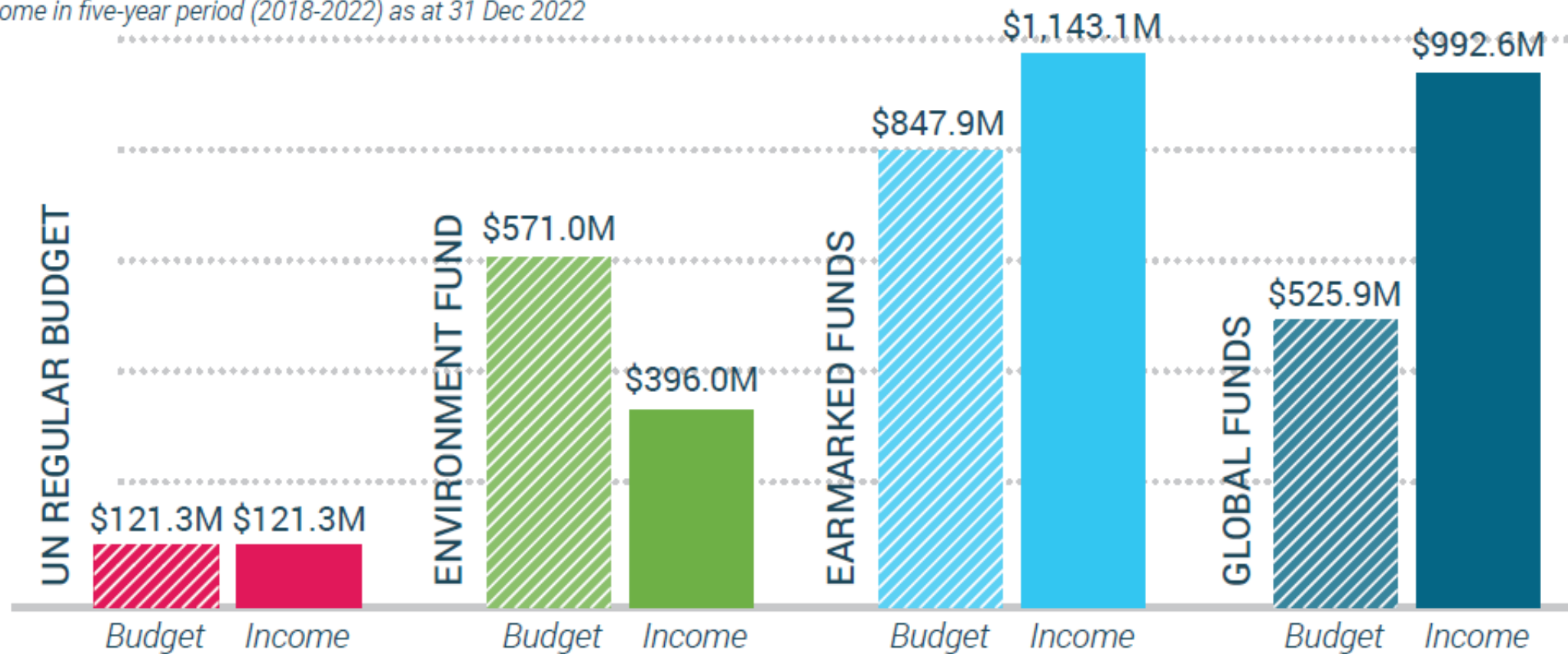
- **Environment Fund**

the core fund, supports essential capacity needed for balanced and efficient delivery of programme approved by Member States. (\$396.0M/15 per cent*)

UNEP's budget vs income

Budget and Income by Funding Source (2018-2022)

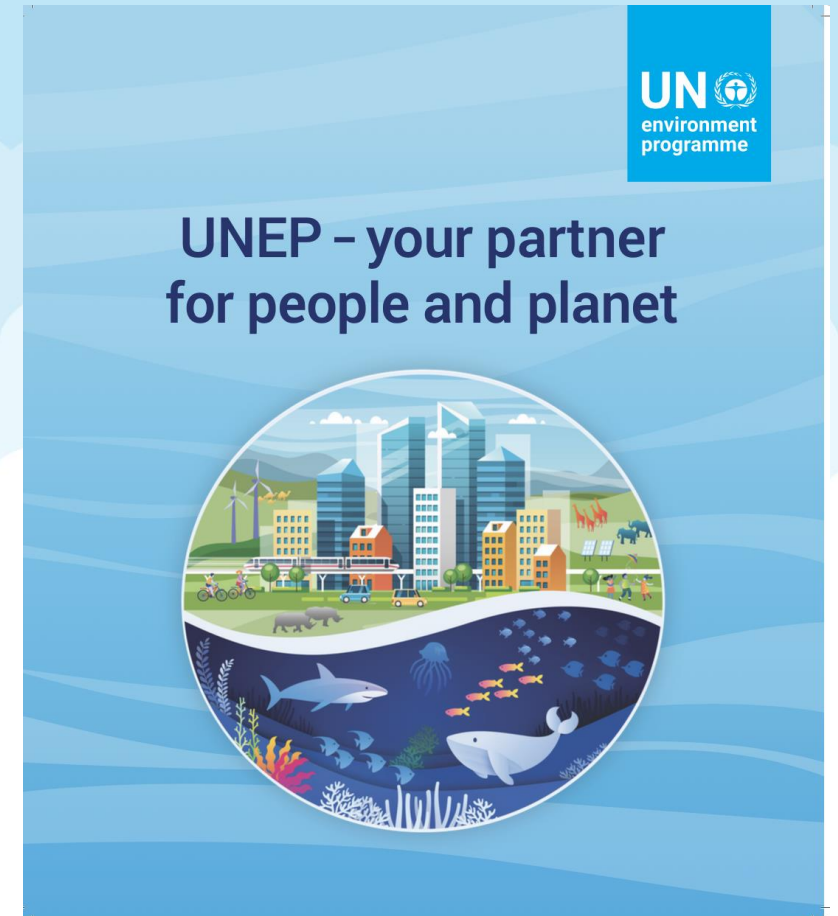
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UNEP is your partner on the journey to tackle the triple planetary crisis

We invite our partners to share the journey

For more info:



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