

STRUGGLING TO ACHIEVE A GLOBAL DEAL TO SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT



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- International umbrella APO
- Facilitate work of APOs in international policy
- AITC OP, ICFAW Secretariat, Int Policy Forum
- Provide research, information, expertise, coordination

THE GLOBAL PACT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT (GPE)

- French-led initiative
- International group of experts in environmental law
- Original aim an international treaty
- To codify updated and improved environmental principles and rights




UN PROCESS



- ▶ General Assembly (GA) Resolution
- ▶ Three substantive sessions (UNEP, Nairobi)
- ▶ January - May 2019
- ▶ GAP Report

NGOS

- ▶ Not many NGOs attended
 - ▶ APOs – WAN, CIWF
 - ▶ WAN helped coordinate NGOs
 - ▶ Webinar
 - ▶ Side Event at UNEA
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WAN thought it important...



Were amongst the last 5 NGOs standing (1.15 am last day)!



WHY IMPORTANT FOR AP WORK?

- ▶ Massive potential impact for animals/nature
- ▶ Critical time - One million species at risk of extinction
1M species = billions of individual, sentient animals
- ▶ Wildlife dying out due to habitat destruction, overhunting, pollution & climate change
- ▶ Industrial animal agriculture is a major contributing factor

NEED FOR TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE

- ▶ IPCC & IPBES – transformative change
- ▶ Imperative to change our relationship with nature and animals
- ▶ Environmental rights – opportunity to prevent/challenge destruction
- ▶ Principles – if codified great help

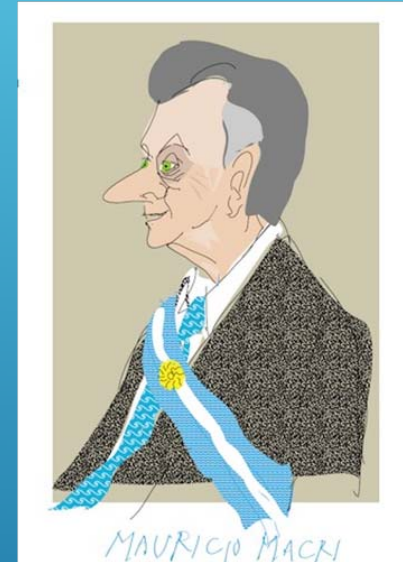
e.g. prevention and reparation, precautionary principle, non-regression, integration into governmental policies

COUNTRY CONCERNS

- Increased obligations
- Cost/business pressure
- Liability (e.g. cross-boundary environmental damage)
- Trade implications
- Sovereignty
- Lack of political will (some regimes just plain anti)

NEW POLITICAL REALITIES PLAYING OUT

- ▶ Negatives - main ringleaders: US, Brazil, Argentina



- ▶ Russia, China problematic, plus others

AFRICAN VIEWS

▶ Egypt – anti

▶ Positive: Morocco, Cameroon

Also, Malawi, Senegal, Algeria, Benin, DRC, Nigeria



AFRICA

- Worried about compliance obligations
- ▶ Call for finance, capacity building and technology transfer

Other problems mentioned:

- ▶ Political priorities
- ▶ Corruption



CONSENSUS?!



HIGHLY POLITICAL
- DIFFICULT AND DIVISIVE

OUTCOME

- ▶ Simple political declaration, not legally binding agreement

Future opportunities include:

- ▶ Consideration at next UNEA
- ▶ UN high level meeting at Stockholm +50 (2022)
- ▶ Also, work to strengthen MEA coordination, implementation and governance
- ▶ Further work on principles open

MOVING FORWARD

EU:

- ▶ To table UNGA resolution on Nairobi meeting



IUCN Resolution:

- ▶ Draft motion for world congress
- ▶ Welcoming & encouraging further work on principles



CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (CBD)

- ▶ Another Big Opportunity
 - CBD review
 - Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
 - Global strategy for protecting nature
 - Addressing root causes and drivers
 - Transformative Change
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CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (CBD)

APOs: WAN, CIWF, Born Free Foundation

