

Montevideo Programme V: Consultation of Partners and Stakeholders

In preparation for the 3rd Global Meeting of the National Focal Points (4-5 November 2026)
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Agenda item 1. Introductions and presentation of the Montevideo Programme V

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Montevideo Programme V Introduction

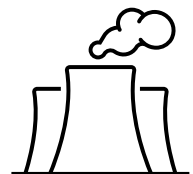
Priority areas for implementation



Legal responses to combat the **climate crisis**



Legal responses to combat the **biodiversity crisis**



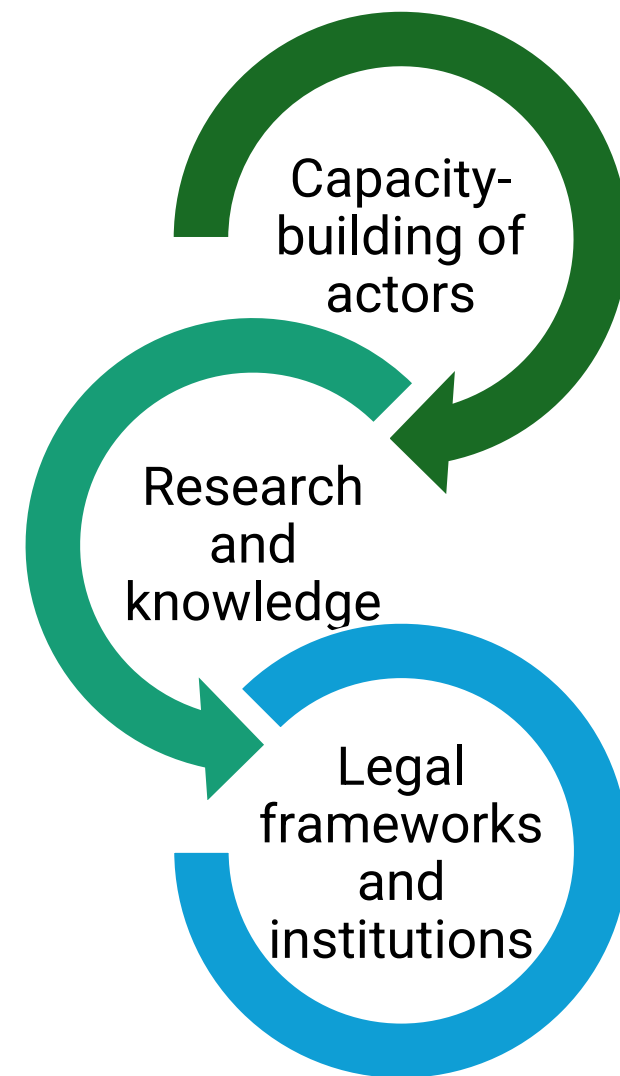
Legal responses to address the **pollution crisis**



Enhancing **access rights**



Strengthening **education and capacity-building** on environmental law



Partners and stakeholders



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Nairobi, 3–5 June 2024
Item 5 of the provisional agenda*

Partnerships and stakeholder engagement

Partnerships and stakeholder engagement strategy

Note by the secretariat

1. In the framework of the Fifth Montevideo Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law (Montevideo Programme V), and as requested and agreed by the national focal points for Montevideo Programme V, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has developed the Partnerships and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy set out in the annex to the present note. The Strategy was adopted by the steering committee for implementation at its seventh meeting, held on 26 and 27 February 2024.
2. The purpose of the Strategy is to support the successful implementation of Montevideo Programme V by providing a framework for incorporating partnerships and stakeholder engagement in the implementation of the Programme and related activities. The Programme's objectives are to promote the development and implementation of environmental rule of law, strengthen related capacity at the national level, and contribute to the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by working with national focal points, United Nations entities, intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia.
3. In engaging with stakeholders and partners, the secretariat of the Programme needs to ensure that the Strategy is aligned with UNEP-wide policies, procedures, guidelines and strategies. In case of misalignment, United Nations system-wide and UNEP-wide policies, procedures, guidelines and strategies will prevail. The Strategy does not alter the requirements of any United Nations or UNEP processes or other policies, procedures or strategies.

- Central to achieve the vision of the Montevideo Programme V.
- **Inclusive collaboration, knowledge exchange, transparent engagement** in the Programme's delivery.
- Research and analysis; good practice, knowledge and values; information sharing, outreach and networks; implementation support, sustainability and uptake.
- Approximately **365** partners and stakeholders are part of the network of the Programme (as of June 2026).

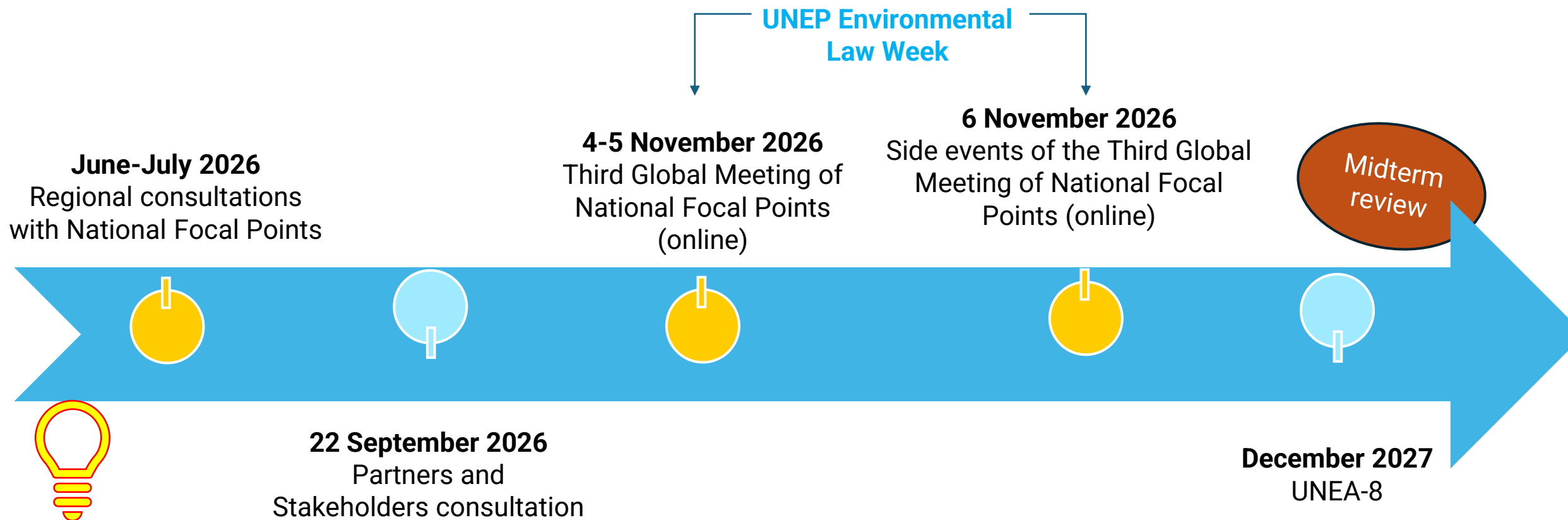
[Link to Partnerships and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy](#)

Agenda item 2. Roadmap and upcoming key environmental governance milestones

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The road to the Third Global Meeting and UNEA-8



Thought leadership
of national focal
points, partners and
stakeholders

MVP V Midterm review – UNEA 4/20

- *“Decide[d] to review Montevideo Programme V no later than 2025 and request[ed] the Executive Director to **provide a report on that review, including clearly defined and measurable targets**, to be considered by the United Nations Environment Assembly at the session following the submission of that report.”*

... a significant opportunity to take a strategic look at the Montevideo Programme V and set its direction until 2029.

Expectations for the Third Global Meeting

1. Status of implementation, activities, and funding of the Montevideo Programme V – ***for comments.***
2. Draft of midterm review – ***for discussion, guidance and feedback.***
3. Members of the Steering Committee for Implementation – ***for designation, to serve until the end of the Fourth Global Meeting.***
4. Fourth Global Meeting – ***for possible request to the Secretariat to establish dates and venue, in consultation with the Steering Committee for Implementation.***
5. ***Partners and stakeholders exchange.***

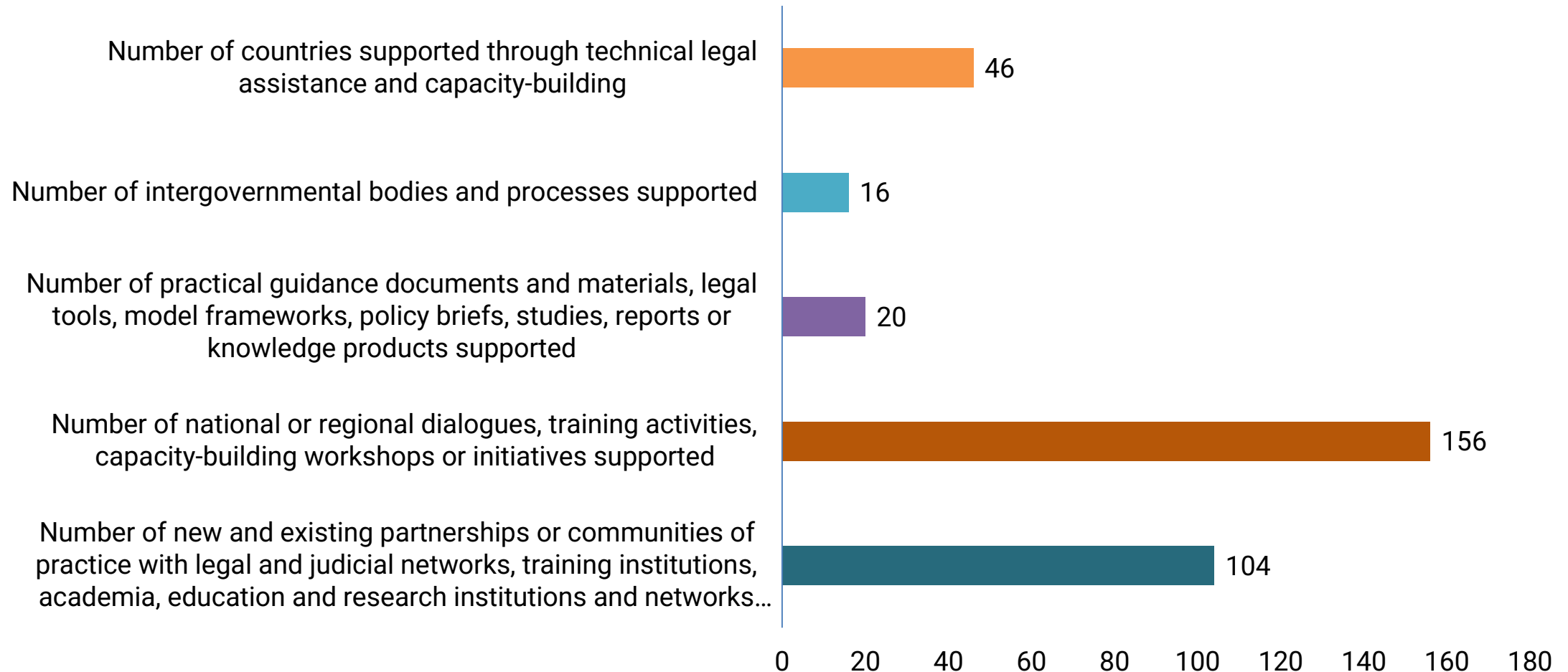
Agenda item 3. Short Overview of Montevideo Programme Achievements since the Second Global Meeting

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Snapshot: Implementation of Montevideo Programme V (1 March 2024 to 30 June 2026)

Overview of Montevideo Programme V results

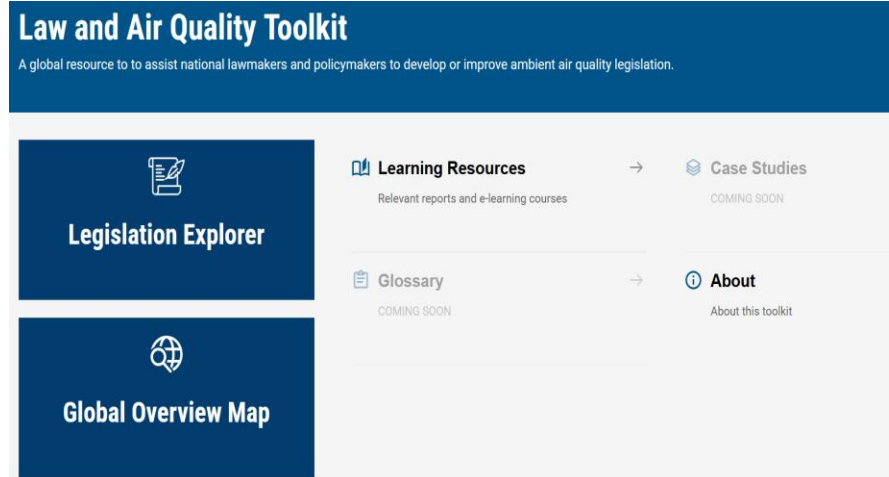


I. Advancing legal responses to address the pollution crisis

- With the support of **16 new and existing partners and stakeholders**, the Programme has:
 - Provided **technical legal assistance** to **17 countries** on waste prevention and mismanagement, air pollution and circular economy for plastics.
 - Convened **30 national or regional dialogues, training activities or capacity-building workshops or initiatives** to enforce legislation to manage pollution and support the implementation of MEAs.
 - Contributed to producing **8 guidance documents, materials and capacity-building tools**.
 - Supported **4 intergovernmental bodies and committees**, including INC, ISP-CWP, EANET, IPEA.



Quadripartite Joint Secretariat on Antimicrobial Resistance (FAO, UNEP, WHO, WFP)



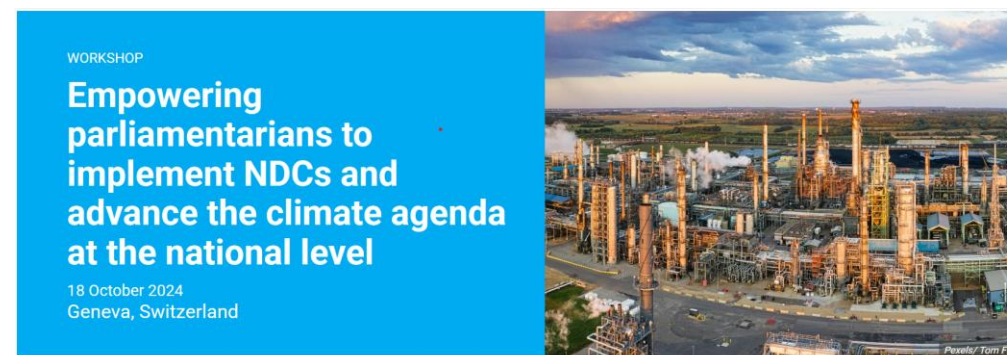
UNEP-LEAP Air and Quality Toolkit

II. Advancing legal responses to combat the climate crisis

- With the support of **21 new and existing partners and stakeholders**, the Programme has:
 - Provided **technical legal assistance** to **13 countries** on climate legislation, carbon markets and renewable energy.
 - Convened **17 national or regional dialogues, training activities or capacity-building workshops or initiatives** on national climate governance, youth engagement in climate action, climate justice, methane emissions and just transitions.
 - Contributed to producing **2 guidance documents, materials and capacity-building tools**: the Law and Climate Change Toolkit and the report Climate Change in the Courtroom: Trends, Impacts and Emerging Lessons.
 - Supported **2 intergovernmental bodies and committees**, including UNFCCC 29th and 30th COP and the 64th session of the IPCC.



Partnership with PARLATINO, to strengthen regional parliamentary cooperation on climate action



Partnership with IPU to strengthen parliamentary leadership to engage in climate action, design climate change legislation and advance the implementation of NDCs.

III. Advancing legal responses to combat the biodiversity crisis

- With the support of **17 new and existing partners and stakeholders**, the Programme has:
 - Provided **technical legal assistance** to **14 countries** on biosafety, wildlife conservation and crimes that affect the environment, acceding and implementing the BBNJ Agreement.
 - Convened **23 national or regional dialogues, training activities or capacity-building workshops or initiatives** on biodiversity, wildlife and forest crimes, the prevention of zoonotic diseases and the protection of human rights defenders.
 - Contributed to producing **3 guidance documents, materials and capacity-building tools**.
 - Supported **8 intergovernmental bodies and committees**, including IPBES, CBD, CMS, UNCCD, CMAR, Ramsar Convention, BBNJ Agreement, UNOTC.

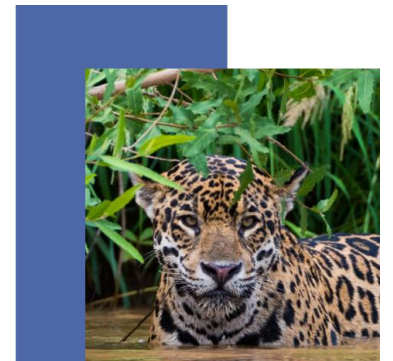


Partnership with UNODC and FAO (EU SAFE project), to strengthen cooperation to improve biosafety and biosecurity in Asia-Pacific.



Global Workshop on CMS Legislation

UNEP's Montevideo
Environmental Law Programme



Partnership with CMS Secretariat for a global workshop.

IV. Enhancing access rights and other cross-cutting issues

- With the support of **77 new and existing partners and stakeholders**, the Programme has:
 - Provided **technical legal assistance** to **11 countries** on strengthening environmental rule of law and advancing environmental justice.
 - Convened **86 national or regional dialogues, training activities or capacity-building workshops or initiatives** on synergies, just transitions, human rights and environmental rights, green customs and emerging issues.
 - Contributed to producing **7 guidance documents, materials and capacity-building tools**.
 - Supported **2 intergovernmental bodies and committees**, including ASEAN and AMCEN.



Partnership with ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights



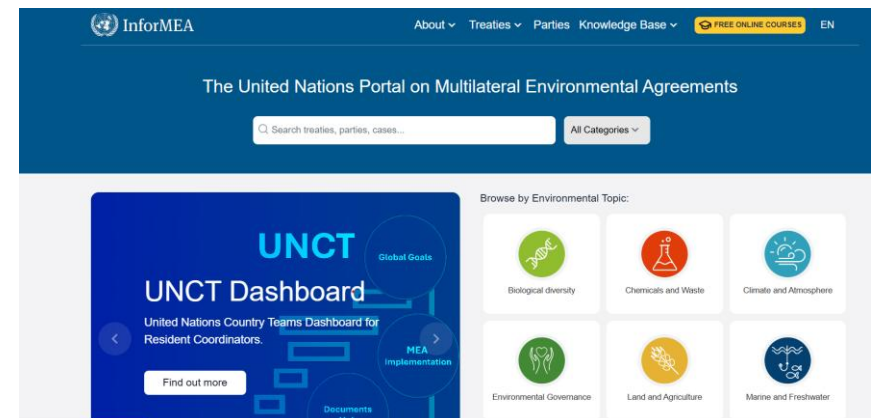
MOU with the Council of Europe

Strengthening education and capacity-building

- With the support of **24 new and existing partners and stakeholders**, the Programme has:
 - Continued its partnership with the UEF for the organization of an annual course on MEAs.
 - Supported Environmental Law Clinics Alliances and Networks (Asia Pacific - Latin America and the Caribbean – Middle East and North Africa - Europe).
 - Through [InforMEA](#), provided access to more than **220,000 legislative and case-law records**, alongside toolkits, guidance documents, model laws, publications and reports, e-learning courses and tools and resources from partners.



Partnership with UEF for the annual course on MEAs



Agenda item 4. Strengthening Partners and Stakeholders Engagement in the Montevideo Programme V

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Guiding questions

1. In your view, what **emerging environmental law and governance issues** from your perspective or that of your constituency warrant attention from the Montevideo Programme V, and what specific actions would you recommend?
2. Based on existing modalities of engagement with partners and stakeholders, how would you / your constituency wish to **strengthen your engagement** under the Montevideo Programme V to achieve its objectives?

Agenda item 5. Closing of the meeting and AOB

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