

# UN organizations with environmental activities

- International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- International Labour Organization (ILO)
- UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- World Health Organization (WHO)

# UN organizations with environmental activities

- World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
- UN Institute on Training and Research (UNITAR)
- UN Development Programme (UNDP)
- UN Regional Economic Commissions

# International Financial Institutions (IFIs)

- World Bank (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development IBRD)
- Regional Development Banks (European, Asian, African etc.)

# Global Environment Facility (GEF)

- **Status:** Fund managed jointly by the World Bank, UNDP, and UNEP
- **Established:** 1994 (pilot phase from 1991)
- **Headquarters:** c/o World Bank, Washington D.C.
- **Mandate:** Managing and funding projects in developing countries in key environmental areas: climate change, biodiversity, international watercourses, ozone layer, chemicals

# Global Environment Facility (GEF)

- **Acts as financial mechanism of MEAs:**
  - Climate Convention and Kyoto Protocol
  - Biodiversity Convention and Cartagena Protocol
  - Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)
- **Budget:**
  - 1st phase 1994-1997: US \$ 2 billion
  - 2nd phase 1998-2001: US \$ 3 billion
  - 3rd phase 2002-2006: US \$ 3 billion

# UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD)

- **Status:** Commission of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- **Established:** 1992 by Decision of the Rio Conference, approved by the UN General Assembly
- **Headquarters:** New York
- **Member States:** 53 (on a rotating basis)

# UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD)

- **Mandate:** Supporting and monitoring implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation
  - within the UN system and by states
  - in coordination with other international organizations
- **Output**
  - Reports to ECOSOC
  - Recommendations to the UN General Assembly

# United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

- **Status:** Programme of the UN General Assembly
- **Established:** 1972 by Decision of the Stockholm Conference, approved by the UN General Assembly
- **Headquarters:** Nairobi (Kenya)
- **Member States:** 185

# United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

- **Structure**

- Governing Council / Global Environment Ministers Forum (Executive Body composed of 58 Member States)
- Committee of Permanent Representatives (subsidiary body of GC) to monitor Secretariat work in between GC meetings
- Secretariat headed by Executive Director
- Environment Fund (voluntary contributions)

# United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

- **Mandate (Stockholm Conference)**
  - Coordination and support of environmental activities of other UN institutions („catalytic role“, „environmental consciousness of the UN“)
  - Implementation of the Stockholm Action Programme

# United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

- **Areas of work**
  - Monitoring the state of the environment, operation of a comprehensive information system („*Earth Watch*“)
  - *Coordination*: Planing, consultation, elaboration of guidelines, implementation of env. protection measures, negotiation of MEAs
  - *Support of national activities*: education, research, information, national legislation

# United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

- **Further development of environmental law:**
  - Montevideo Programme on Environmental Law (3rd version 2000)
  - Support to states in development of national legislation
  - Elaboration of guidelines / codes of conduct
  - Initiating and managing negotiations on MEAs
  - Secretariat functions for MEAs

# United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

- **Key areas for the future (Governing Council, 1999):**
  - Environmental monitoring and assessment; early warning system for environmental disasters
  - Environmental policy and law
  - Freshwater Resources
  - Technology transfer; cooperation with industry / business

# United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

- **Governance (1997-2002)**
  - UNEP to become leading global environmental institution (Governing Council, 1997)
  - Establishment of the Global Environment Ministers Forum to supplement and strengthen the Governing Council (2000)
  - Ministerial level working group on international environmental governance to propose structural reforms (2001- 2002)

# United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

**Further reforms in the 21st century ?**