AGENDA
UNEP Workshop on Knowledge Management and MEAs
22-24 September

Day One - **Stocktaking of Interoperability needs**

Morning session: Introductory remarks and presentations by Conventions
- o Introductory remarks, presentation of meeting purpose and agenda
  Introductory remarks (context of/justification for the meeting, history of related meetings, mandates, introduction of role of KM team in Geneva)

- o Brief presentations of max 10 minutes by participating conventions
  (AEWA, Basel, CBD, CITES, CMS, IOSEA, ITPGR, Ramsar, Rotterdam, Stockholm, UNCCD, UNFCCC, WHC,)

  Proposed content: condensed responses to questionnaire on standards, resources, harmonization efforts, reporting issues, KM initiatives, recent and new developments, challenges, plans/next steps,

  Analysis of communalities and shared challenges after the presentations (Bradnee) and introduction to the discussion item – how is information currently generated by Conventions is being used in different project/tools. How can harmonization efforts assist and be mirrored by such projects…how can they be in line with existing international mandates and recommendations… how can they assist each convention's user community

  Discussion and brainstorming: Categories of information to be exchanged within and across clusters (inspired by what has been identified in the Biodiversity and Chemicals clusters)

Afternoon session: Projects using Conventions' data - Presentations
- o (InforMEA, TEMATEA, Ecolex and CIESIN, *Analytical Index,* EMG*)*
  Presentation of projects in the context of potential harmonization efforts made by the secretariats Brief presentations of max 10 minutes by participants with 15 minutes for Q and A to each presenter,
  - o How can your project profit and contribute to greater data harmonization of the conventions.
  - o How do recent developments within UN, Conventions, and UNEP impact on your project/initiative.
  - o Future Plans

- o Discussion and Brainstorming
  Analytical summary of the discussions, and identifications of problems, brainstorming on potential solutions and the future evolution of tools

- o Wrap up and overview of the next day

<u>Day 2</u> - **Discussion in breakout groups and presentations of existing interoperability projects**

<u>Morning Session</u>
- o Discussion/Brainstorming (continued from previous day):
  What are the impediments and possible solutions to achieve data harmonization/interoperability, shared data standards among conventions and the tools that process related data with the new mandates given by Headquarters, UNEP, ICT Task force report, etc

     Issues likely to be raised are sustainability, funding, support, sustainability of tools, political context, convention mechanisms (working group, committee, EMG, BLG, etc), technical issues..

- o Break out sessions into groups
    - ▪ Interoperability and <u>issues based approach</u> (TEMATEA, IISD, EMG, UNEP, interested parties)
    - ▪ Interoperability and <u>reporting issues</u> (report analyzer, harmonization in reporting, next steps)
    - ▪ Potential <u>pilot projects</u> around compelling information exchange needs (several small groups: CITES/CMS? CBD/Ramsar, CIESIN-conventions?
    - ▪ Potential guidelines on data standards (UNON, UNEP, CBD?, WCMC)

<u>Afternoon session</u>
- o Presentations of existing MEA interoperability and data harmonization projects to inform the further discussions:
    - o CBD on Biosafety Clearing House, the report analyzer, and lessons learned from the Rio convention interoperability project
    - o Chemicals Clearing House, or (Plant treaty Clearing House)
    - o CITES e-permit project
- o Breakout sessions (continued):
- o Presentations from different groups
- o Identification of proof of concept ideas for working groups next morning and wrap up

<u>Day 3</u> - **Concrete Way Ahead**

<u>Morning Session</u>
- o Development of work plans for (proof of Concept) projects
    - o *Harmonization of data/interoperability, proof of concepts (1-3 groups including CMS/CITES)*
    - o *Development of (voluntary) guidelines on data standards*

<u>Afternoon Session</u>
- o Presentation of work plans
- o Wrap up and Closing