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Sand and sustainability: Finding new solutions for environmental governance of global sand resources
Lack of economic incentives
Poor knowledge and data sharing
Power of sand-related industries
Lack of research incentives
Lack of holistic impact assessments
No local development alternatives
Short-term perspectives
Rapid urban growth
No critical mass, no political will
Affected people don't have a voice
What are the green infrastructure alternatives?
Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production

The fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly will gather in Nairobi, Kenya from 11 - 15 March 2019.

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Statements from the fourth Assembly
Key takeaways

1. We need to rethink the paradigm of sand as a renewable resource

2. Sand governance is a transboundary issue, not just local and national

3. The report can be used to spark debate and new partnerships, particularly between science, policy, private sector, NGO and local community stakeholders
Next steps

UNEP has been requested to ”Address knowledge gaps and options for implementation strategies, undertake an overview of existing assessments of different governance initiatives and approaches on sustainable management of mineral resources”

Key actions under discussion currently among contributors

• Short term rapid assessments
• Long term monitoring and measuring programmes
• International symposium
• Mainstreaming sand into existing standards and best practices in the infrastructure sector
• Setting a science-policy agenda
Thank you!

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