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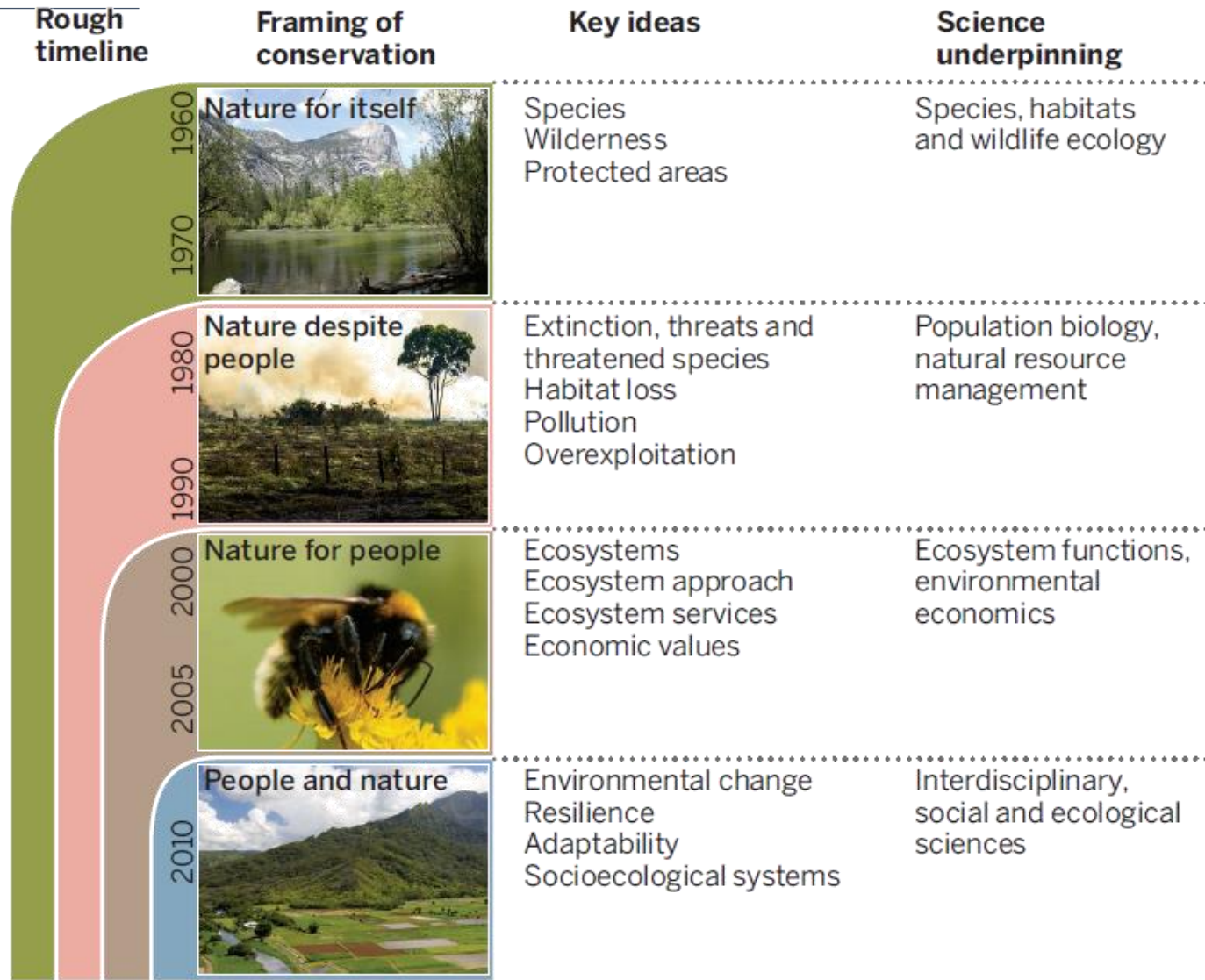
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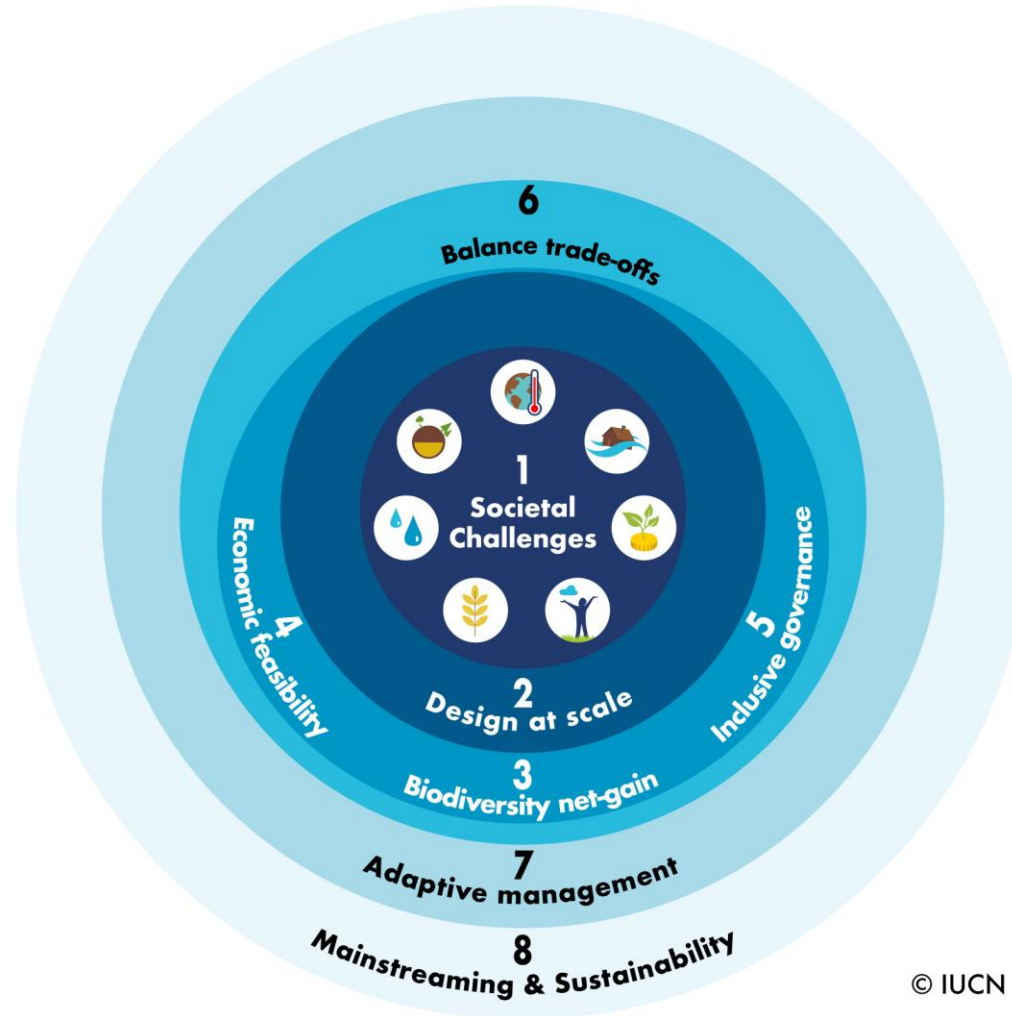


IUCN defines nature-based solutions as:
 “actions to protect, sustainably manage and restore natural or modified ecosystems, that address societal challenges (e.g. climate change, food and water security or natural disasters) effectively and adaptively, **simultaneously** providing human well-being and biodiversity benefits”

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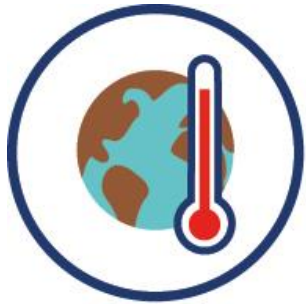


Enabling NbS with the standard



Criterion 1 – Societal challenges

NbS effectively address societal challenges



Climate change mitigation and adaptation



Disaster risk reduction



Economic and social development



Human health



Food security



Water security



Environmental degradation and biodiversity loss

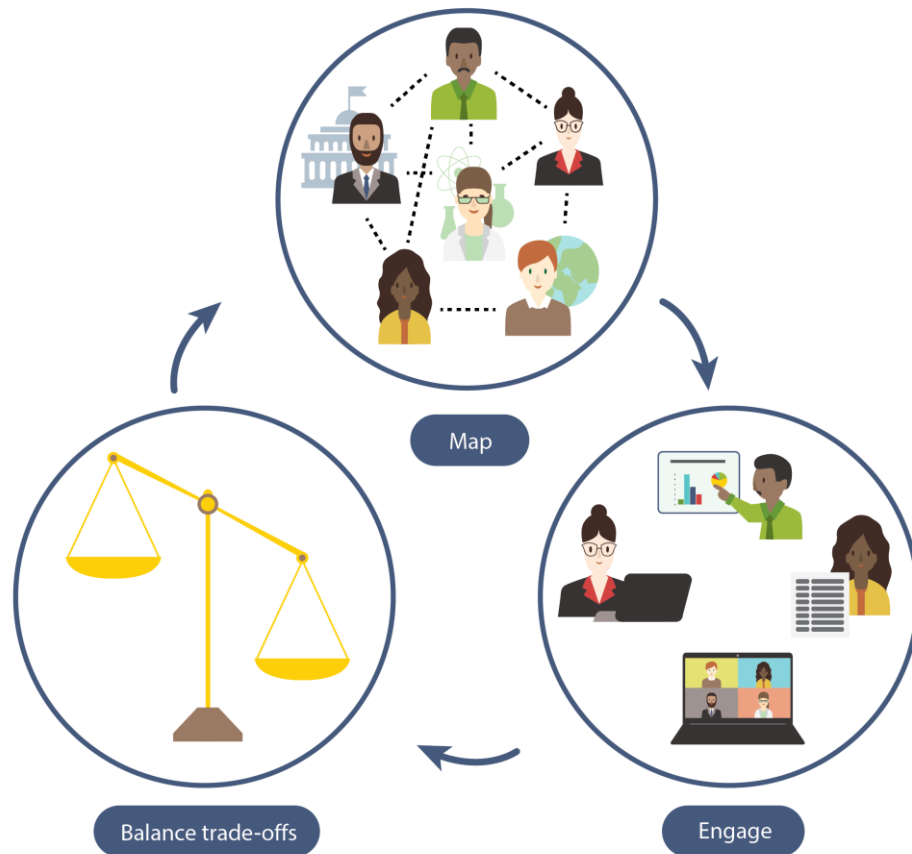
1.1 The most pressing societal challenges for rights holders and beneficiaries are prioritised

1.2 The societal challenges addressed are clearly understood and documented

1.3 Human wellbeing outcomes arising from the NbS are identified, benchmarked and periodically assessed

Criterion 5 – Inclusive Governance

NbS are based on inclusive, transparent and empowering governance processes



5.1 A defined and fully agreed upon feedback and grievance resolution mechanism is available to all stakeholders before an NbS intervention can be initiated

5.2 Participation is based on mutual respect and equality, regardless of gender, age or social status, and upholds the right of Indigenous Peoples to Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC)

5.3 Stakeholders who are directly and indirectly affected by the NbS have been identified and involved in all processes of the NbS intervention

5.4 Decision-making processes document and respond to rights and interests of all participating and affected stakeholders

5.5 Where the scale of the NbS extends beyond jurisdictional boundaries, mechanisms are established to enable joint decision-making among the stakeholders in those jurisdictions affected by the NbS

Criterion 6 – Balance trade-offs

NbS equitably balances trade-offs between achievement of their primary goal(s) and the continued provision of multiple benefits



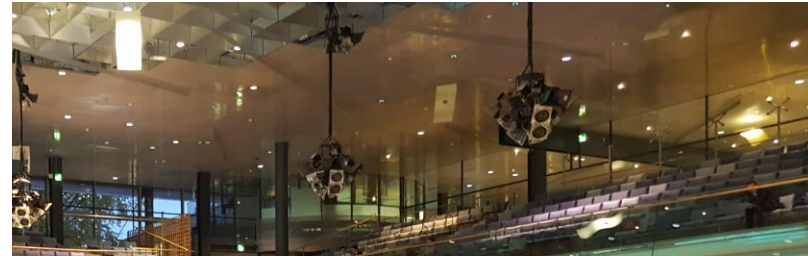
6.1 The potential costs and benefits of associated trade-offs of the NbS intervention are explicitly acknowledged and inform safeguards and any appropriate corrective actions

6.2 The rights, usage of and access to land and resources, along with the responsibilities of different stakeholders are acknowledged and respected

6.3 Established safeguards are periodically reviewed to ensure that mutually-agreed trade-offs limits are respected and do not destabilise the entire NbS

Criterion 8 – Sustainability and mainstreaming

NbS are sustainable and mainstreamed within an appropriate jurisdictional context



8.1 NbS design, implementation and lessons learnt are shared for triggering transformative change

8.2 NbS inform and enhance facilitating policy and regulation frameworks to support its uptake and mainstreaming

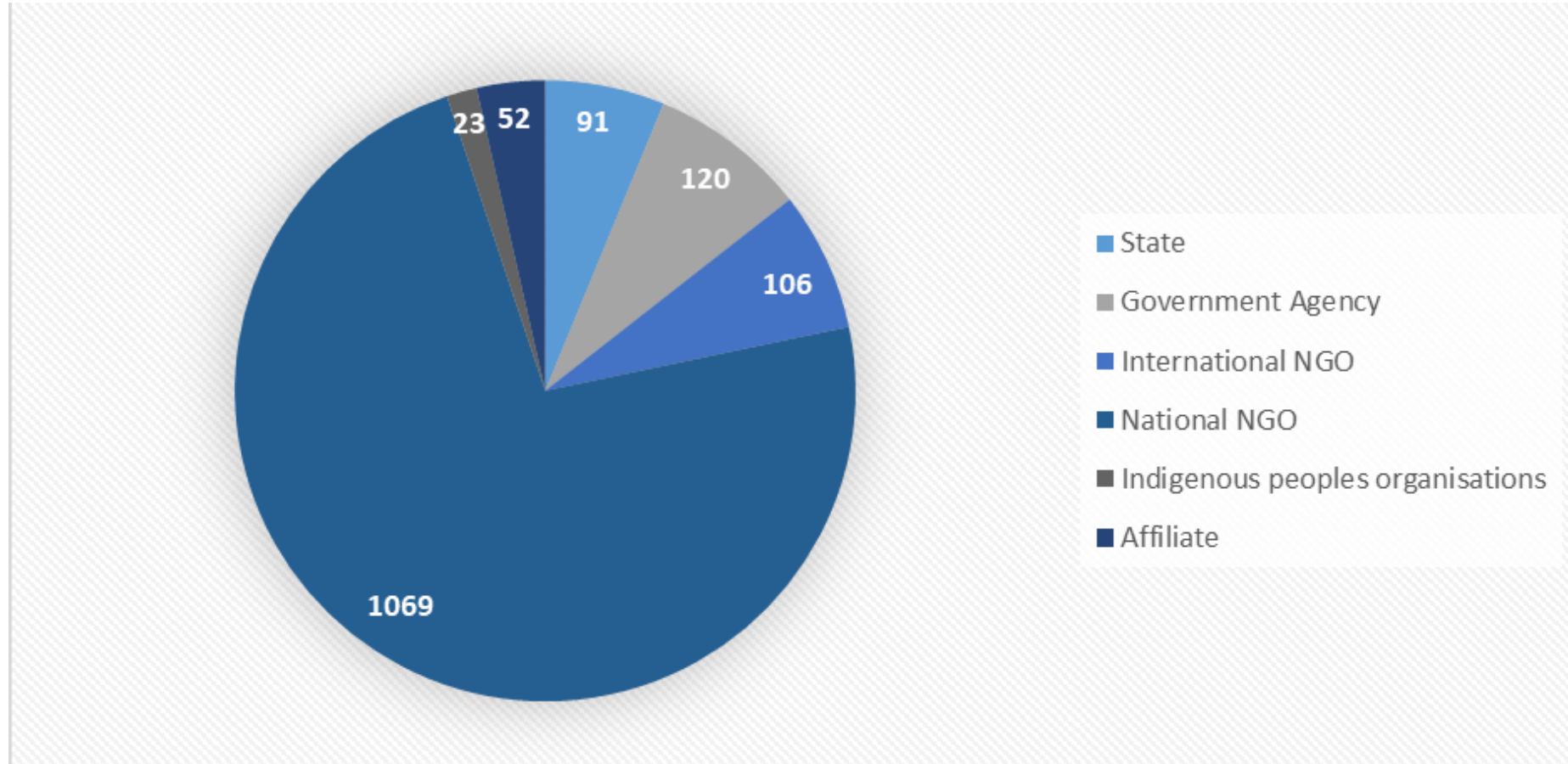
8.3 Where relevant, NbS contribute to national and global targets for human wellbeing, climate change, biodiversity and human rights, including the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

International Union for Conservation of Nature – membership



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**GENEVA RIGHTS &
ENVIRONMENT TALKS**



CONFERENCE

**Human Rights and
Environmental Impacts of
Investors-States Dispute
Settlements (ISDS)
Mechanisms | Geneva
Rights and Environment
Talks**

05 MAR 2024 13:00 – 14:30

Villa Rigot & Online | Webex

Special Procedures of the UN Human
Rights Council, Earthjustice, CIEL, IISD,
Global Cities Hub - Geneva, GEN

🌐 Human Rights and Environment



CONFERENCE

**No Nature-based
Solutions Without a
Human Rights-based
Approach | Geneva
Rights and Environment
Talks**

11 MAR 2024 09:45 – 11:00

Palais des Nations | H307-1 & Online |
Webex

Special Procedures of the UN Human
Rights Council, Geneva Task Force on
Human Rights and Biodiversity,
Earthjustice, GEN

🌐 Human Rights and Environment | Nature

🌐 SDG14 | SDG15



CONFERENCE

**Protecting Environmental
Defenders: Updates and
Challenges | Geneva
Rights and Environment
Talks**

11 MAR 2024 13:00 – 14:00

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Geneva Roadmap 40/11 for
Environmental Human Rights Defenders,
ISHR, Earthjustice, GEN

🌐 Human Rights and Environment

🌐 SDG16



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Protecting Environmental Defenders: Updates and Challenges

11 MARCH 2024 | 13:00 - 14:00 CET | PALAIS DES NATIONS, H307-1 & ONLINE (WEBEX)

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GLOBAL REPORT LAUNCH

Environmental Rule of Law:

Tracking Progress and Charting
Future Directions

12 MARCH 2024 | 10:00 - 11:30 CET | IEH1 & ONLINE

NEXT ON THE GENEVA BEAT POLLUTION AGENDA



State of the Science on Plastic Chemicals

Identifying and addressing chemicals and polymers of concern

VIRTUAL

Launch and Panel Discussion | State of the Science on Plastic Chemicals: Identifying and Addressing Chemicals and Polymers of Concern

14 MAR 2024 14:00 – 15:30

Online | Webex
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- 📍 Chemicals and Pollution | Plastics
- 📍 SDG12

CLIMATE IMPACTS OF PLASTICS

GLOBAL ACTIONS TO STEM CLIMATE CHANGE AND END PLASTIC POLLUTION



VIRTUAL

Launch and Panel Discussion | Climate Impacts of Plastics: Global Actions to Stem Climate Change and End Plastic Pollution

20 MAR 2024 14:00 – 15:30

Online | Webex
GRID-Arendal, GEN

- 📍 Chemicals and Pollution | Climate | Plastics
- 📍 SDG12 | SDG13



CONFERENCE

Biodiversity and the Global Plastics Treaty: IUCN's Proposal for a Specific Article on "Biodiversity Aspects" in the Future Treaty

26 MAR 2024 13:00 – 14:30

International Environment House I, Room 3 & Online | Webex
IUCN, GEN

- 📍 Chemicals and Pollution | Nature | Plastics
- 📍 SDG12 | SDG14 | SDG15

BEAT WASTE POLLUTION

CONFERENCE

International Day of Zero Waste 2024 | Geneva Celebration

27 MAR 2024 14:00

Palais des Nations, Room VIII & Online
Türkiye, GEN

- 📍 Chemicals and Pollution
- 📍 SDG3 | SDG8 | SDG12



ENVIRONMENT @ REGIONAL FORUM

ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UNECE REGION





VIRTUAL

Advancing the Six Transitions: What Role for Young People? | RFSD 2024

11 MAR 2024 11:30 - 12:30
Online | Webex
Cyprus, UNEP Europe Office, UNECE, UNESCO, YEE

SDG1 | SDG2 | SDG13 | SDG16 | SDG17



One Health

VIRTUAL

Addressing the Interconnected Challenges of Poverty, Food Security, and Climate Change through a One Health Approach and Effective Governance and Policy Coherence | RFSD 2024

11 MAR 2024 14:30 - 15:30
Online | Webex
WHO, UNEP Europe Office

SDG1 | SDG2 | SDG3 | SDG16 | SDG17



VIRTUAL

Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development a Must for the Six Transitions to Succeed Between Now and 2030 | RFSD 2024

12 MAR 2024 14:30 - 15:45
Online | Webex
UNECE, UNEP Europe Office, OECD, UN EMG

SDG13 | SDG16 | SDG17



REGIONAL FORUM
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UNECE REGION

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Solving the Rubik's cube of the planetary crisis: lining up policy solutions for climate risks and biodiversity loss

Wednesday 13 March 2024, 15:00 - 18:00
Palais des Nations, Room XIX

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Solving the Rubik's Cube of the Planetary Crisis: Lining Up Policy Solutions for Climate Risks and Biodiversity Loss | RFSD 2024

13 MAR 2024 15:00 - 18:00
Palais des Nations | Room XIX & Online | UN TV
UNEP Europe Office, WMO, UNDRR, UNICEF, UNECE, UNESCO

- Chemicals and Pollution | Climate | Nature | Eco-Humanitarian
- SDG13



VIRTUAL

Environmental Rule of Law and the Role of Access to Justice in Delivering on SDGs 16 and 13 | RFSD 2024

14 MAR 2024 08:30 - 09:45
Online | Webex
UNEP Europe Office, UNECE, Aarhus Convention, UNDP Geneva, GEN

- Human Rights and Environment | Climate
- SDG13 | SDG16

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