

The UNU Inter-linkages Initiative



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What will be discussed

- Briefly – What is the UNU Inter-linkages Initiative
- What have we observed and learned
 - Focusing on a) the regional and national levels; b) Asia and Pacific regions
- What do we think can be done (and how)?



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- Forum for discussion
- Analytical research on issues and themes
 - Role of inter-linkages in compliance and enforcement, financing, capacity development, Ozone/CC, BP/WTO/Codex, etc.
- National/regional case studies
 - 15+ countries in Asia and Pacific
 - 3 sub-regions (Pacific, SEA, South Asia)
- Demonstration follow-up activities



What have we learned? (1/2)

- Strategic planning → Links to SD
 - Varied responses (institutions, plans, laws, approaches)
- Institutional roles and responsibilities
 - Often, “structure” is not enough
 - Often confusing and conflicting (sometimes with good reason)
- Inherent “social” challenges to synergies → difficult to change
 - Politics, culture, etc.
 - Turf wars, nepotism, etc.



What have we learned? (2/2)

- Donor driven activities
 - Sometimes uncoordinated
 - Often takes framework approach
- Taking advantage of regional frameworks
 - LRTAP, Barcelona, Waigani, Bamako, Cartagena Conventions
 - ASEAN, SPREP, SAARC, SACEP, etc.



So, how can we synergize?

- Synergies should not be for synergies sake
- Should be guided by these principles
 - Demand driven
 - Value added
 - Support sustainable development
 - Subsidiarity principle



What are we doing now?

- Partnership on Integrated Capacity Building in Asia and Pacific
 - SPREP, ASEAN, UNU, UNDP Cap2015, UNDP/GEF, UNEP, IGES, UNIDO

