



## UNIDO-GEF COOPERATION GEF-8 Focal Areas

### CONTEXT

With the GEF's support, UNIDO will address environmental challenges and promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development. Through UNIDO-GEF projects on biodiversity, chemicals & waste, climate change, international waters, and land degradation, countries will achieve global environmental benefits and pave the way towards a greener, more resilient future.

### UNIDO CONTRIBUTION AND STRATEGY

**Biodiversity:** UNIDO will work with industries to leverage innovation in addressing biodiversity loss caused by productive sectors, promoting industrial and nature-based solutions to foster economic development and nature conservation.

**Chemicals and waste:** UNIDO will help countries to adopt sound management of chemicals and hazardous waste across a number of sectors, minimizing their adverse effects on health and the environment, and fostering sustainable waste practices.

**Climate change:** UNIDO will assist countries to mitigate and adapt to cli-

mate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, promoting innovative renewable energy technologies, enhancing resilience & transitioning to a low-carbon economy.

**International waters:** UNIDO will focus on managing transboundary water bodies, to protect marine and freshwater ecosystems and ensure sustainable use of water resources through reduction of untreated effluent discharges.

**Land degradation:** UNIDO will continue to empower smallholder farmers and agro-processors to combat land degradation and climate vulnerability through integration of sustainable and climate resilient agriculture, land rehabilitation, and land governance practices.

### IMPACT

UNIDO's work across the GEF-8 focal areas will stimulate industrial development, tackle urgent environmental challenges, and support countries in achieving global environmental benefits through impactful and sustainable projects.

### WORKING TOWARDS THE SDGs



## COUNTRIES

More the 100 countries across the globe

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## IMPORTANCE OF BIODIVERSITY



### FOR ENVIRONMENTS

Clean air and water  
 Natural disaster resilience  
 Natural water purification  
 Climate, water, waste & pollination cycles regulation

### FOR HUMANS

Food & freshwater security  
 Nature-based solutions to environmental challenges  
 Natural medicines & pharmaceuticals  
 Enhanced health

### FOR ECONOMIES

Resource & energy security  
 Resistance to environmental and societal shocks  
 Recreation & tourism  
 Job creation

## RESPONSIBLE WASTE

### MANAGEMENT -

### THE 9Rs

PREFERRED OPTION

RETHINK

REFUSE

REDUCE

REUSE

REFURBISH

REPAIR

RECYCLE

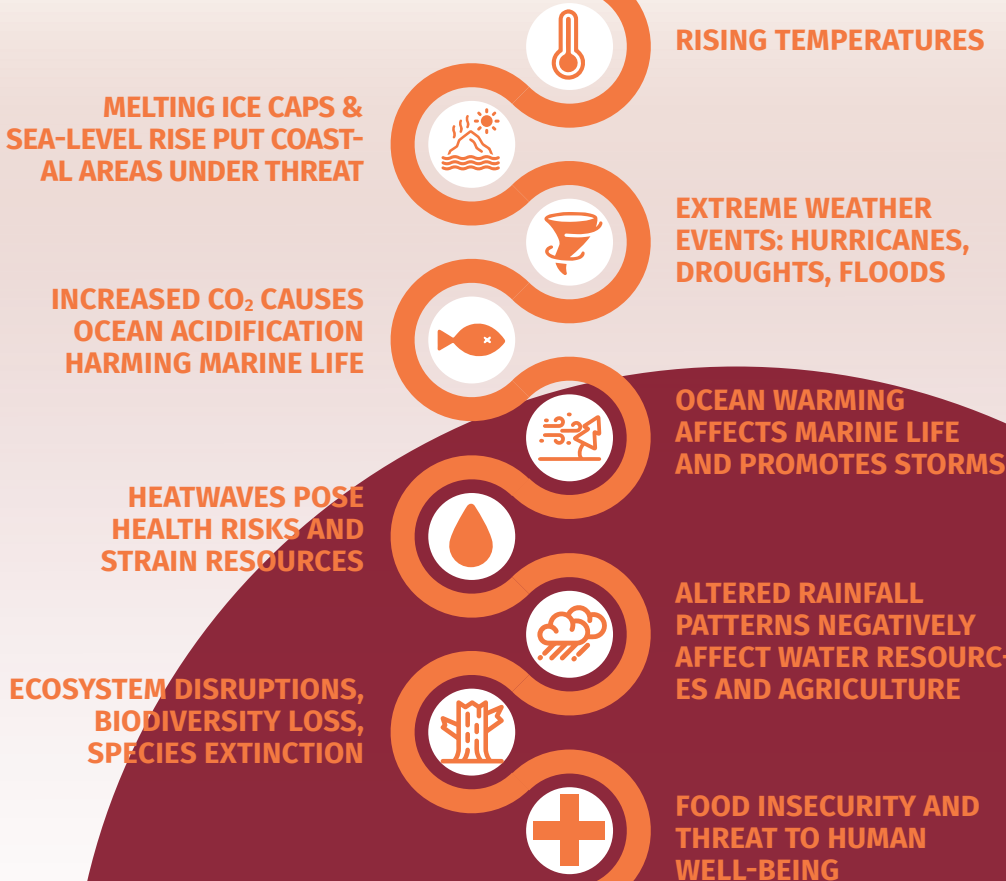
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RESPONSIBLE DISPOSAL

LAST RESORT

### ELEMENTS OF

### CLIMATE CHANGE



By rethinking consumption and production patterns, we can minimize waste generation and promote a more sustainable future. Re-using products extends their lifespan, while recycling diverts waste from landfills. As a last resort, responsible disposal methods can be employed.