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**Policy issues: coordination and cooperation within
the United Nations system on environmental matters**

**Corporate memorandums of understanding concerning
cooperation between the United Nations Environment
Programme and other bodies of the United Nations system**

Note by the Executive Director

In accordance with Governing Council decision 17/8, the Executive Director has the honour to transmit to the Governing Council (see annex) a tabular summary of corporate memorandums of understanding that have been concluded between the United Nations Environment Programme and other bodies of the United Nations system since the issuance of Executive Director's previous report to the Governing Council on the subject, submitted to the Governing Council at its twenty-fifth session (see UNEP/GC.25/INF/8).

* UNEP/GC.27/1.

Annex

Corporate memorandums of understanding concluded between the United Nations Environment Programme and other bodies of the United Nations system in 2011 and 2012

2012

<i>Date signed</i>	<i>Reference</i>	<i>Body</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Brief</i>
9 November 2012	UNEP/UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)	Memorandum of understanding between UNEP and UNOPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This corporate memorandum of understanding (MOU) was concluded in November 2012, and will remain effective up to 31 December 2017 - The MOU will serve as a framework for cooperation between UNEP and UNOPS in the provision of a range of stand-alone management services or an integrated package of services - The MOU will also be applicable to the multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) that UNEP administers. Application of the MOU to and access to UNOPS services by the secretariats of those MEAs will be in accordance with the mandates approved by their respective meetings and conferences of the parties. The agreement also foresees the possibility of UNEP leveraging the UNOPS executed environment portfolio whenever consistent with the UNEP medium-term strategy/programme of work, with resources provided by UNOPS to UNEP - The MOU is not intended to replace or supersede the umbrella memorandum of understanding between the United Nations and UNOPS, and makes specific reference to it. The previous MOU between UNEP and UNOPS, dated 2001, was superseded by events, and the Governing Council was informed in 2009 - The MOU is a collaborative framework and does not include any financial obligations/commitment by either party

2012

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14 May 2012	UNEP/FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	Memorandum of understanding Between UNEP and FAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This MOU is between UNEP, representing the secretariat of the Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP), and FAO, acting on behalf of the General Fisheries Commission of the Mediterranean (GFCM) - The MOU will serve as a framework for cooperation between UNEP/MAP and FAO/GFCM to further their shared goals and objectives. The areas of cooperation will include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Promotion of ecosystems based approaches for the conservation of marine and coastal environment and ecosystems and the sustainable use of marine living and other natural resources o Mitigation of the impact of fisheries and aquaculture on the marine habitats and species by the use of best available techniques in fisheries and the development of sustainable aquaculture o Identification, protection and management of marine areas of particular importance in the Mediterranean (hotspots of biodiversity, areas with sensitive habitats, essential fish habitats, areas of importance for fisheries and/or for the conservation of engendered species, coastal wetlands) o Integrated maritime policy with a special emphasis on marine and coastal spatial approaches, with a view to mitigate cumulative risks due to reduced access and availability of space affected by multiple and increasing conflictive uses o Legal, institutional and policy related cooperation - The MOU is a collaborative framework and does not include any financial obligations/commitment by either party

2011

<i>Date signed</i>	<i>Reference</i>	<i>Body</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Brief</i>
29 October 2011	UNEP/UPU	Universal Postal Union (UPU)	Letter of Agreement between UNEP and UPU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This letter of agreement was concluded in October 2011 and will remain effective for four years. The purpose of the agreement is to provide a framework of cooperation and understanding and to facilitate collaboration between UNEP and UPU to further their shared goals and objectives - Pursuant to the letter of agreement, UNEP and UPU intend to consult each other on a regular basis on issues of mutual interest, particularly in order to coordinate their respective activities, strengthen synergies and promote joint actions in the field of environmental protection - The parties have agreed to the following preliminary overarching themes for the letter of agreement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Developing a methodology and framework for measuring greenhouse gas emissions generated by the postal sector, as a first step in mitigation efforts o Developing emissions reduction actions, policies and projects for the postal sector as a second step o Making UPU a climate neutral organization, including preparation of an action plan outlining milestones on the way to making the UPU climate-neutral - The agreement supersedes the cooperation agreement concluded between the parties on 13 October 1995, the letter of agreement concluded between the parties on 29 April 2008, as well as any and all prior communications and representations, whether oral or written, concerning the subject matter thereof

2011

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1 April 2011	UNEP/WFP	World Food Programme (WFP)	Memorandum of Understanding between UNEP and WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- This MOU was concluded in April 2011 and will remain effective for five years- The purpose of the MOU is to enhance collaboration and leverage potential synergies among UNEP and WFP through initiatives, activities and programmes aimed at meeting the complementary objectives of enhancing food security and fighting hunger and malnutrition, while concurrently promoting environmental protection and conservation, sustainable natural resource management, disaster risk reduction, and climate adaptation and mitigation, especially in support to vulnerable people in developing and at-risk countries

2011

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25 February 2011	UNEP/UNESCO/ IAEA	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)	Memorandum of understanding between UNEP, UNESCO and IAEA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This memorandum of understanding is between the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO, UNEP and IAEA - The MOU was concluded in February 2011 and will remain effective for three years. - The overall aim of the collaboration is to facilitate capacity-building in member States to improve their ability to access, manage and protect marine environments, including oceans, semi-enclosed seas and coastal zones. - UNEP, IOC-UNESCO and IAEA will cooperate through complementary and/or joint programming efforts in the following areas of cooperation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Development of capacities to conduct coastal and marine environmental assessments o Improvement of national and regional capacity to monitor and manage harmful algal events and eutrophication of coastal waters due to nutrient over-enrichment; o Support and promote the Global Partnership on Nutrient Management (GPNM) to address nutrient management challenges o Improvement of capacities to identify sources and sinks of carbon in coastal and oceanic waters and ecosystems o Training of scientist from member States in experimental and observational techniques to study ocean acidification, HAB, eutrophication and their impacts on coastal and marine biodiversity

Total number of agreements: five
