



# Regional Cooperation through the Coherent Implementation of Biodiversity-MEAs

**A UNEP Regional Perspective from West Asia**

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## Strengthened UNEP REGIONAL Presence

*ROWA promotes collaboration and partnerships with organizations to develop relevant programmes to respond to the needs of the region.*

**The Regional Office for West Asia (ROWA) has 12 member states:**

- Bahrain
- Iraq
- Jordan
- Kuwait
- Lebanon
- Oman
- Palestine
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Syria
- U.A.E.
- Yemen





# UNEP Biodiversity Support

**guide policy-makers in developing innovative and equitable policies based on sound science that will effectively preserve biodiversity and promote human health for generations to come.**

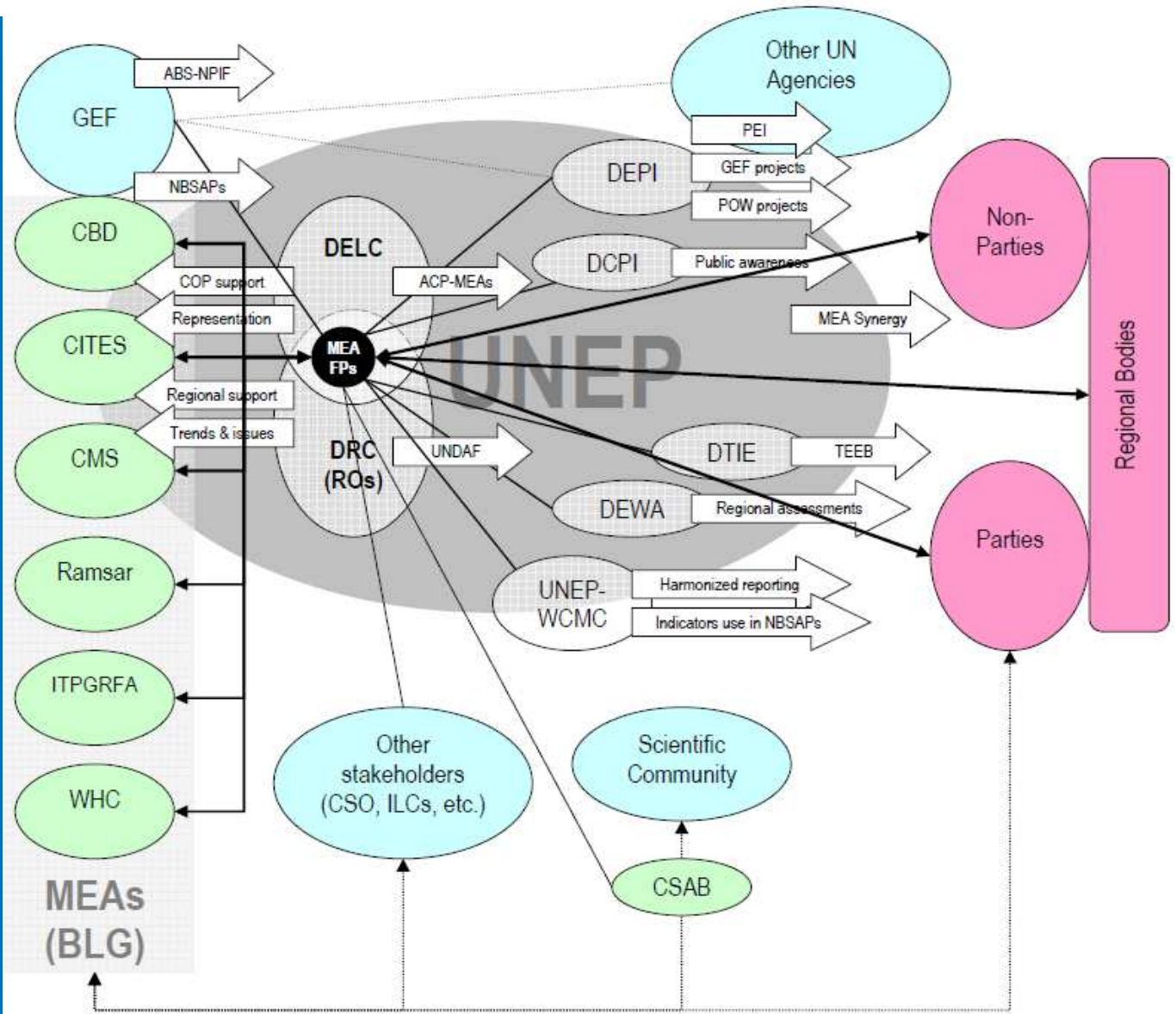
- technology transfer and capacity building (MTS & Bali Strategic Plan)
- Mobilizes resources and information
- Policy guidance,
- catalyses partnerships
- advocacy





# Regional MEA Focal Points Project

Support for implementation of the biodiversity clusters of multilateral environmental agreements





# ROWA Country support: **Iraq**

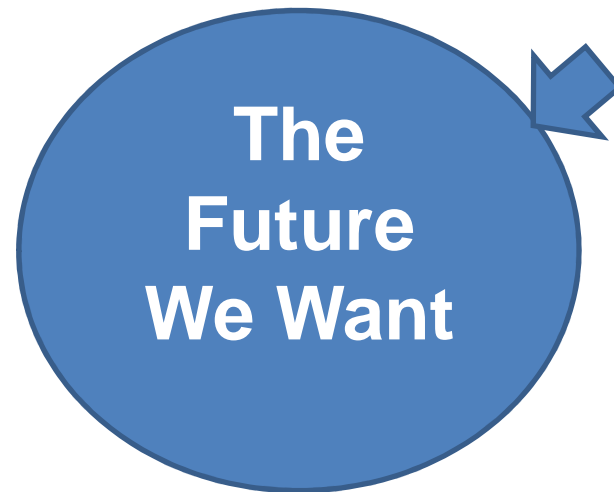
- UNDAF
- NESAP
- NBSAP
- Initial National Communication (CC)
- Country programme for the implementation of the Montreal Protocol-Phase out Ozone depleting substances
- Sand and Dust Storms
- UNEP-UNESCO Marshlands
- Protected Areas Network
- Delivery-as-one



# UNEP Support to THE POST 2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

**Mainstreaming  
biodiversity for  
development:**

**Towards a new paradigm  
for cooperation in the UN  
system**



<http://www.worldwewant2015.org/>





## MAIN DRIVING Decisions FOR UNEP IN THE REGION

- Decisions of the UNEP Environment Assembly UNEA
- MEA/protocol decisions
- Priorities of regional and sub-regional Ministerial Sessions (e.g. League of Arab States and GCC)
- Requests from Member States
- Pressing emerging issues-SDS





# Biodiversity Regional Mechanisms

- **League of Arab States: (22 states)**

- Arab Working Group to review the implementation of MEAs related to Biodiversity and Combating desertification
- CAMRE (Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment)

- **Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) 6 states**

- Convention on Wildlife (sub regional)
- Green Customs initiative
- Regional Network to combat wildlife crime (WAWEN)

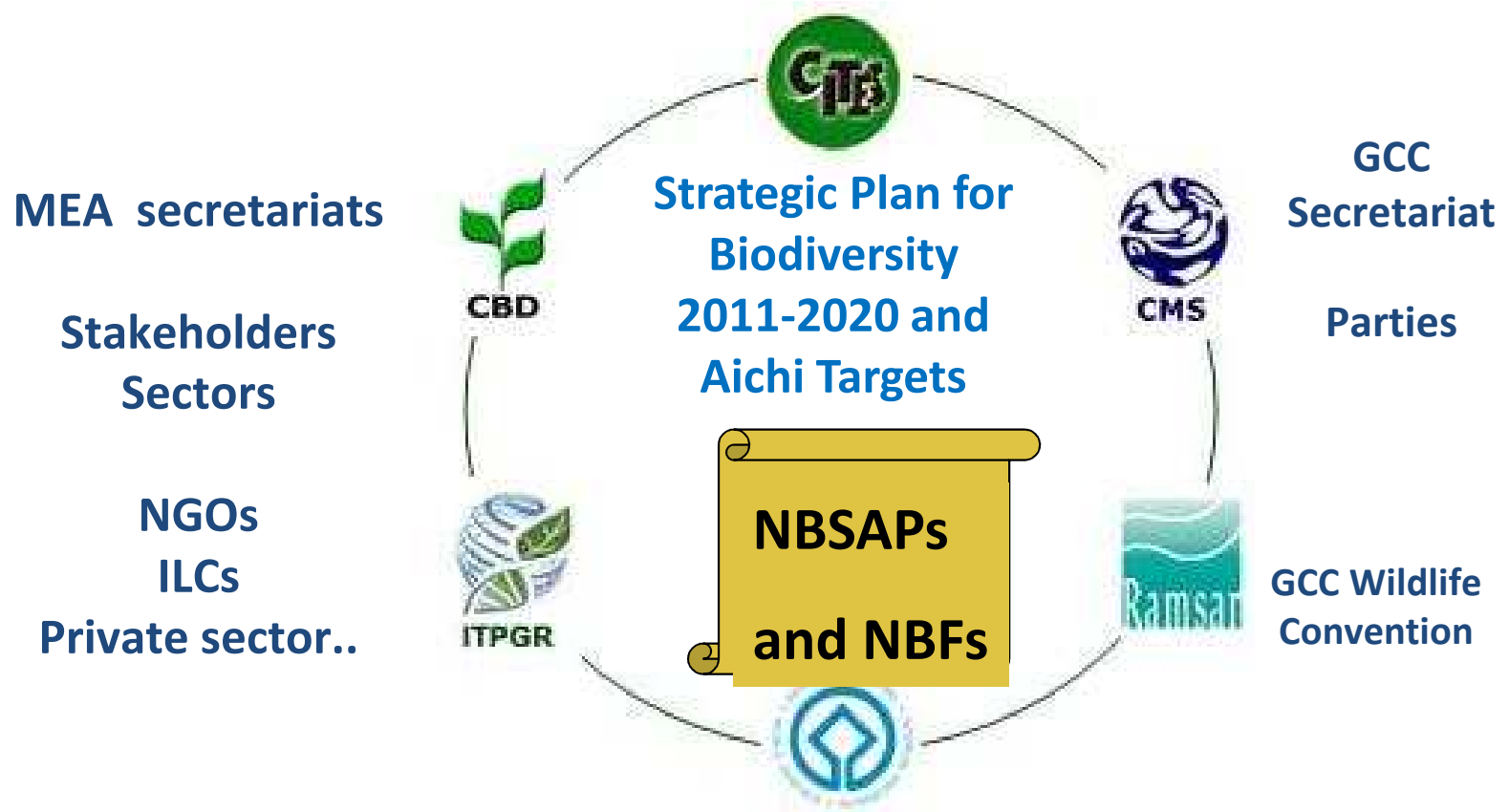
- AOAD
- FAO
- IUCN
- ICARDA
- WWF
- ACSAD
- RAED
- ROPME
- PERSGA
- IFAW
- UNESCO
- ESCWA
- NGOs
- IGOs
- MEAs (CMS)
- UNU
- Academia
- Research,
- Monitoring







# UNEP-ROWA support to biodiversity MEAs



LAS Arab Working Group on biodiversity MEAs



# Biosafety Regional Cooperation Mechanism

Regional Hub?  
Champion party?  
Champion organization?

MEAs-UNEP-Donors- GIZ-  
development banks, funds

regional and Subregional  
Network (ROWA-GCC-  
LAS)

Reg org: ACSAD, ICARDA,  
AOAD, FAO, IUCN,  
PERSEGA, ROPME,NGOs

National Stakeholders,  
academia, private  
sector, NGO

Cartagena  
Protocol Party





# Thanks!

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