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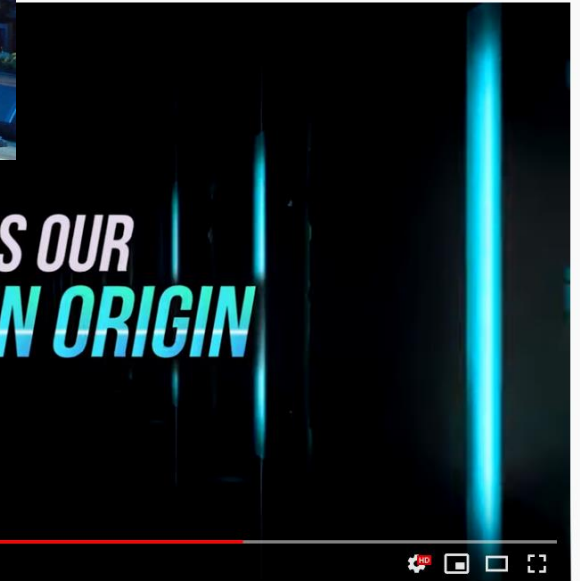
Recap of Yesterday (8 June)

- INMS & International Nitrogen Assessment (INA) introduced, with forward-look and financing perspectives from UNEP & GEF

Key Feedback from Member States (MSs) to INA

- ***Make country-level estimates*** and data available, as needed by Member States. **Action** address across INA far as possible
- ***Involve country experts*** to maximize representativeness and buy-in. **Action** invite MSs to nominate reviewers and further co-authors
- ***Consider transboundary issues*** as far as possible. How does action in one country benefit other countries?
- ***Don't forget industry*** in order to consider all aspects of nitrogen
- ***Consider the impact of COVID-19*** as part of future perspective

The Nitrogen Song....



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Focus for Today (9 June)

Identifying what is needed from the Interconvention Nitrogen Coordination Mechanism (INCOM) with input from UN Conventions & Programmes

Task

**Invite Member States advice
on needs for INCOM**

**Establish Task Team on
Terms of Reference (ToRs)
for INCOM**

<https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/UNEP-Nitrogen-Working-Group>

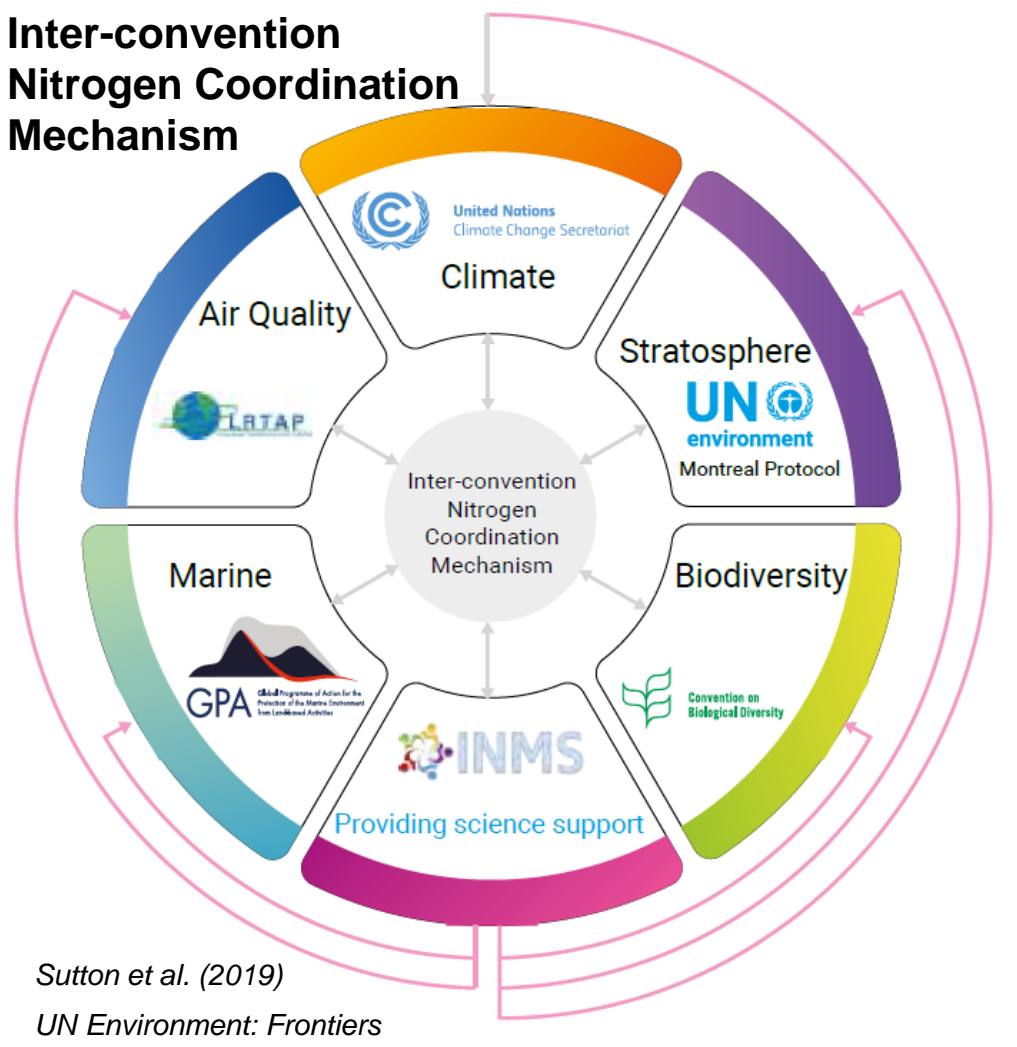
Inf.Doc.2 Proposal for an *ad-hoc* Task Team to examine possible Terms of Reference for the INCOM

Inf.Doc.3 Actions towards UNEA-5: Follow-up to Resolution 4/14 Sustainable Nitrogen Management

Towards improved nitrogen science and policy coordination

Options 1. Status Quo 2. One Convention Leads 3. A New Convention 4. Coordination Mechanism

Inter-convention Nitrogen Coordination Mechanism



Sutton et al. (2019)

UN Environment: Frontiers

Foreword



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Emerging Issues of Environmental Concern



“Every year, an estimated US\$200 billion worth of reactive nitrogen is now lost into the environment, where it degrades our soils, pollutes our air and triggers the spread of “dead zones” in our waterways.”

Joyce Msuya
Acting Executive Director
United Nations Environment Programme





Air Quality



Climate



Water Quality



Soil Quality



Biodiversity

Why Nitrogen?
\$200 billion of N wasted annually

Questions to Conventions

- Why does nitrogen need to be addressed by your international convention or programme?
- What are the primary information needs, gaps and barriers?
- How could nitrogen coordination help advance the goals of your convention?
- What advice to offer on developing the Terms of Reference and approach of INCOM?

Guidance and information from Member States

- Information needs, gaps and barriers
- Advice on developing the Terms of Reference and approach of INCOM
- Expressions of interest of Member States to join the Terms of Reference Task Team
- Emerging initiatives from Member States



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- Electronic hands and timing!
- How many Member States would like to speak...
- Introducing Mahesh Pradhan & Milcah Ndegwe
UNEP Ecosystems Division, Focal Point UNEA Res. 4/14

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