Issue-Based Modules for the coherent implementation of biodiversity related Conventions

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Aim

- Better and coherent implementation of regional and global environmental agreements

- Cross-sectoral understanding and cooperation on this implementation, emphasising the relevance of environment to other sectors, and vice versa
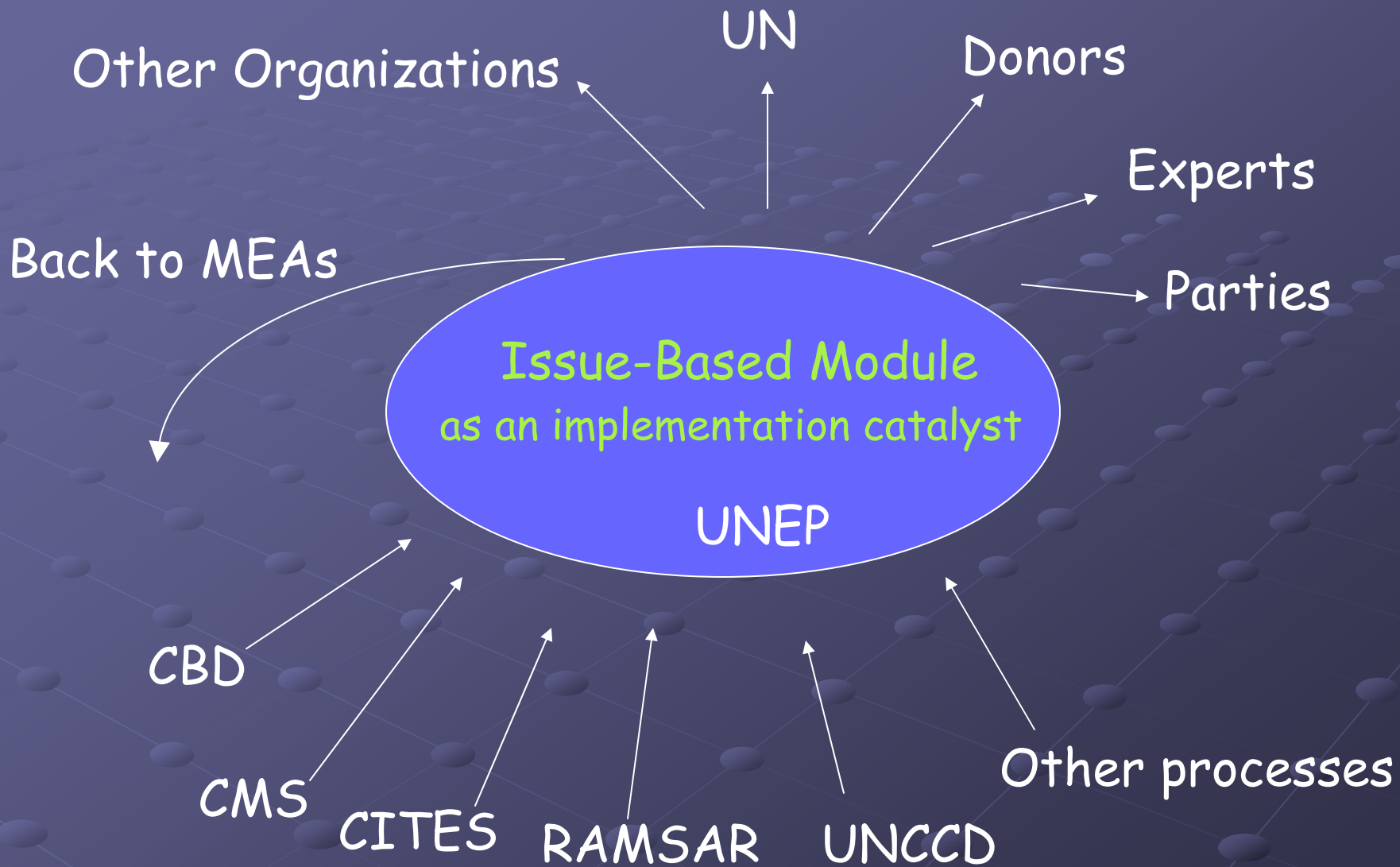
Objective

- **Improve understanding** of how commitments taken under different MEAs relate one to another and to other relevant agreements on issues of common concern.

- **Demonstrate** how implementation of each individual MEA and other relevant agreements can be strengthened through more integrated action on issues of common concern.

- **Promote cooperation** between experts at the national level working on implementation of different MEAs and other relevant agreements on issues of common concern.

Characteristics of the Module

- Issue Based: Inland Water, Invasive Alien Species, Sustainable Use, Climate Change

- Analysis of existing decisions of different agreements, separated according to implementation agents

- Practical, voluntary and evolutionary tool,

- Combining global and regional agreements

- Identifying the relationship between decisions of different MEAs to demonstrate overlaps, potential conflicts and possible gaps

- Web based and on CD-Rom

Project Planning

- **Phase I:** development of 4 global modules based on the global agreements (CBD, UNFCCC, UNCCD, CMS, CITES, Ramsar, WHC, + others)

- **Phase II**: adaptation of the global modules with regional requirements

- **Phase III**: introduction of the modules through regional meetings and start of implementation in Pilot Countries

Involvement of end-users

- Pilot Countries
  Belgium, Morocco, Norway, Russia, Senegal, Seychelles, Uganda, (Hungary)

- MEA Secretariats

- Organizations (UN, WWF, IUCN, etc.)

- Individual experts

- Steering Committee

1st Steering Committee

- Good participation and support
- Modules are already used e.g. to prepare Ramsar COP or review IAS legislation
- Some concrete suggestions included
  - Integrate all relevant decisions of the 7 main MEAs (5 biodiversity + UNCCD & UNFCCC)
  - Importance of regional agreements
  - Link with other processes such as GEF NCSA
  - More background documents
  - Feedback and Search functions to be developed

Features on Website: www.svs-unepibmdb.net

- Introduction

  with info on project, modules, language version etc.

- 4 Issue Based Modules

- Agreements (global + regional)

  - Full text of each agreement
  - Full text of each decision referred to in the modules
  - List of Parties to allow sorting options
  - Indication of last meeting included in the modules

- Resources

  with background info, related websites, glossary, etc.

- Available in 3 UN languages, to be extended to 6

Please visit the modules on
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Any comments on content, form and/or general approach are welcome at:

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