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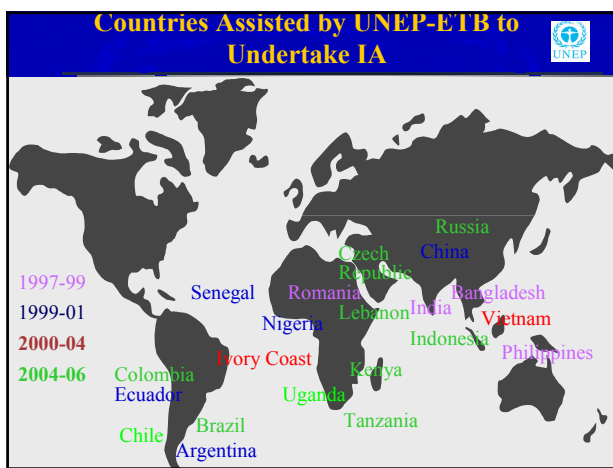
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Structure of Presentation

- UNEP and Integrated Assessment
- Some Findings: IA (ESE) in Africa
- Lessons Learnt and Future Plans





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African Countries in the 2nd Round

- **NIGERIA** : Integrated Assessment of Trade Liberalization and Trade-Related Policies on the Export Crop Sector (case of cocoa and rubber)
- **TANZANIA** : IA of Trade Liberalization and Trade-Related Policies on the Forestry Sector





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African Countries in the 3rd Round

- **NIGERIA** : Integrated Assessment of the Impact of Trade Liberalization on the Rice Sector
- **SENEGAL** : Evaluation intégrée de l'impact de la libéralisation du commerce sur la filière du riz






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IA – Some Findings

Economic effects

- **Mixed picture:** from significant positive effects to minimal effects or negative impacts

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IA – Some Findings

Social impacts

- Positive and negative impacts on employment
- Varying impacts on poverty reduction and food security

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IA – Some Findings

Environmental impacts

- Most commonalities among countries
- Agro-chemical use
 - Soil degradation
 - Water pollution
 - Loss of biodiversity

Environmental impacts identified pose future threats to the human health

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IA – Some findings

Integration of Impacts

- There is a need for policy development and implementation, including that of trade liberalization policies, that results in maximising the quality of human life through sustainable economic activity that respects the limits of the environment.



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Lessons learnt

- Work with sustainability benchmarks in planning processes is not common.
- Stakeholder participation is widely applied but needs to produce manageable information.
- Additional information gathered through IA needs to be synthesized in a systematic way to have impact on decision making.
- Inconsistencies and discontinuity in the policymaking process are challenges for effective use of IA.

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Future Initiatives on Integrated Assessment

MEA implementation

- CBD Implementation Project – assessing impacts on agricultural biodiversity (6 ACP countries, EU funding)
- UNEP-UNCTAD CBTF 4 country projects on Wildlife Trade Policy