

**Integrated Assessment: A tool for integrating environmental, social and economic considerations in the organic agriculture policies**

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**Ice Breaker**

Why Countries should go for OA ?

Eco. Benefits      Social Benefits      Env. Benefits

Does OA brings these benefits automatically?

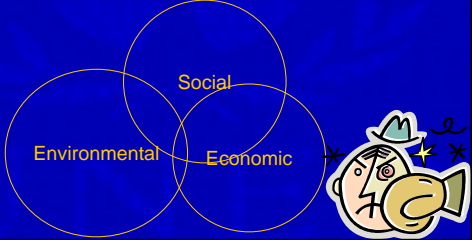


**Structure of Presentation**

- Definition/Background of IA
- Process/Methodology of IA
- Successes/Challenges
- Current/Future IA initiatives

**Integrated Assessment = A Tool for integrating ESE into polices**


A systematic **process** for obtaining, processing and disseminating information on the environmental, social and economic impacts of a specific policy, set of policies, sector or planning process



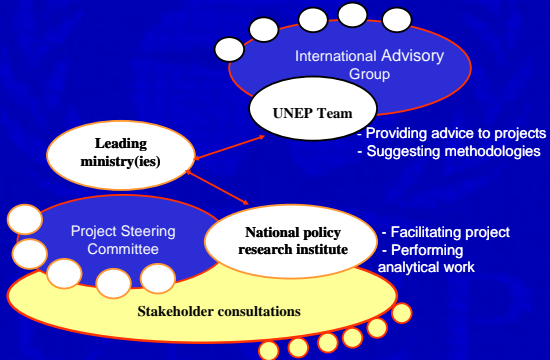
**When Should Integrated Assessments Be Used?**

Anytime in the Policy and Planning Cycle!

Ex-ante → Policy and Planning → Ex-post



**Structure of Integrated Assessment Projects**

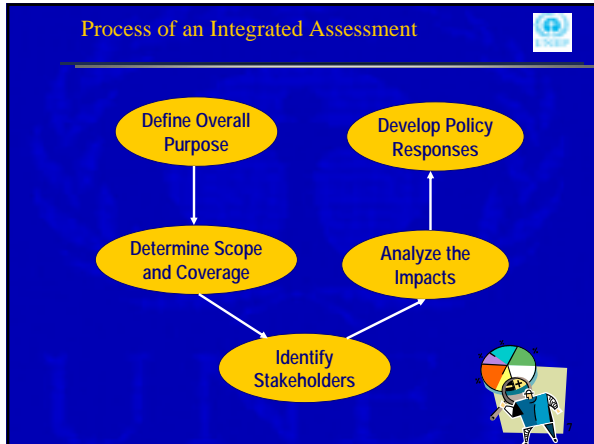


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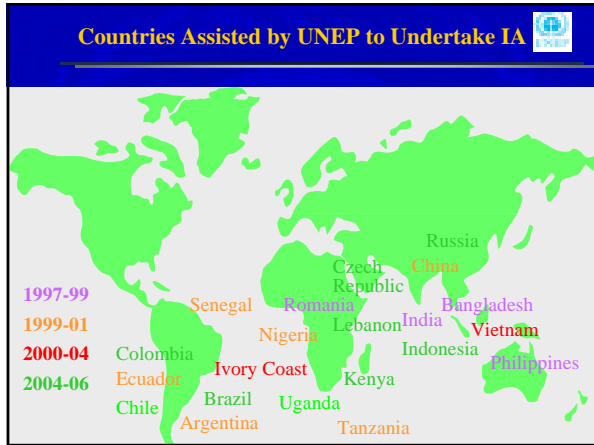
- International Advisory Group** (top level)
- UNEP Team** (middle level)
- Leading ministry(ies)** (middle level)
- Project Steering Committee** (middle level)
- National policy research institute** (middle level)
- Stakeholder consultations** (bottom level)

Key functions:

- UNEP Team: Providing advice to projects, Suggesting methodologies
- National policy research institute: Facilitating project, Performing analytical work



- ### Benefits of Integrated Assessment
- Informs decision-making
  - Enhances coordination
  - Builds consensus
  - Saves time and money



- ### Successes of UNEP IA Projects
- Increased awareness about the linkages between trade, environment and development
  - Improved coordination between trade, environment and relevant sectoral ministries
  - Enhanced capacity in country projects to conduct integrated assessments
  - Enhanced capacity for design and implementation of policy responses
  - Replication of IA by other institutions, separate from UNEP's support

- ### Challenges of UNEP IA Projects
- Difficulty integrating the three aspects of the assessment
  - Difficulty establishing indicators and valuing certain environmental impacts
  - Need for better training and support of national institutions
  - Inadequate dissemination and communication of project results

- ### Future/on-going Initiatives on Integrated Assessment
- MEA implementation
- CBD Implementation Project – assessing impacts of trade liberalisation on agricultural biodiversity – 6 countries
  - Capacity building for wildlife trade reviews in support for CITES implementation – 4 countries




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