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Integrated Assessment as a Planning Tool for Public Policies

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Developing Mutually Supportive Trade and Environment Policies



WSSD, Plan of Implementation, para. 97

"continue to enhance the mutual supportiveness of trade, environment and development with a view to achieving sustainable development"

WTO Doha Ministerial Declaration, para. 6

"an open and non-discriminatory multilateral trading system, and acting for the protection of the environment and the promotion of sustainable development can and must be mutually supportive"

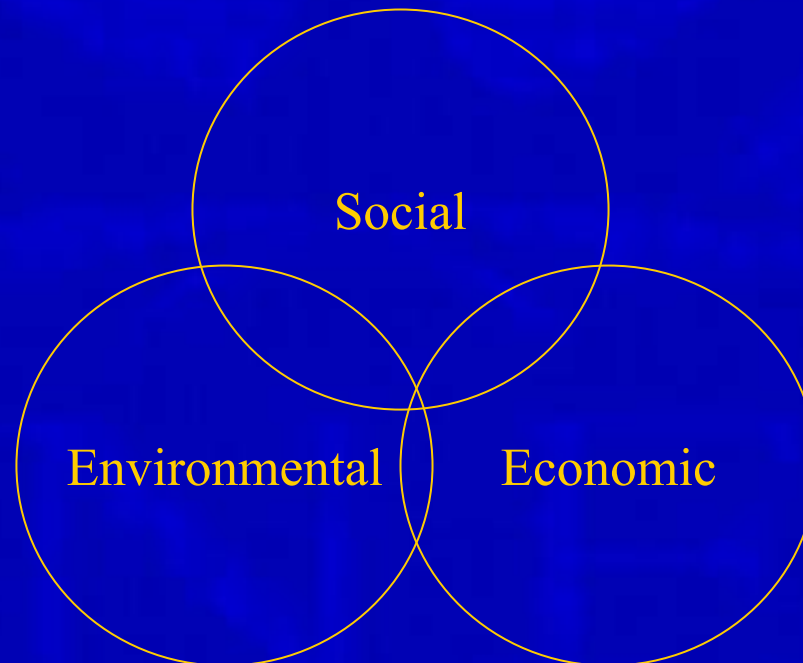
UNEP, Governing Council Decision 21/14

"assist countries, particularly developing countries and countries with economies in transition, to enhance their capacities to develop and implement mutually supportive trade and environmental policies"

Integrated assessment = a tool for achieving mutual supportiveness



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



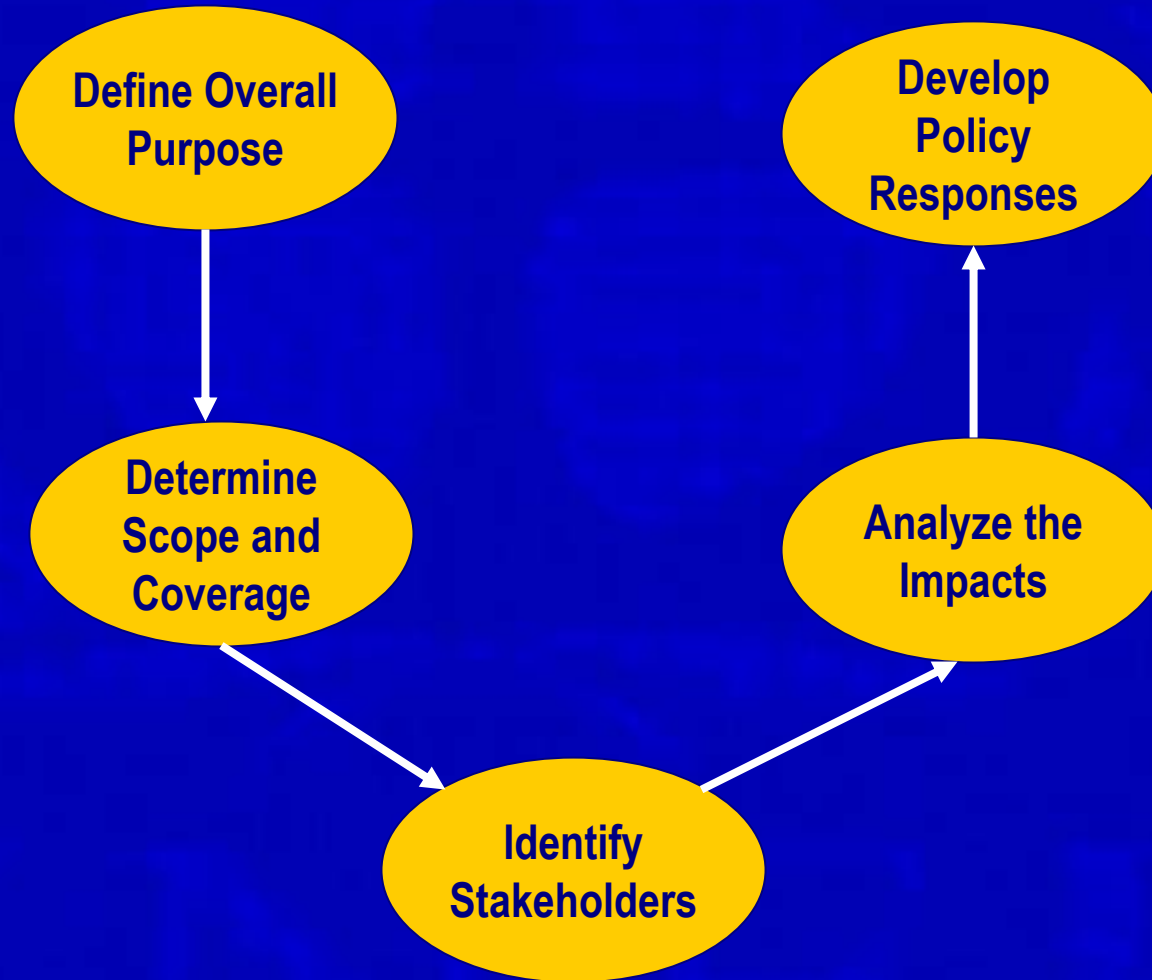
When Should Integrated Assessments Be Used?



Anytime in the Policy and Planning Cycle!



Process of an Integrated Assessment

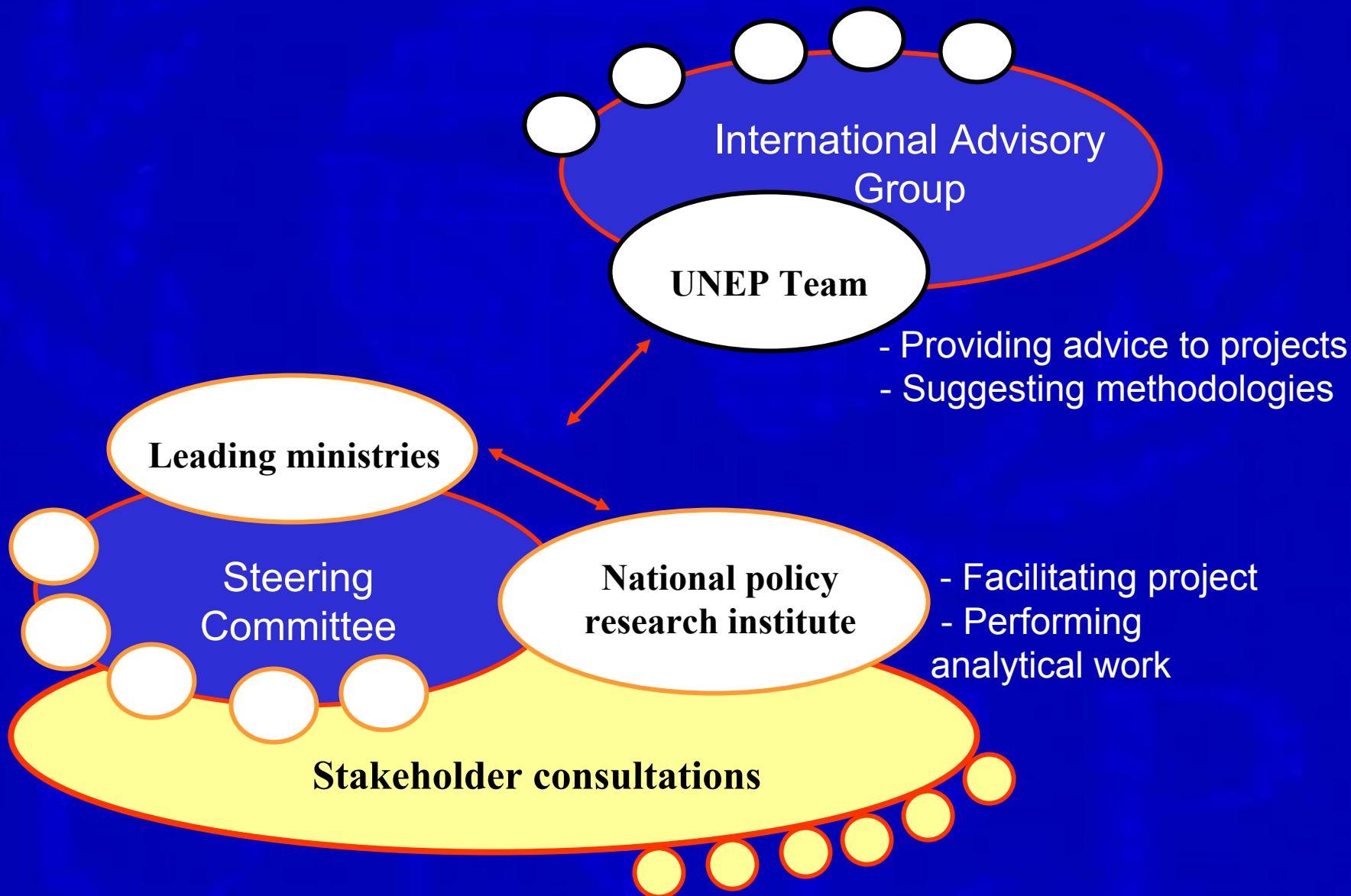


Benefits of Integrated Assessment



- **Informs decision-making**
- **Enhances coordination**
- **Builds consensus**
- **Saves time and money**

Structure of integrated assessment projects





Experience with integrated assessment

Integrated assessment (IA) of trade-related policies in 29 countries

6 Country Projects on environmental assessment of trade liberalisation and on economic instruments ('97-'99): Bangladesh, Chile, India, Philippines, Romania, and Uganda

6 Country Projects on IA of trade-related policies in different sectors ('99-'01): Argentina, China, Ecuador, Nigeria, Senegal and Tanzania

6 Country Projects on IA in the rice sector ('02-'04): Senegal, Vietnam, Indonesia, Nigeria, Ivory Coast and Colombia.

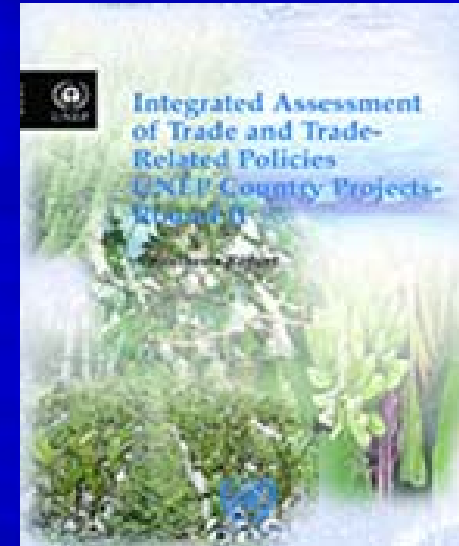
New Initiative ('03-'06): 11 Country Projects on Integrated Assessment and Planning

IA Country Projects in Latin America



IA of trade-related policies:

- **Chile's Mining Sector** ('97-'99)
- **Argentina's Fisheries Sector** ('99-'01)
- **Ecuador's Banana Sector** ('99-'01)
- **Colombia's Rice Sector** ('02-'04)



IAP Projects ('03 – '06):

- **Brazil:** IA of an infrastructure development project: Federal Highway BR 163
- **Chile:** IA of the Environmental Agenda of the Ministry of Agriculture in five key sub-sectors: forestry, fruit, wheat, poultry and dairy products
- **Colombia:** IA of the Free Trade Agreement with the United States

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**

UNEP-UNCTAD Capacity Building Task Force

CBTF Organic Agriculture Initiative in Kenya, Republic of Tanzania and Uganda

- National assessment studies on organic agriculture

MEA implementation

- CBD Implementation Project – assessing impacts on agricultural biodiversity (6 ACP countries, EC funding)

