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What is an Integrated Assessment?



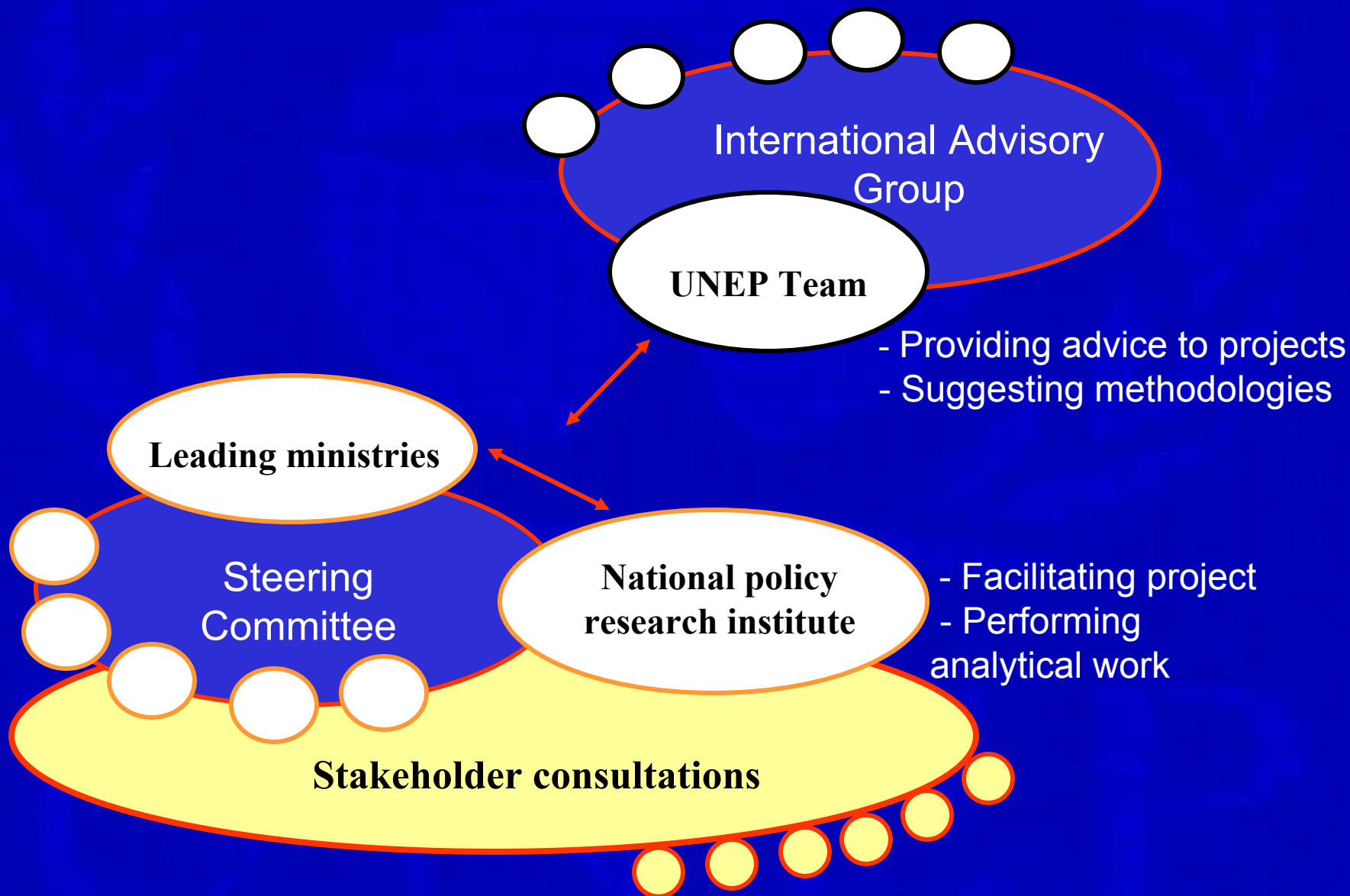
- A **process** for assessing the environmental, social and economic impacts of a specific policy, set of policies, sector or planning process

Benefits of Integrated Assessment



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

Structure of integrated assessment projects



Process of integrated assessment



- **Define overall purpose**
- **Determine scope and coverage**
- **Identify stakeholders and develop consultation process**
- **Analyze the impacts**
- **Develop and implement policy responses**

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.**

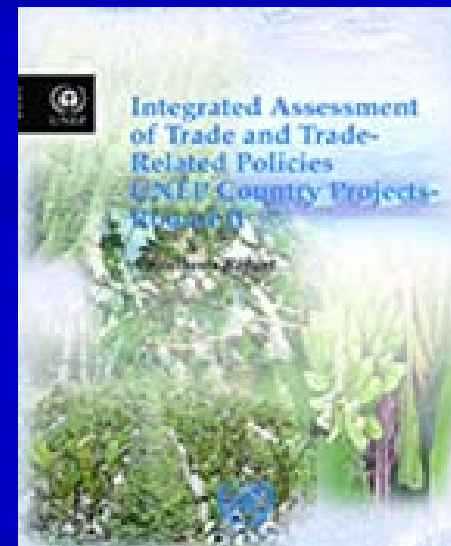
New Initiative ('03-'06): 11 Country Projects on Integrated Assessment and Planning

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 impacts**
- **Need for better training and support of national institutions**
- **Inadequate dissemination and communication of project results**

Future Initiatives on Integrated Assessment



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)

