Implementing Integrated Solutions to Planetary Challenges:

Reflections and Perspectives on Integration in the Post-Stockholm+50 Era

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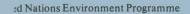**IGES**

Road Map

1. Reflection on Stockholm 1972

2. Recent Progress

3. Looking Forward

Stockholm 1972: Milestones

- Led to the creation of the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)

- Motivated countries to form national environmental ministries and agencies

- Set the stage for a series of high-level conferences and summits, including
  - United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992;
  - World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002; and
  - United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012
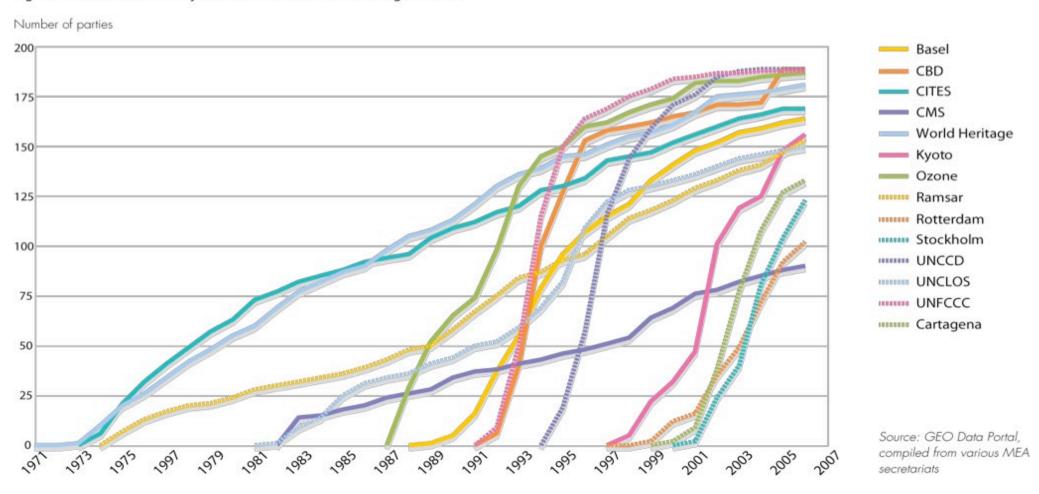
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Stockholm Declaration

Principle 21

States have, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law, the sovereign right to exploit their own resources pursuant to their own environmental policies, and the responsibility to ensure that activities within their jurisdiction or control do not cause damage to the environment of other States or of areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction.

A History of Environmental Cooperation?

Figure 1.1 Ratification of major multilateral environmental agreements

Number of parties

Legend:
- Basel
- CBD
- CITES
- CMS
- World Heritage
- Kyoto
- Ozone
- Ramsar
- Rotterdam
- Stockholm
- UNCCD
- UNCLOS
- UNFCCC
- Cartagena

Source: GEO Data Portal, compiled from various MEA secretariats
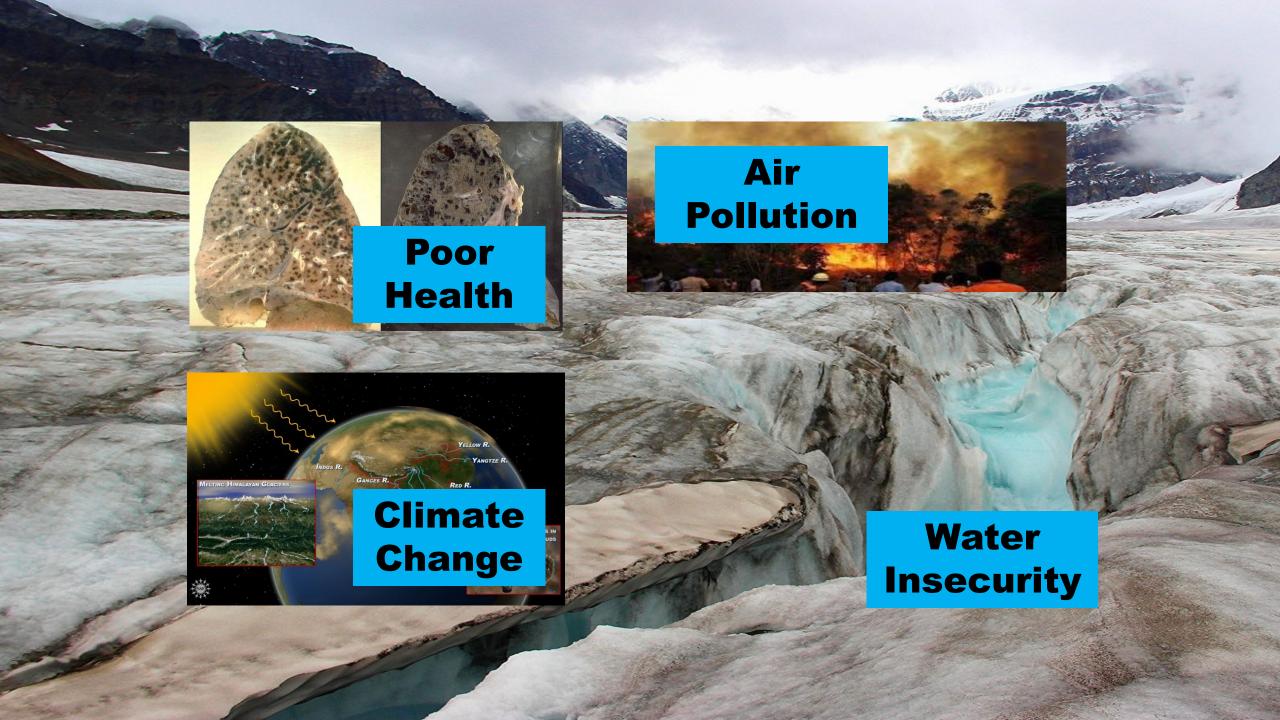
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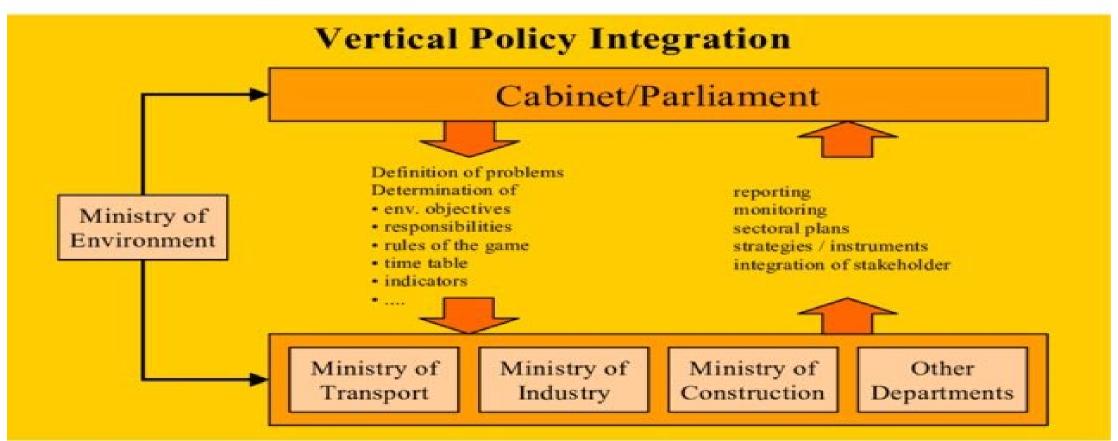
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Stockholm Declaration

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Principle 13

In order to achieve a more rational management of resources and thus to improve the environment, States should adopt an integrated and co-ordinated approach to their development planning so as to ensure that development is compatible with the need to protect and improve environment for the benefit of their population.

Poor Health

Air Pollution

Climate Change

Water Insecurity

2015 marked a potentially important turning point for integration

Source: Janicke and Jorgens, 2006

Integration of Sustainability in the NDCs

Source: Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning (ONEP)

Have we made progress with integration since 1972?