

Section 4 : Means of Implementation

Chapter 39

International Legal Instruments and Mechanisms

Objectives

To:-

- evaluate and promote the efficacy of international law and integrate environment and development policies into these.
- address difficulties which prevent some countries from implementing international agreements or instruments.
- set priorities for future international law making on sustainable development at the global, regional or sub-regional level.
- promote participation of all countries in the negotiation, implementation, review and governance of international agreements or instruments.
- promote international standards for environmental protection that take into account the different situations and capabilities of countries.
- ensure effective implementation and review of legally binding instruments.
- improve the administration of legal agreements and instruments.
- prevent conflicts, particularly between environment and social/economic agreements or instruments.
- strengthen mechanisms which facilitate the identification, avoidance and settlement of international disputes in sustainable development.

Activities

- Review the past performance of existing international agreements or instruments and prioritise future law making on sustainable development.
- Develop measures to address large scale destruction of the environment which occurs during times of armed conflict.
- Conclude negotiations for a nuclear safety convention in the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency.