

ANNEX 4 ABOUT UNEP DTIE

The mission of United Nations Environment Programme is to provide leadership and encourage partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing, and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations.

The activities of UNEP DTIE, located in Paris, focus on raising awareness, improving the transfer of information, building capacity, fostering technology transfer, improving understanding of the environmental impacts of trade issues, promoting integration of environmental considerations into economic policies, and promoting global chemical safety. The division is composed of one centre and four units, as described below.

The **International Environmental Technology Centre** (Osaka) promotes the adoption and use of environmentally sound technologies with a focus on the environmental management of cities and freshwater basins in developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

The **Production and Consumption Unit** (Paris) fosters the development of cleaner and safer production and consumption patterns that lead to increased efficiency in the use of natural resources and reductions in pollution.

The **Chemicals Unit** (Geneva) promotes sustainable development by catalysing global actions and building national capacities for the sound management of chemicals and the improvement of chemical safety worldwide, with a priority on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and Prior Informed Consent (PIC, jointly with FAO).

The **Energy and OzonAction Unit** (Paris) supports the phase-out of ozone-depleting substances in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, and promotes good management practices and use of energy, with a focus on atmospheric impacts. The UNEP/RISØ Collaborating Centre on Energy and Environment supports the work of this unit.

The **Economics and Trade Unit** (Geneva) promotes the use and application of assessment and incentive tools for environmental policy and helps improve the understanding of linkages between trade and environment and the role of financial institutions in promoting sustainable development.

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