

# Updates on UNEP's Major Reports

UNEP serves as a “docking station” through many critical multilateral environmental agreements to advance progress on critical issues from biodiversity and ecosystems, resource efficiency and circular economy, to regional seas and chemical waste management, which illustrate the power of collective actions to tackle environmental issues that are too big for any one nation alone. UNEP’s flagship reports dominated headlines in recent situation under pandemic, putting environmental challenges at the centre of discussions and conversations in the international community. SwitchMed therefore would like to present the most recent updates of UNEP’s progress through flagship publications, Covid-19 materials, key reports on circular economy and other useful resources.



The world now is facing its biggest crisis since World War II. We stand in solidarity with the billions of people around the world that are suffering the impact of the global pandemic of COVID-19. In due course, this crisis will call for a stronger line of enquiry into environment and health, as the connection between the health of people and the health of our planet is so fundamental, yet so often ignored. As UNEP is during the period of development of the Medium-Term Strategy 2022–2025, it provides an opportunity for UNEP to do better for shaping global conversations and policies on the environment.



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## Flagship publications:

- [Global Environment Outlook 6 \(GEO6\)](#)

By bringing together a community of hundreds of scientists, peer reviewers and collaborating institutions and partners, the GEO reports build on sound scientific knowledge to provide governments, local authorities, businesses and individual citizens with the information needed to guide societies to a truly sustainable world by 2050.

- [Emissions Gap Report 2019](#)

For a decade, UNEP’s Emissions Gap Reports have compared where greenhouse gas emissions are heading against where they need to be, and highlighted the best ways to close the gap.

- [The State of the World’s Forests: Forests, Biodiversity and People](#)

As the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity 2011–2020 comes to a close and countries prepare to adopt a post-2020 global biodiversity framework, this report examines the contributions of forests, and of the people who use and manage them, to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

- [COVID-19 materials from UNEP:](#)

UNEP has set up a [Covid-19 response page](#) in its website where the latest COVID-19 related news, stories, reports, fact-sheets, publications can be found. The major reports are listed as follows:

- [Emerging zoonotic diseases and links to ecosystem health](#)
- [Working with the environment to protect people: Covid-19 Response](#)
- [Human rights, the environment and Covid-19 key messages](#)
- [Waste Management during the COVID-19 Pandemic: from response to recovery](#)
- [Preventing the next pandemic - Zoonotic diseases and how to break the chain of transmission](#)



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## Key reports and initiatives on circular Economy:

- [UNEP circularity platform](#)
- [Advancing Sustainable Consumption and Production: Circularity in the Economy of Tomorrow](#)
- [Building circularity into our economies through Sustainable procurement](#)
- [Financing Circularity](#)
- [New business models for circularity- Eco-i Manual, Eco-innovation implementation process](#)

## Circularity in sectors:

- [Sustainability and Circularity in the \*\*Textile\*\* Value Chain](#)
- [Product lifetime extension](#)
- [Circular economy in \*\*cities\*\*](#)
- [Global supply chains, chemicals in products, and circularity, within the \*\*Global Chemicals Outlook II\*\*](#)
- [Building circularity in \*\*plastics\*\*](#)
- [Addressing \*\*Marine Plastics\*\*. A Roadmap to a Circular Economy.](#)
- [Mapping of Global Plastics Value Chain and \*\*Plastics\*\* Losses to the Environment: With a Particular Focus on Marine Environment](#)
- [The global \*\*tourism plastics\*\* initiative](#)
- [Circularity in \*\*electronics\*\*](#)

## Circularity concerns consumers:

- [Anatomy of action](#)
- [The good life goals](#)
- [How can people better understand their environmental impacts? An Introduction to lifestyle calculators](#)

## Other recent resources:

- [Global Trade in Used Vehicles Report](#)
- [State of the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean](#)
- [Environmental Governance Update - October 2020](#)
- [Waste Management Outlook for West Asia](#)
- [Coastal Blue Carbon Ecosystems: Opportunities for Nationally Determined Contributions](#)
- [Global Report on Agricultural Support and Sustainable Food Systems Transitions](#)
- [Gender and Environment: Empowering Rural Women](#)

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