# UNEP, Regional Seas, Rio+20

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#### Content

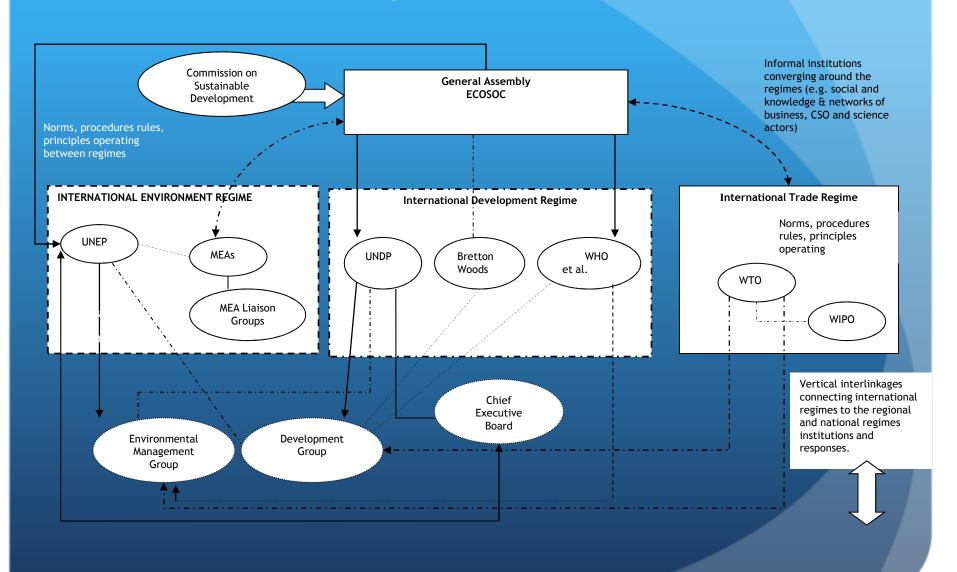
- 3 Pillars
  - IFSD/IEG
  - Green Economy
  - Emerging Issues
- 2 Themes
  - Global Marine Commons
  - Food, Agriculture, Land Systems for People & Nature
- Other Initiatives
  - Youth, Resource Efficiency,

### 1) Major Challenges Current IEG System

The IEG System is <u>Fragmented</u>, <u>Complex</u>, <u>Under financed</u> and <u>Inefficient</u> and as a result It's WEAK



### Governance System



#### **UNEP Lacks Political Clout**

- Programme <u>not</u> a Organization & lacks stature in UN attracts less important decision makers
- Governing Body is not Universal but expected to play advisory role to bodies that are universal Decisions renegotiated in NY
- Mandated to provide more coherence to MEAs but no power to do it.

#### IFSD/IEG - for Rio+20

- Strengthen environmental governance framework for SD
  - Environmental pillar of SD considered weakest
  - Fragmentation
  - Weak funding, financing disconnected from policy making
  - Too many MEAs, lack of coherence between MEAs
- 2 Year intergovernmental process of reform options:
  - Upgrading UNEP to specialized agency
  - Strengthening role in the UN Secretariat

### Essential Elements of IFSD

- Consolidated authority
  - ☐ integration of economic & social pillars
  - Global environment agenda
  - ☐ Coherent MEAs
- Financing policy alignment
- Implementation commitment
- Accountability
- Civil society partnership

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& more predictable funding uthority

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