

Environmental Structures of the United Nations

Intergovernmental Solutions to Global Environmental Issues

Background of the United Nations

- Created following World War II as an international governmental body meant to solve global issues before they escalate
- Can not establish laws for countries, can only pass resolutions when individual countries must then implement

Basic Pillars of The United Nations

- Peace and Security
 - De-escalated conflicts in process and preventing future conflicts from occurring
- Development
 - Universally raising the standard of living for all
- Human Rights
 - A basic degree of freedom for all humans, in order to preserve human dignity and quality of life



Environmental and Conservation arms of the United Nations

- UN Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- UN Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization
- Good Will Ambassadors
- Among others including UN Forum on Forests and Commission on Sustainable Development

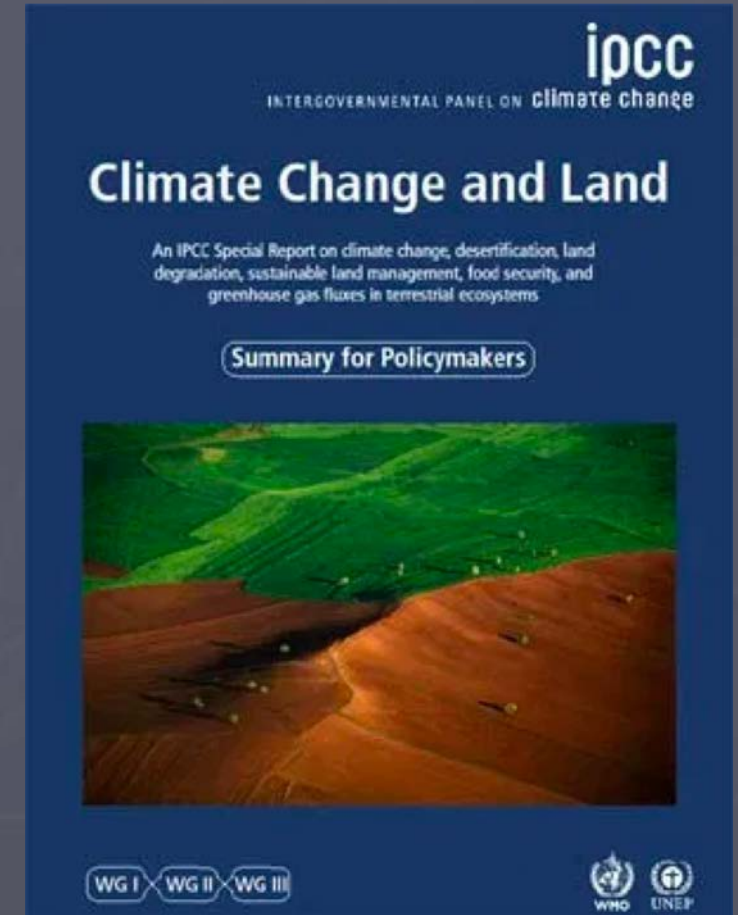
United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)

- Coordinates conservation efforts between countries
- Works with individual countries to establish programs to protect the environment in a sustainable and equitable way
- Seven areas of concern
 - Climate Change, Natural Disasters, Ecosystem Management, Environmental Governance, Chemicals and Waste, Resource Efficiency, & Environment in Review (Data-based decision making)



The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

- United Nations division solely devoted to studying science of climate change
 - Made up of contributing scientists from 195 countries
 - Three working groups – The Physical Science, Impacts adaptations and vulnerability, and Mitigation
- Produced findings to better inform countries in making decisions about their approaches to climate change
 - Publish reports on state of climate change
 - Suggests international climate talks like COP21 in Paris or Climate Action Summit



United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization

- Seeks to promote peace and development through cultural exchange
 - Promotes Heritage and mutual dignity of all cultures
- World Heritage Sites
 - Areas under UNESCO protection as having global significance to wider understanding of human experience



UN Goodwill Ambassadors

- The UN utilizes influential people who are passionate about topics to help spread messaging to their individual countries and a broader audience
- Current UN Goodwill Ambassador for Climate Action: Aiden
 - Other notable celebrities include Emma Watson, Don Cheadle, Leonardo DiCaprio, & Harrison Ford

