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Leaving no-one behind: the human right to a healthy environment and Agenda 2030

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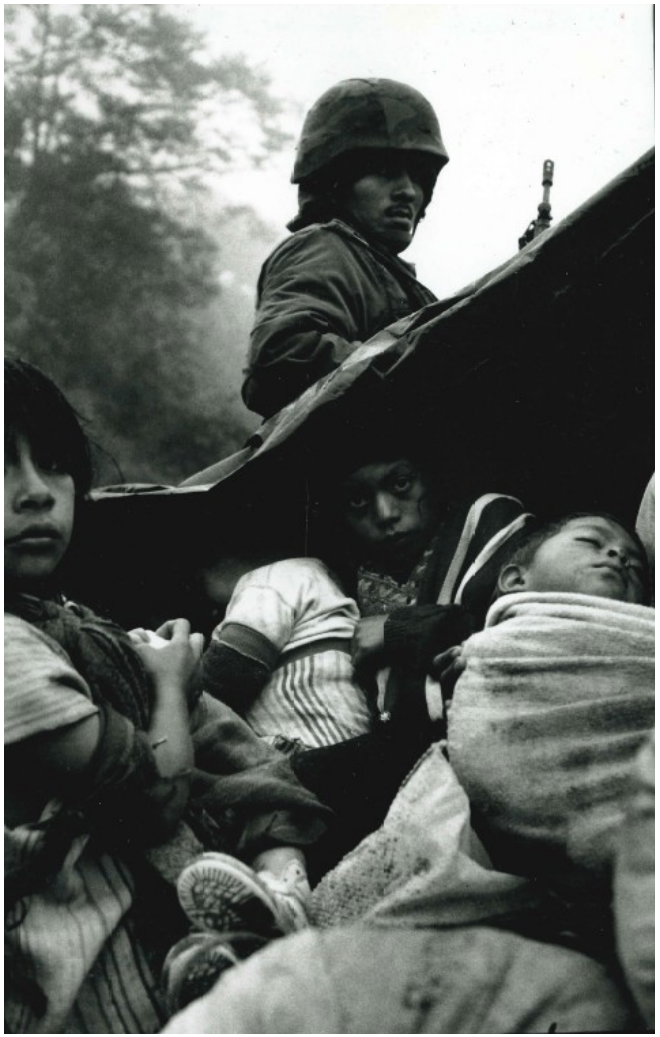
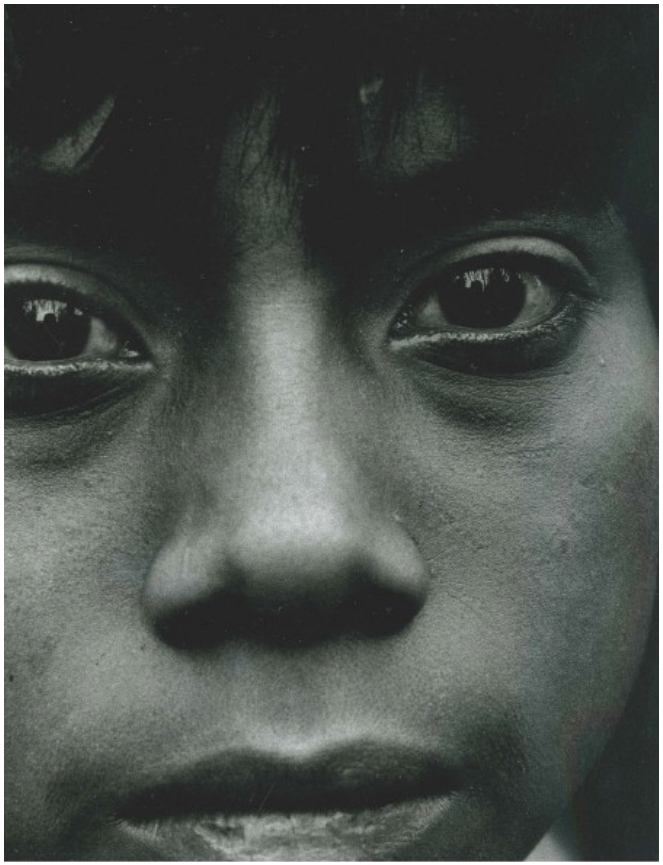
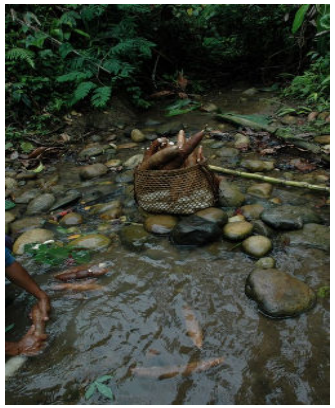
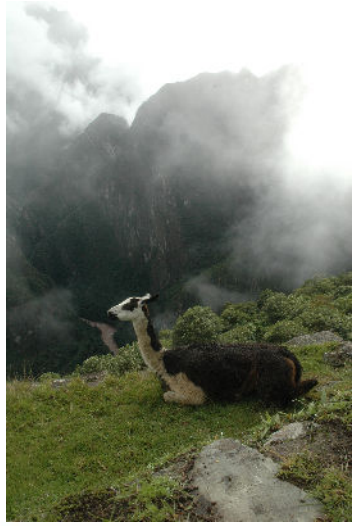
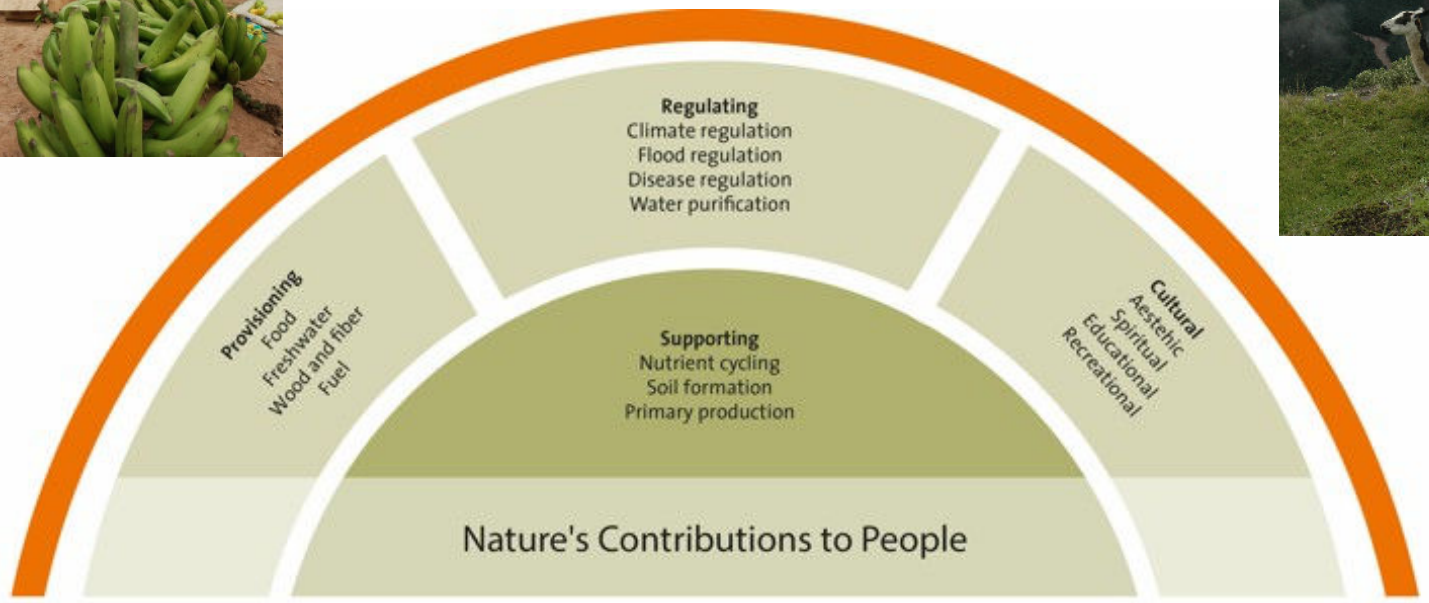




Nature's Contributions to People







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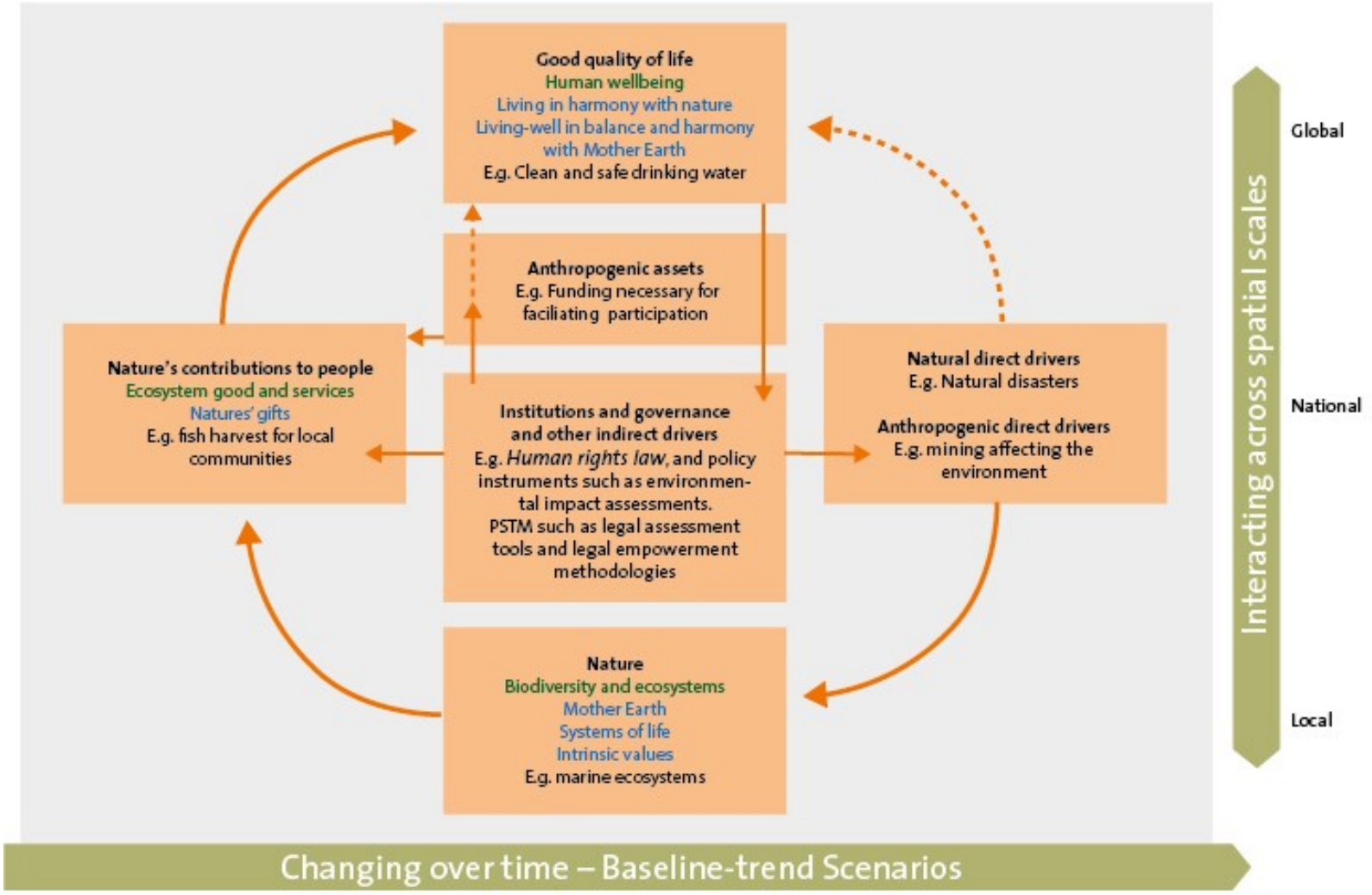
Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Conceptual Framework and Human Rights



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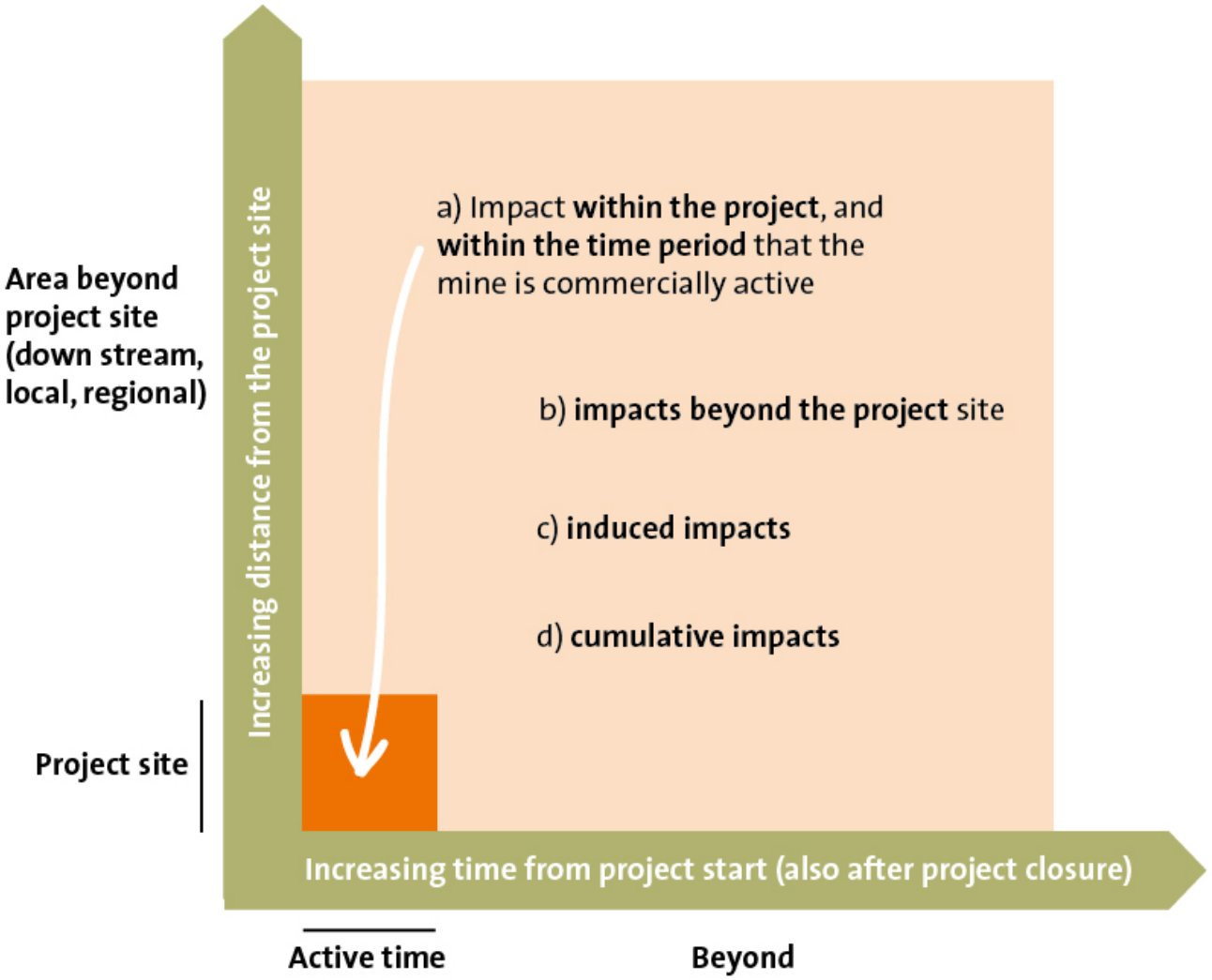
Types of impacts on biodiversity and ecosystems typically associated with mining



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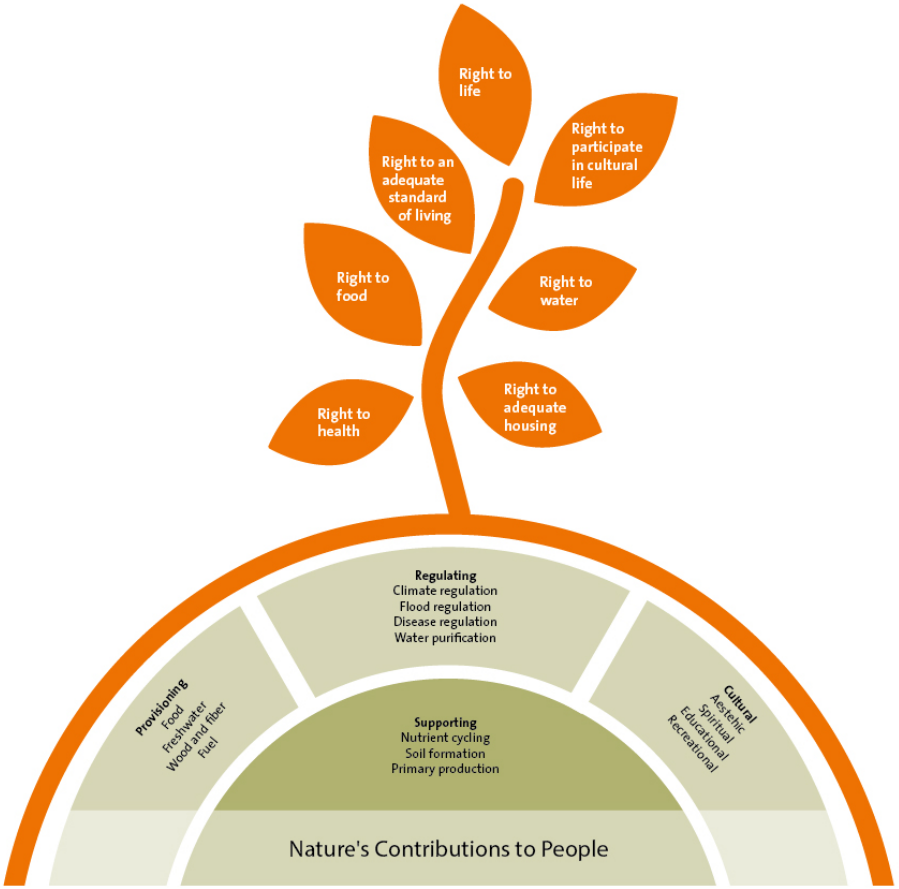
Sustainable development requires healthy ecosystems

UN Human Rights Council resolution (34/20)



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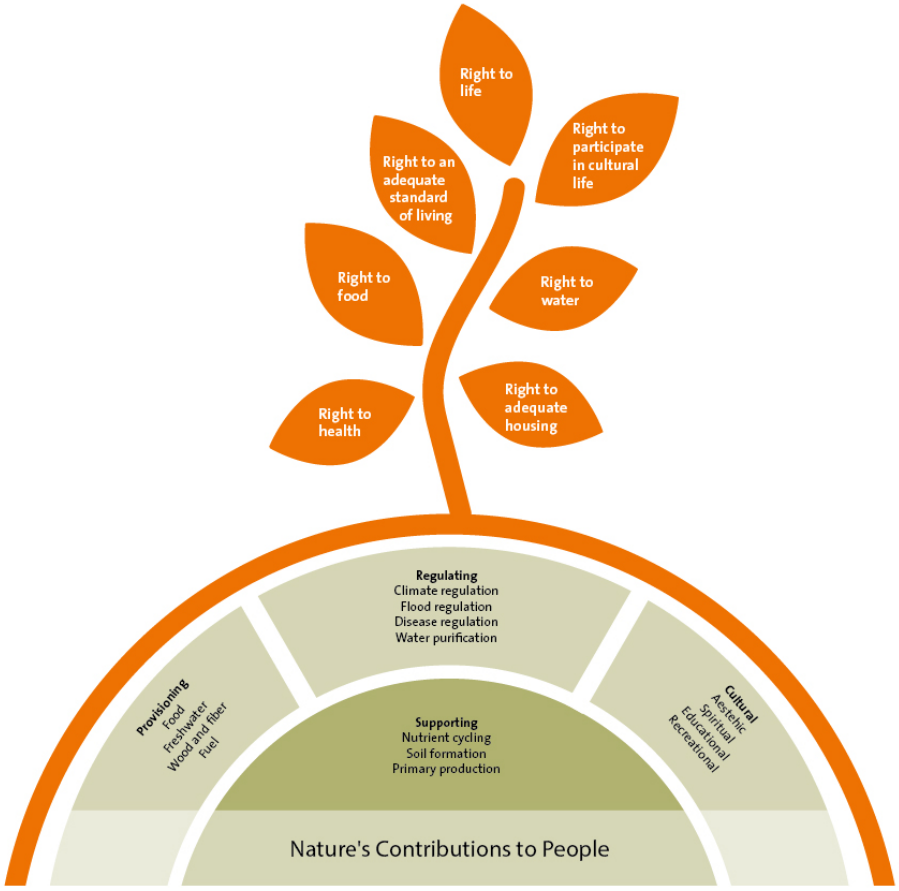
Human right to a healthy and sustainable environment



Procedural Rights:

- **Information**
- **Public participation**
- **Access to justice**

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Frontline environmental defenders are critical for Nature's Contributions to People

Environmental human rights defenders are "risking their today for our tomorrow"

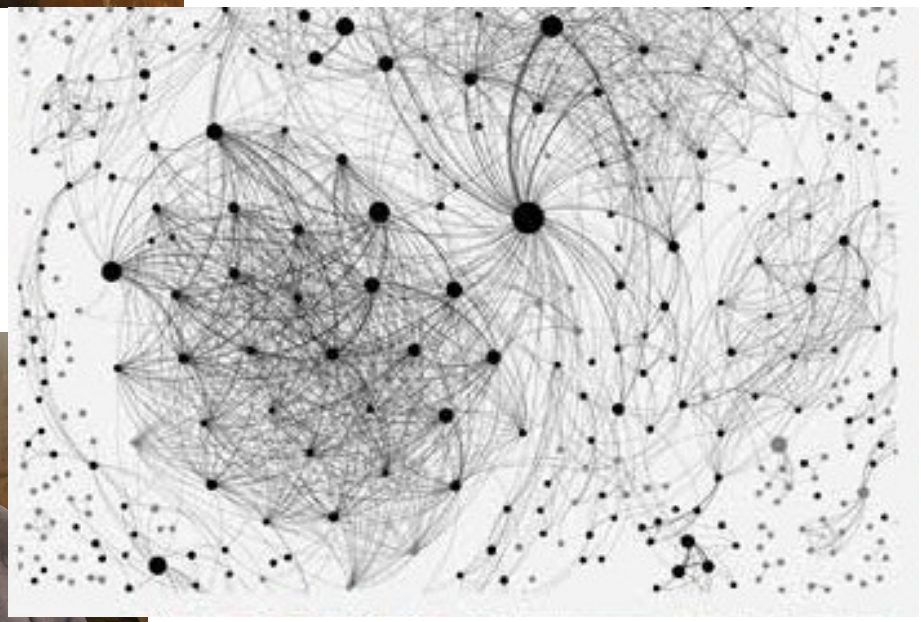
John Knox (2017), UN special rapporteur on human rights and the environment.

Environmental defenders voice interests of their communities but also of others who are voiceless namely plants, animals and future generations

Ituarte-Lima 2018

Human rights may be local in direct manifestations yet an outcome of multi-level complex dynamics

Photo: UNDP Surinam



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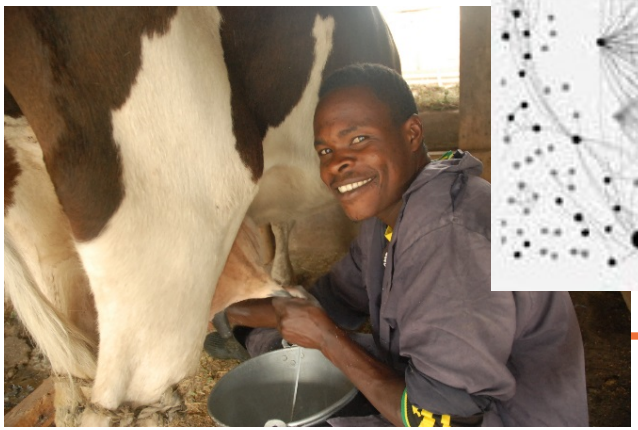
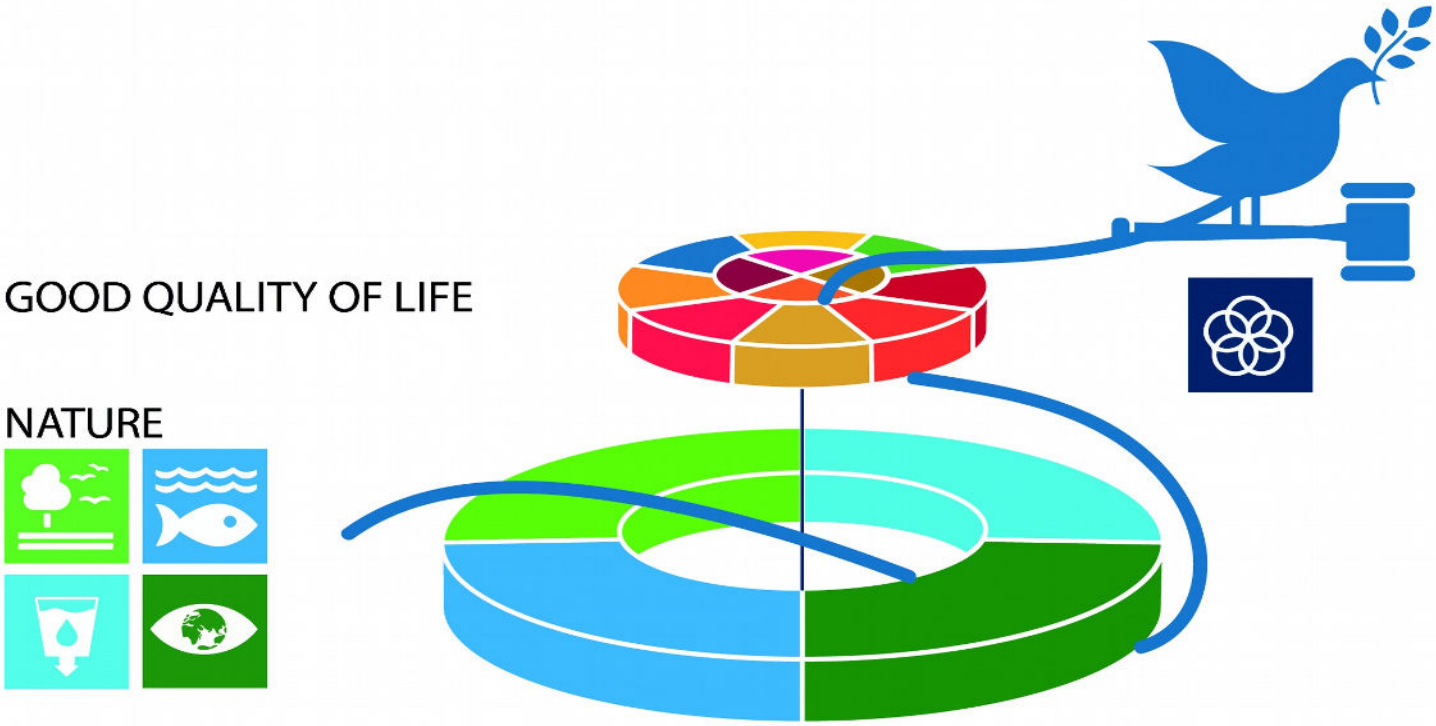


Sustainable Development Goal 16, the global recognition of the human right to a healthy environment



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Sustainable Development Goal 16 and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

Human rights principles	Agenda 2030 & SDG 16 on peace, justice and strong institutions
Indivisibility, interdependence and interrelatedness	"10. The new Agenda …is grounded in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, international human rights treaties…" The SDGs "seek to realize the human rights of all …They are integrated and indivisible…."
Equality and non-discrimination	16.b Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development
Participation and inclusion	16.7 Responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels 16.10 Public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms
Accountability and the rule of law	16.3 Rule of law at the national and international levels and equal access to justice for all 16.5 Reduction of corruption and bribery in all their forms 16.6 Effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels

Source table: own elaboration based on Agenda 2030 and UN Common Understanding of the Human Rights Based Approach

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Environment Programme

NATURAL JUSTICE

Peer to peer Dialogue

Weaving SDG 16 and human rights law with the post 2020 global biodiversity framework

28-31 May 2018, KENYA

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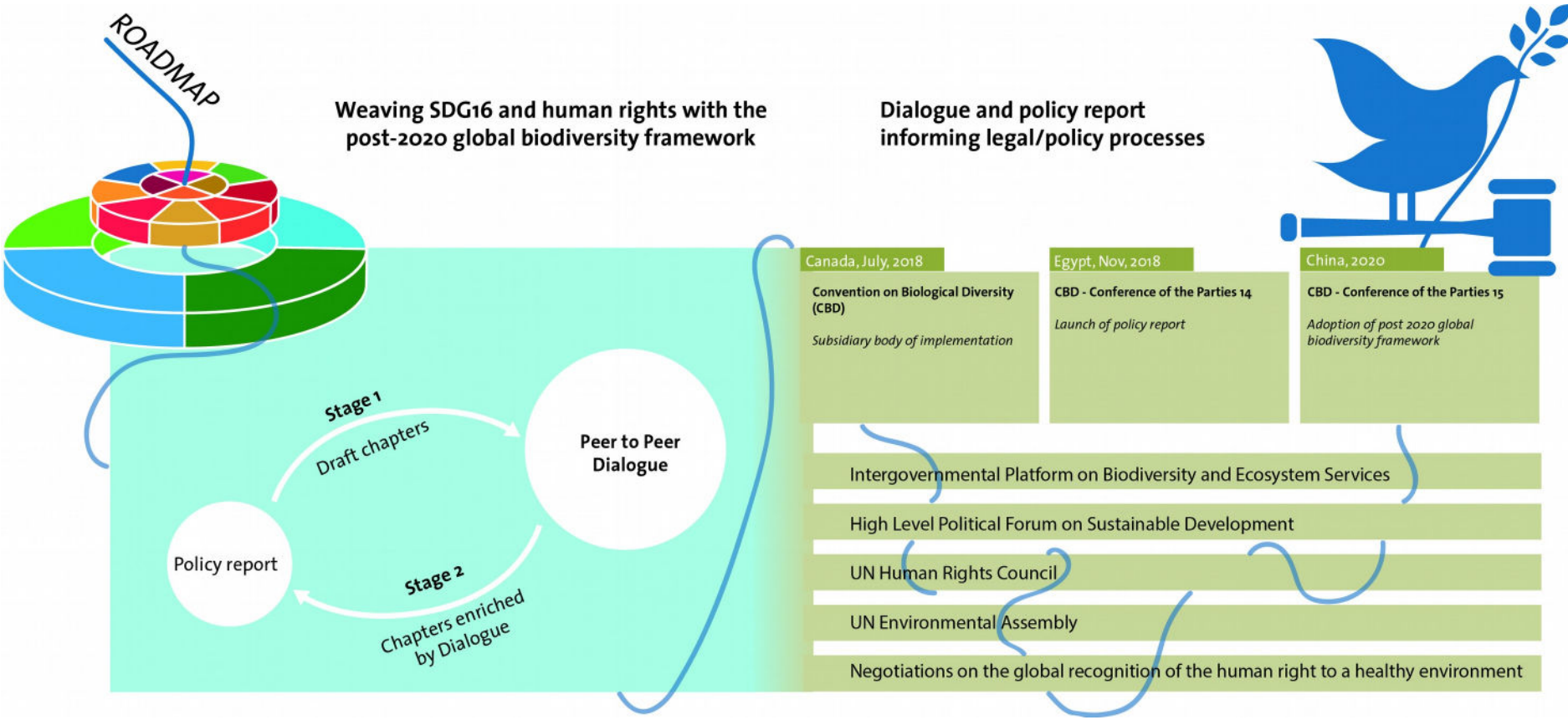

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