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OVERVIEW

1. GLOBAL CONTEXT

2. TRENDS

3. PRACTICES



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GLOBAL CONTEXT: TRIPLE PLANETARY CRISIS



1. CLIMATE CHANGE



2. BIODIVERSITY LOSS



3. POLLUTION



IMPACT ON PEOPLE





TRENDS



UN Resolutions on the
**Right to a Clean, Healthy,
and Sustainable
Environment**



EU Directives (**Corporate
Sustainability Due
Diligence Directive**)



Environment and climate
litigation



Multilateral climate and
biodiversity discussions
COP

ENVIRONMENT=HUMAN RIGHTS=JUSTICE





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UNDP'S ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE STRATEGY

1



Establishing enabling legal frameworks for environmental justice

2



Strengthening people-centred and effective institutions to deliver environmental justice

3



Increasing access to justice and legal empowerment in environmental matters



	Country Office	Focus Area	Partner
1	Pakistan	Access to environmental justice (Balochistan), multistakeholder engagement	OHCHR, legal aid, local authorities
2	Viet Nam	Access to justice, clinical legal education, environmental disputes mechanisms	Justice, Universities
3	Lebanon	Access to Justice, Enforcement of Environmental Legislation	Min of Environment, UNHCR
4	BiH	Environmental crimes, institutional capacities	Prosecutor, Judiciary
5	Georgia	Access to environmental justice, training materials for justice actors	Judiciary, Ministries
6	Kyrgyzstan	Environmental Rule of Law, environment and gender	Judiciary, lawyers
7	Kosovo	Environmental justice, peace and conflict prevention	CSOs, Judiciary
8	North Macedonia	Environmental Justice and National Development,	National Development Authority
9	Bolivia	Conflicts related to lithium extraction, just transition	NHRI, Justice



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PRACTICES: NON-GOVERNMENTAL ACTORS

1. National Human Rights Institutions

- Tripartite Partnership OHCHR-UNDP-GANHRI
- UNDP, UNEP & GANHRI initiative to support NHRIs on environmental justice

2. Parliaments, environmental CSOs, academia increased technical capacity to monitor environmental justice

3. Empowering people to understand and claim their rights related to the environment

- Youth advocacy campaigns



PRACTICES: GOVERNMENT & STATE LEVEL

Examples:

1. Establishing legal and policy frameworks for climate action

- Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)
- COP28 negotiations
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Action Plans

2. Capacity Development for Justice Institutions

- Judicial training on environmental justice

3. Enacting laws on ensuring responsible business practice

- Mandatory human rights due diligence for business
- National Action Plans in Business and Human Rights



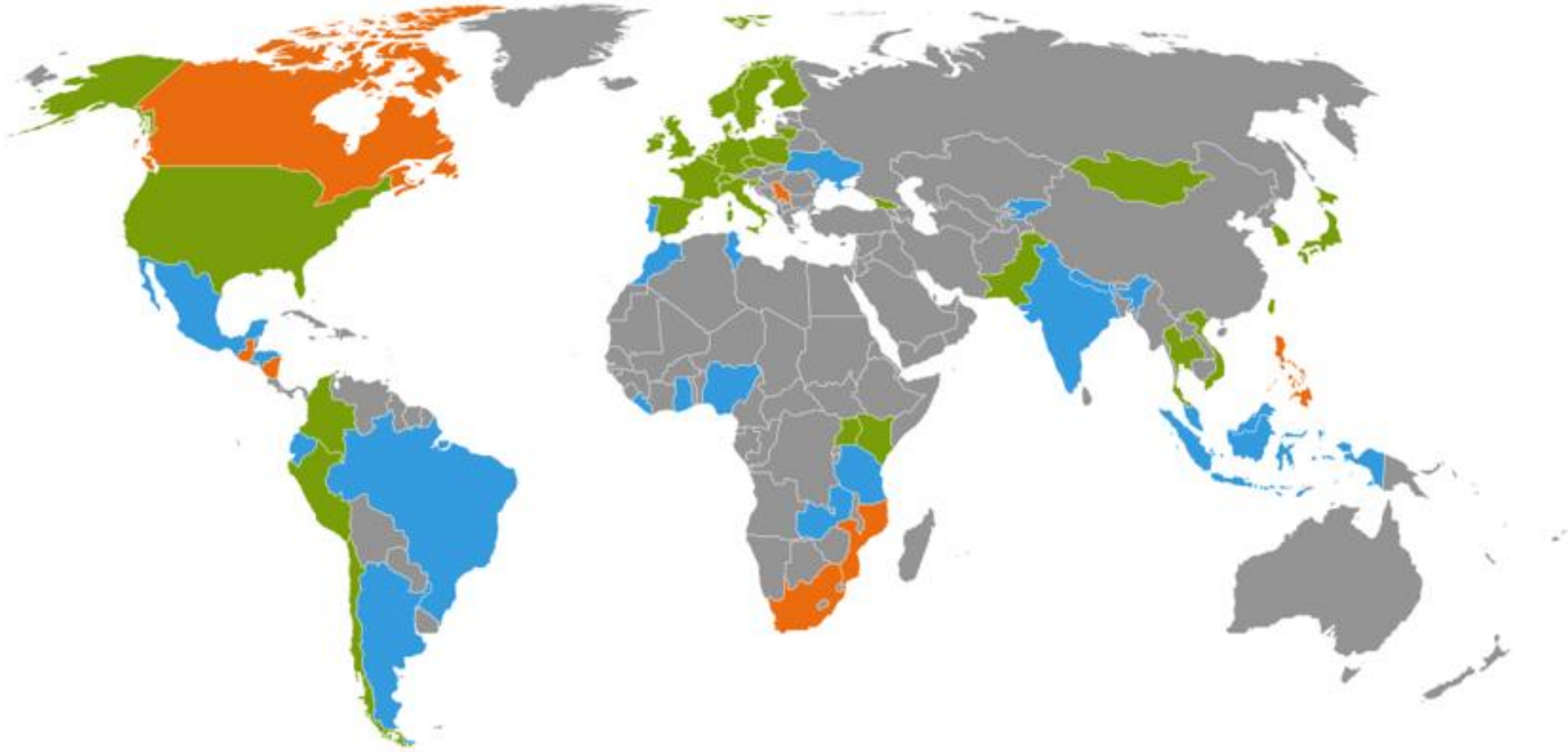


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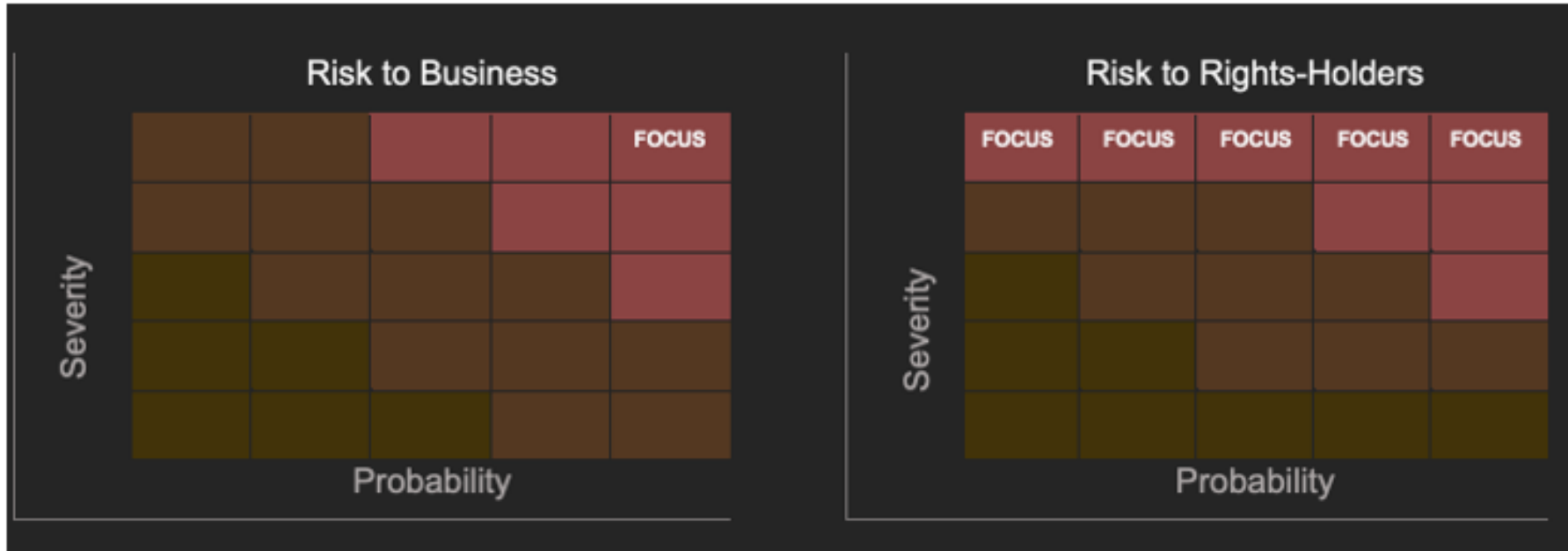


PRACTICES: BUSINESS

- 1. Corporate commitments and targets on environment and human rights**
- 2. Conducting human rights and environmental due diligence**
 - UNDP & UN Working on Business and Human Rights Guide for Business on Conducting Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence
- 3. Guidance for actors in supply chains on human rights and environmental due diligence**



(1) IDENTIFY (2) ADDRESS (3) TRACK (4) COMMUNICATE





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CONCLUSIONS

1. **NHRIs** play key role in accelerating public and private awareness of environmental justice and human rights
2. Integration of environmental justice into international and national **legal** and **policy frameworks** is essential
3. Business must play a proactive role in **integrating human rights and environmental protection** in their activities
4. **Monitoring and reporting** are central to advancing environmental justice and human rights





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