

What does it mean to be a party to an MEA

Obligations and expectations

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Obligations

Substantive vs. procedural

Substantive*

- ► Policies/legislation
- ➢ Institutions
- Financial contributions

Procedural
➢ National focal point
➢ Designated authorities
➢ Reporting

- * Obligation of effort vs. obligation of result
- * Hard law obligations vs. soft law obligations



Obligations

Differentiation contributes to the effectiveness of MEAs

All parties have the same obligations

Principle of common but differentiated responsibilities

Contribution to environmental damage
 Economic capacity
 Differences in commitment/ambition



Institutional framework

- Supreme governing body (COP/MOP)
- Subsidiary bodies
- Secretariats



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General expectations

Technical assistance
 Technology transfer
 Financial mechanisms





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Enforcement / Implementation / Compliance

> Enforcement

Procedures when the party is not in compliance

> Implementation

The actions that the party takes to reach compliance Implementation may not be sufficient to meet the treaty standards => *non-compliance*

Compliance



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