

Function and responsibilities of the International Section, Department of the Environment and Energy

The International Section is within the Policy and Communications Branch and the Policy, Analysis and Implementation Division. The International Section's key bodies of work include:

- Engagement with multilateral fora:
 - United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and other environment-related United Nations (for example the Sustainable Development Goals)
 - United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
 - Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)
 - Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), on matters concerning the environment
 - International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Bilateral engagement with other nations on matters concerning the environment
- Internal governance with regards to the Department's international engagement.

Additional priority international environmental, climate and energy issues are managed within other divisions of the department as appropriate. For example, the Wildlife, Heritage and Marine Division leads on engagement with the International Whaling Commission (IWC), the International Climate Change and Energy Innovation Division leads on engagement with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and the Energy Security Office leads on engagement with the International Energy Agency.

International Section staff profile October 2017

Staffing Level	FTE
EL2	1
EL1	2
APS 6	3.7
APS 5	1
Total	7.7

Currently approximately 0.2FTE focussed on the 2030 Agenda and SDGs.

International Section Budget 2016-2017

Employees: \$944,494

International travel: \$143,000

Other supplies (e.g. equipment, other supplies, L&D): \$21,000

Total: \$1.108 million