# What is the UNRMS?

**The United Nations Resource Management System (UNRMS)** is a global framework developed by the **UNECE** to guide the **sustainable and equitable use of natural resources**. It uses **12 key principles** derived from the **UN Framework Classification (UNFC)** to deliver this.

## Purpose and Benefits
*Enables holistic, transparent, and equitable management of resources across environmental, social, and economic dimensions.*
*It aligns resource governance with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) from the 2030 agenda and supports the transition to circular, future-facing economies.*

## Key Features and Tools
*Provides a flexible, principles-based framework that includes:*
- *A common language and terminology*
- *Lifecycle and systems-thinking tools*
- *Data standards and classification structures*
- *Practical guidelines for planning, decision-making, and implementation*

## Stakeholders and Applications
*Designed for use by governments, industry, investors, researchers and communities, including Indigenous Peoples.*
*It supports collaboration across sectors and scales, from national strategy to local project delivery.*



12 Principles of the UNRMS

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1. State Rights and Responsibilities in the Management of Resources
2. Responsibility to the Planet
3. Integrated and Indivisible Management of Resources
4. Social Contract on Natural Resources
5. Service Orientation
6. Comprehensive Resource Recovery
7. Value Addition
8. Circularity
9. Transparency
10. Innovation
11. Health and Safety
12. Continuous Strengthening of Core Competencies and Capabilities

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