

EPI at the level of international regimes

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Commonalities w national level

- EPI principle is prominent
 - Eg International Law Association
 - WCED: "Those responsible for managing natural resources and protecting the environment are institutionally separated from those responsible for managing the economy. The real world of interlocked economic and ecological systems will not change; the policies and institutions must. (WCED 1987:9)
- EPI performance not meeting the principled stand taken
 - Fragmented governance - 100s of regimes
 - Each agency has its own environmental programme
 - Lack of coordination among them and with UNEP

Specific features

- More limited collaboration between organizations, bureaucracies and other actors in the first place
- Particular organizational complexities eg rule frameworks, secretariats, member states
- Limited potential for hierarchical steering of EPI
- "Internal EPI" is an issue

Special issue forthcoming, 2009

ed Nilsson & Pallemmaerts



1. **International Regimes and Environmental Policy Integration: Introduction to Special Issue**

Måns Nilsson, Marc Pallemmaerts, and Ingemar Hohmeyer

2. **Environmental Policy Integration at the Global Level: Options for the Architecture of Global Environmental Governance**

Frank Biermann, Olwen Davies, Aizo Lijcklama, and Nicolien van der Grijp

3. **Institutional Interaction in Global Environmental Governance and Environmental Policy Integration**

Sebastian Oberthür

4. **Climate Policy Integration in the Interaction between European Emissions Trading and the Global Climate Regime**

Jörgen Wettestad

5. **Mainstreaming Climate Change in Official Development Assistance: Challenges in Transboundary Environmental Policy Integration**

Åsa Persson

Beyond Europe, two EPI needs are central (Biermann et al)

- External EPI: Integration of environmental concerns in the sector policies of
 - intergovernmental organizations
 - International agreements.
- Internal EPI: Integration of policies of
 - international environmental agreements;
 - their secretariats;
 - other intergovernmental environmental institutions.

EPI between international regimes (Oberthur)

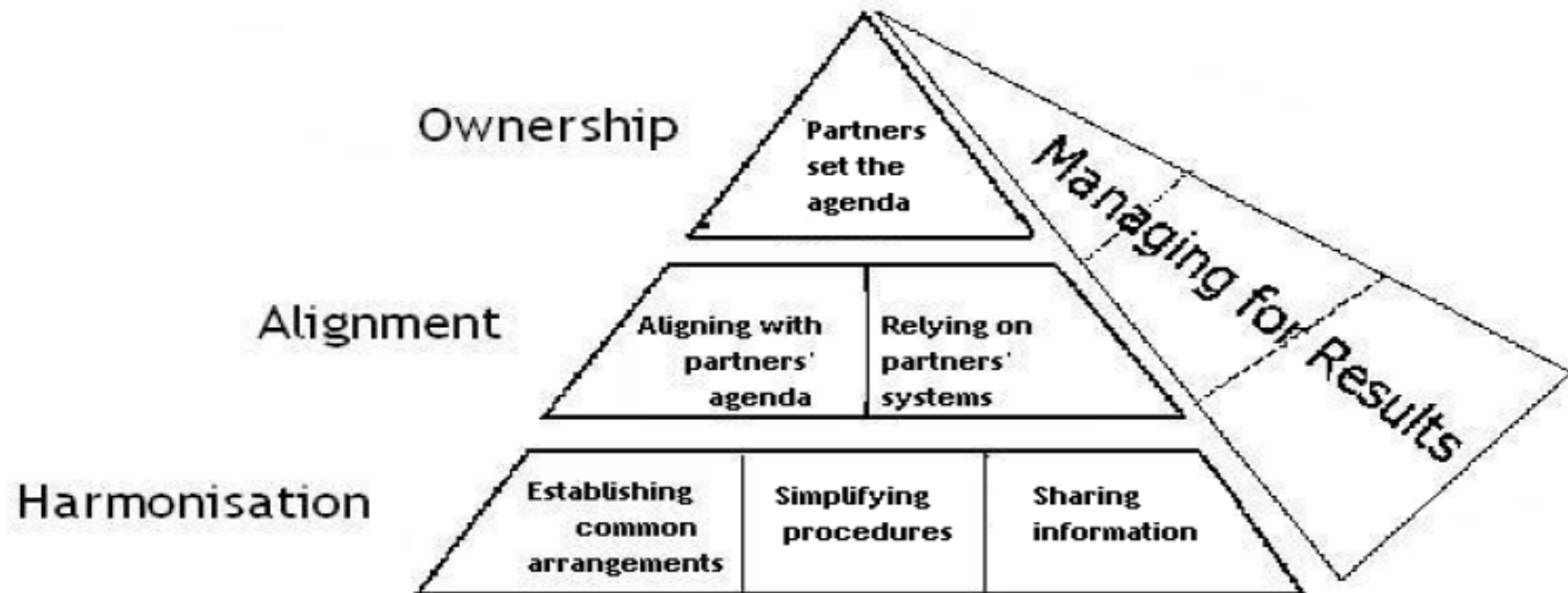
- Institutional interaction: institutions affect each other's development and performance
- Interplay management: deliberate efforts to shape and govern institutional interaction
- Environmental policy integration as the objective of interplay management -aim for "cognitive interaction" and learning across institutions (similar to national level?)
- Divergent objectives and commitments cause disruption and constitute the key barrier (similar to national level?)
- Overarching frameworks currently weak - no guidance for EPI
- Rule systems and WEO possible remedies?

EPI and multilevel governance - cross-scale interaction in climate policy (Wettestad)

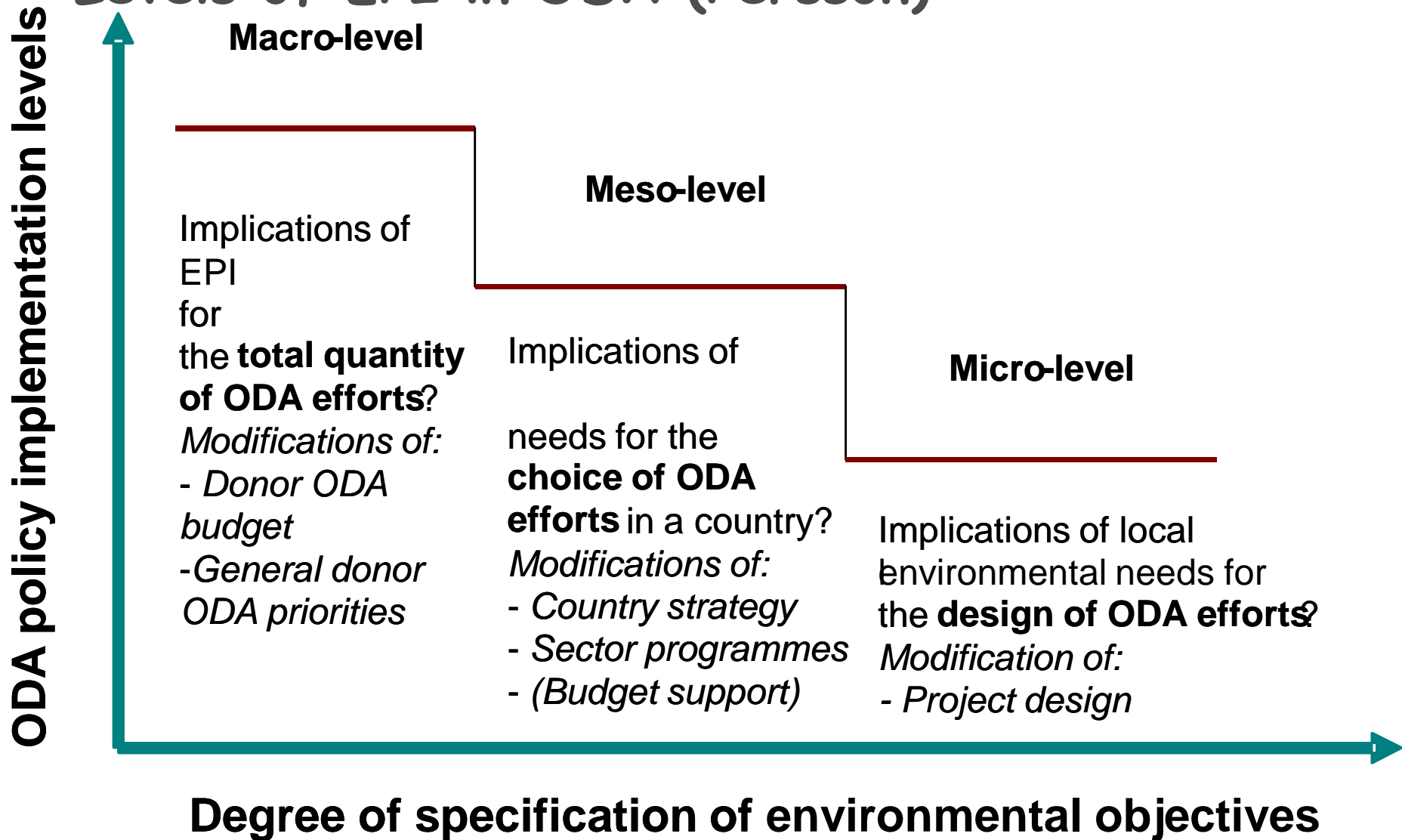
- Cross-scale interactions - EU ETS and global climate regime
- Cognitive - learning effects
- Learning mostly at one level, eg EU-US
- Learning across levels is complicated by increasing actor complexity
- Disruptive potential is strong across scales, eg ETS-WTO

ODA and EPI: compatible governance shifts (Persson)

- 2003 Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness



Levels of EPI in ODA (Persson)



Enhancing EPI within international regime

Targeted upgrading of the mandates and capacities of international secretariats

Launching joint management initiatives (on a case-by-case basis) for learning-based interactions.

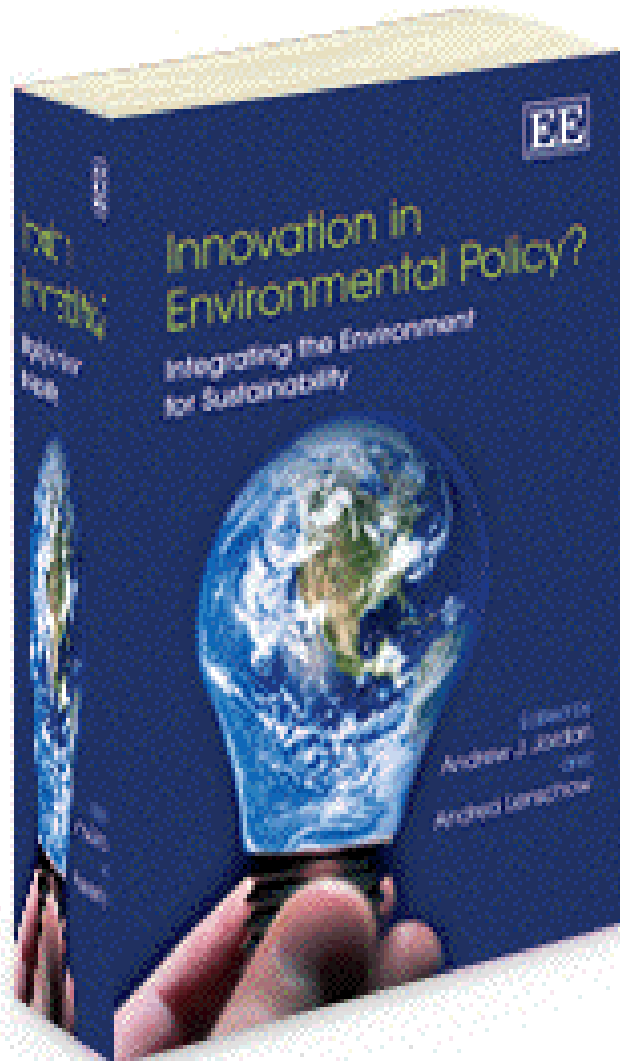
Strengthening UN environmental governance eg WEO?

Overarching rule system eg International Public Law

Things we need to understand better

- Lower-to-higher scale interactions between institutions
- How issue characteristics play in to shape EPI in different contexts
- How learning processes at lower levels resemble or differ from those between international regimes
- How costs of options for enhancing EPI at international regime level compare with the costs of inaction.

Two recent books on the topic



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