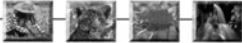


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**The IUCN Approach to Synergies and Cooperation between Conventions: A Sampler**

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**The Place of Climate Change in IUCN's Work**

Climate change is a priority for IUCN because it is closely linked with two overarching goals of the Union:

- facing the extinction crisis; and
- restoring and maintaining ecosystem integrity.

Because of IUCN's starting point, consideration of climate change challenge is a basically integrative exercise.

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## UNFF Programme of Work, UNFCCC, CBD, and CCD: Potential Areas of Synergy

- restoration, rehabilitation and reforestation
- participation in decision-making and implementation
- ecosystem-related considerations

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## Forest Landscape Restoration

Forest landscape restoration provides a bridge between the different international commitments on restoration, rehabilitation, reforestation, and the ecosystem approach.

## Asia Regional Workshop on Mainstreaming Biodiversity and Climate Change Dehradun, India 6 to 11 April 2003

### Overarching/general principles:

- all interventions should be based on effective participation of all stakeholders as far as possible with due consideration to gender and equity
- collective political will is essential for achieving long term vision of the conventions, the Millennium Development Goals, and WEHAB
- respect for cultural traditions and values, and ensuring rights of local communities
- support elimination of possible conflicts at national/regional/global levels - to ensure that sustainable development is achieved

## Mainstreaming Biodiversity into NAPAs and Climate Change into NBSAPs: National Action for implementing synergy between the CBD and the UNFCCC

### Anticipated Outputs:

- a ground level action plan to demonstrate implementation of synergies between conventions is tabled before UNFCCC COP 9 for its consideration
- NAPAs that are considerate of biodiversity and desertification issues
- tool-kit and training module on how NAPAs and NBSAPs can be mutually supportive
- case studies and experiences





## Task Force on Climate Change, Vulnerable Communities and Adaptation

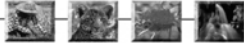
- brings together experts from the fields of disaster risk management, climate change science, social and environmental policy
- seeks to strengthen the role of ecosystem management and restoration activities in reducing vulnerability of communities to climate change and climate-related hazards



## The IUCN Climate Change Strategy

### Objectives:

- to inform governments and society of climate change impacts on ecosystems and people
- to promote strategies for reducing vulnerability and adapting to climate-related disasters and climate change
- to promote environmentally sound approaches to climate change mitigation
- to improve climate change governance at the international, regional and national level



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**Thank you.**