



Global Environmental Conventions

Synergies and Coordination in German Technical Cooperation

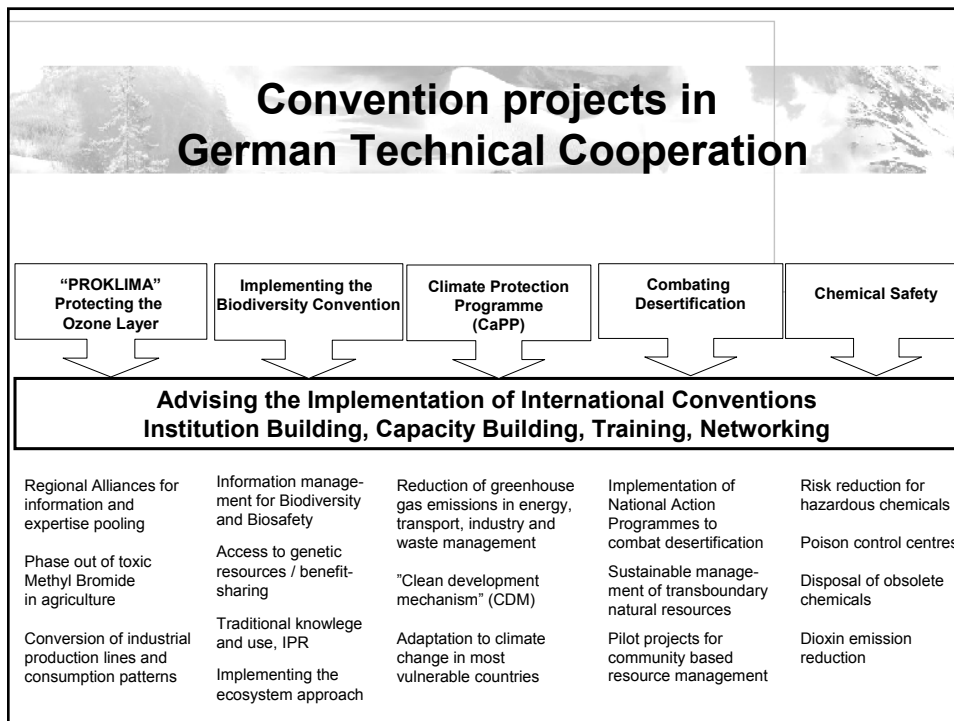
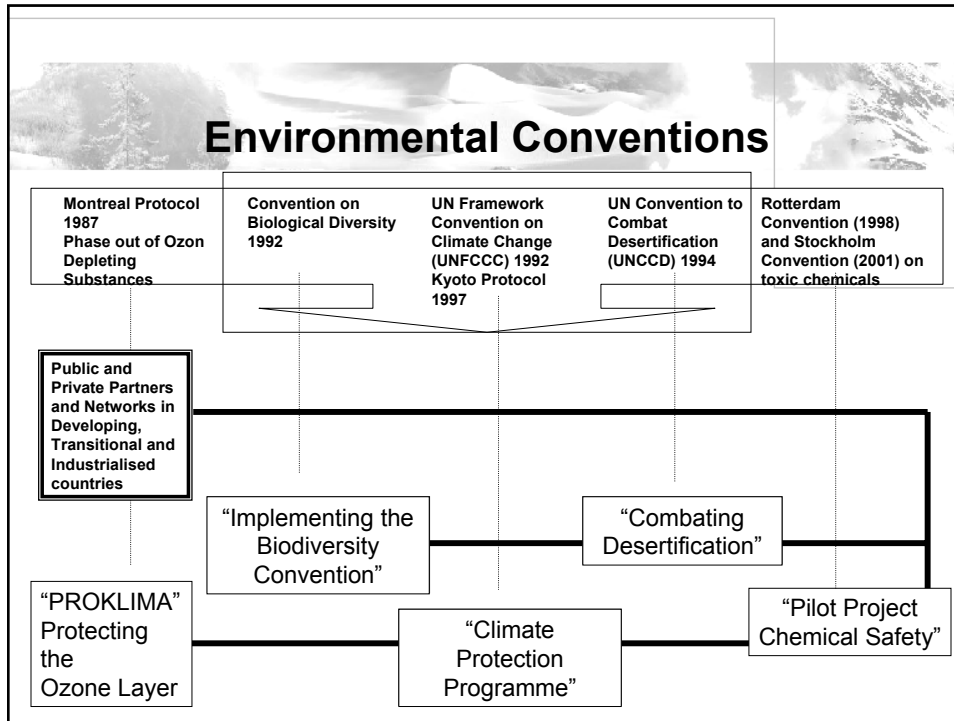
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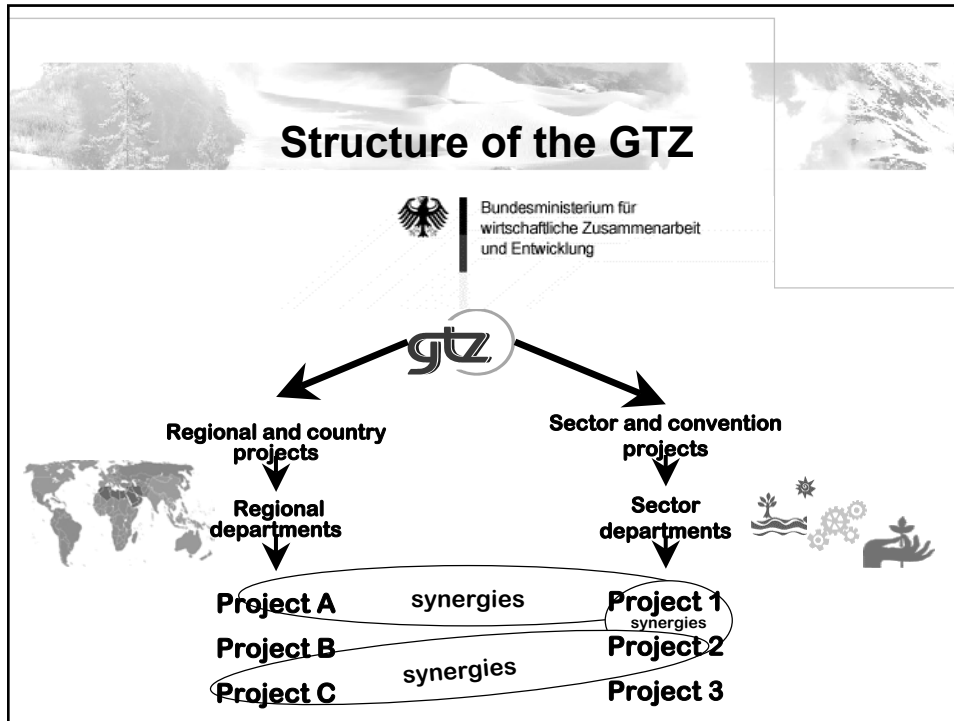


The Rio Conventions in German Development Cooperation

- Since 1998 **Sustainable Development** is the overall concept in German development cooperation.
- The „**Program of Action 2015**“ is the contribution of the German government to the goal of halving the proportion of people living in extreme poverty by 2015 (**MDG's**).
- Intervention priorities in the Program are *inter alia* food security and agricultural reforms as well as environmental protection and safeguarding access to resources.







Rio-Synergies: Projects and Initiatives

| Mauritania | China | Tunisia |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing project - Synergies between CBD and CCD - Pilot project in progress - Mainly government advice - In preparation: protection of fishing grounds and avoidance of degradation in the coastal area | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project idea in pipeline (SEPA) - Source area of the Yellow river - Damaged ecosystems and endangered biodiversity - Land erosion, reduction in water regulation ability - Causes due to global climate changes (?) and increased human activities - Cooperation with CaPP and BIODIV under consideration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Common FCCC / CCD-project in pipeline - Governmental advice in the following sectors: - Adaptation to climate change - Implementing the CDM - Combating desertification - Linking departments and issues through GTZ |

Common Action of Convention Projects (1)

• General aim

- Larger attention to conventions through synergies.
- Working with a holistic approach.
- Assistance in institutional strengthening.
- Due to reduced interest in environmental issues:
New approaches, co-operations and partnerships to regain attention
are required!
=> Revitalisation of environmental issues by integration into other
DC fields and vice versa => poverty alleviation, PRSP's



Common Action of Convention Projects (2)

• Concrete actions

- Regular internal convention meetings.
- Exhibits at environmental fairs
- Presentation to public e.g. at EXPO 2000.
- Common presentation and discussions at
GTZ internal expert meetings (EFTA).
- Concerted and harmonised PR-work.
- Common concept paper and basic studies.
- Publications on all conventions projects.



Publications



Poverty and Climate Change – Reducing the Vulnerability of the Poor through Adaptation



Environment, Poverty and Sustainable Development



Akzente special: Global Environmental Policy – From Rio to Johannesburg

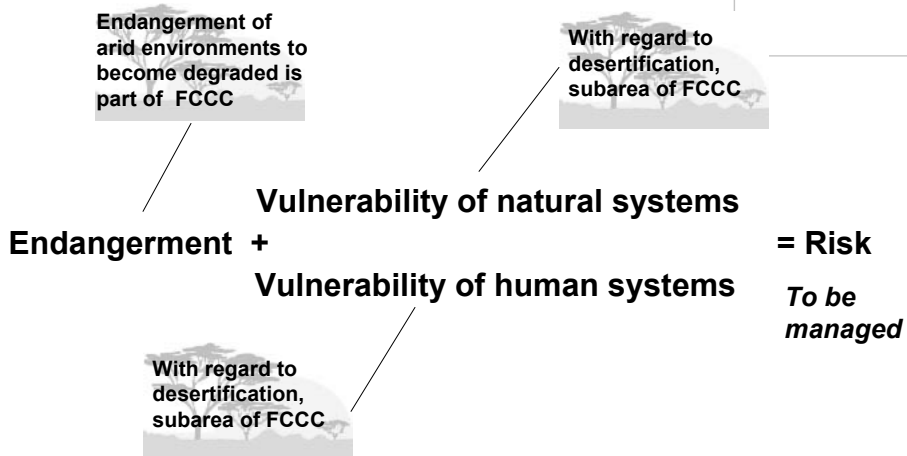


Requirements of Climate Protection with Regard to the Quality of Ecosystems: Use of Synergies between the FCCC and the CBD



Implementing Multilateral Environmental Agreements

Example: One formula fitting two conventions?





Interfaces between FCCC and CCD – Priority Areas

- **Coordination of strategies for risk management**
 - Identification of indicators for vulnerability of human and natural systems concerning desertification.
 - Identification of regional potentials of endangerment with regard to desertification.
 - Early warning systems (Monitoring).
 - Economic risk assessment with regard to the loss of sustainable development processes and economic loss adjustment.
 - Identification of priorities for adaptation measures.



Options for Actions in Arid Environments (1)

- Sustainable resource management (community-based).
- Cooperation of civil society and government
- “Advanced” early warning systems.
- Provision of climate relevant information for the population.
- Risk management by indicators for vulnerability.



Options for Actions in Arid Environments (2)

- Compilation of Best-Practices of “adaptation strategies to climate variabilities“.
- Enhancement of soil fertility.
- Soil and water conservating activities.



Links between FCCC und CBD (1)

Example sinks:

- Rules for sinks in the CDM are still under discussion; effects on biodiversity and natural ecosystems are not yet discussed in an comprehensive manner.
- Information exchange between FCCC and CBD convention projects regarding sinks in the framework development cooperation.





Links between FCCC und CBD (2)

Recommendations of a study from the Federal Environmental Agency:

- Impacts of FCCC-activities depend on the selection of practices; management options; biological and physical / socio-economic conditions.
- Ecosystem approach (CBD) can provide useful guidance to FCCC.
- List with sites of high interest for biodiversity from CBD.
- Identification, Monitoring and Reporting should be adjusted.
- Information exchange as well as tools and instruments should be strengthened.
- Improved cooperation on impacts of adaptation measures. (negatives Bsp.)
- GEF should link thematic areas, governments, int. organizations and NGO's.



Links for a cooperation between FCCC, CBD and CCD

- Strengthening of "adaptive capacity" and "reducing vulnerability" via sustainable management of natural resources and biodiversity, capacity building and institution building- **development of common instruments**
- Learning from **NAP`s** and **NBSAP`s** for **NAPA`s**.
- **Coping Strategies.**
- **Concerted Mainstreaming.**
- **Identification of common partners** (SADC; India, China).
- **Identification of common development cooperations** (regarding crisis, poverty, decentralisation, etc.)

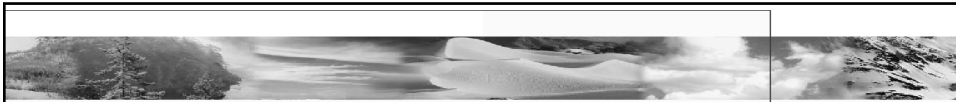


Implementation on the local level

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| UN Level | CCD secretariat CST Global Mechanism etc. <i>Dryland: New focal area since Oct. 2002</i> | FCCC secretariat SBI/SBSTA CDM Executive Board etc. | CBD secretariat SBSTTA CHM etc. |
| | GEF | | |
| National Regional Level | National Focal Points National/Regional/ Subregional Action Programmes | National Focal Points National Adaptation Programmes of Action | National Focal Points National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans Regional Biodiversity Strategies |
| Local Level | Poverty alleviation Economic and social development Environmental degradation Education and health | | |

Outlook

- Screening of German development cooperation projects:
- **BIODIV**: complete screening of German technical and financial cooperation.
- **DESERT**: overview of ongoing projects, establishment of a network.
- **CaPP**: focus on adaptation measures, screening has just started.
- Next steps: synthesis of the results and analysis regarding common concerns. => joint activities, strategies
- Technology and know-how transfer regarding the conventions => development of common methodologies and instruments.



**Thank you
for your attention**