

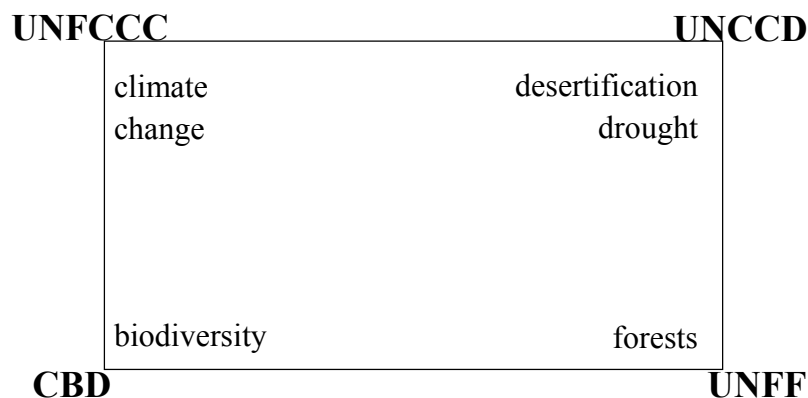
# *Reinforcing the synergies of the Rio Conventions*

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## **Hungary and the Rio Conventions**



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## **Hungary and the Rio Conventions (2)**

- **UNFCCC: Hungary ratified in 1994**  
**Kyoto Protocol: Hungary acceded in 2002**
- **UNCCD: Hungary acceded in 1999**
- **CBD: Hungary ratified in 1994**  
**Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety:**  
**Hungary's ratification in progress**
- **United Nations Forest Forum: active participation**

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## **Dimensions of the synergy approach**

- **environmental aspects**
- **policy-relevant aspects**
- **institutional co-operation**
- **financial aspects**
- **public participation**

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## **Dimensions of the synergy approach (2)**

### **Environmental aspects**

- **forest-related interlinkages: vegetation cover (desertification), sinks for carbon (climate system), forest biodiversity...**
- **climate change: impacts on ecosystems, biodiversity, their vulnerability and adaptation; impacts on desertification processes...**

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## **Dimensions of the synergy approach (3)**

### **Policy-relevant aspects (response policies)**

- **increase forest cover: sustainable forest management; enhanced sink capacities; halt desertification**
- **combat desertification/drought: links with the climate change mitigation/adaptation measures**
- **policies and measures are needed that take account also of the impacts on the other subject matters**

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### **Dimensions of the synergy approach (4)**

#### **Institutional co-operation**

- **systematic observation, data systems on the state of the environment**
- **co-ordination between institutions at all levels**
- **integrated assessment of proposed response policies**
- **reporting requirements (national level, IGOs ..)**

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### **Dimensions of the synergy approach (5)**

#### **Financial aspects**

- **comprehensive approach needed to effectively use limited financial resources (overall cost-benefit assessment)**

#### **Public participation**

- **Rio Declaration (principle 10)**
- **stakeholder involvement: access to info, publ. part.**

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## **Hungary and the synergy approach**

### **Relevance for all four subject matters**

- **UNFCCC, KP: commitment**
- **UNCCD: affected country**
- **CBD: rich biodiversity**
- **forest management**

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## **Hungary and the synergy approach (2)**

### **Policy aspects of implementation**

- **UNFCCC, KP: Second National Environmental Programme - Sub-programme on climate change; sector-related programmes; inventories and NC-s**
- **UNCCD: National Drought Strategy in the process of consultations, NR**
- **CBD: National Biodiversity Strategy under elaboration**
- **National Afforestation Programme: ongoing**

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### **Hungary and the synergy approach (3)**

#### **Institutional aspects of implementation**

- National Co-ordinating Body: Ministry of Environment and Water for the three conventions**
- National Focal Points: work in the same department of the Ministry of Environment and Water**
- parallel structures and shared responsibility for drought and forest issues with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development**

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### **Conclusions**

#### **Tasks...**

- strengthen the scientific base**
- strengthen policy coherence**
- allocate financial resources according to comprehensive assessment**
- encourage institutional co-ordination**

#### **Potentials...**

- international, regional, sub-regional co-operation**
- positive effects on synergies at national level**

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