

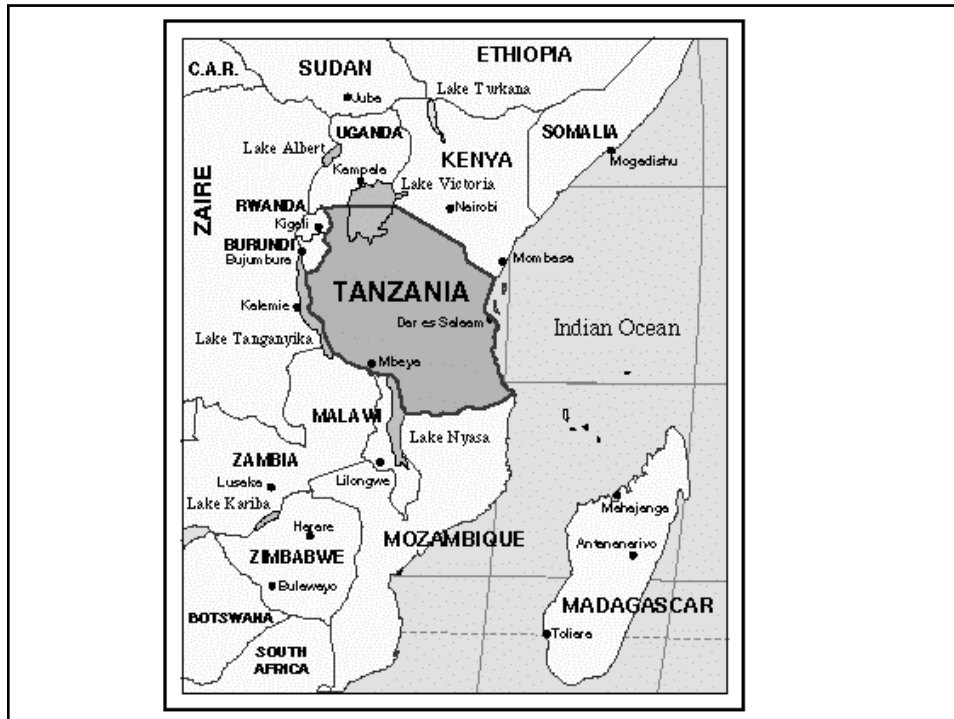
## Addressing National-level Synergies: Tanzania's Experience

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## Structure of Presentation

- Information about Tanzania
  - With respect to Art. 4.8 &4.9 of UNFCCC
  - Other info.
- Institutional coordination
  - Formal
  - Informal
- Technology Transfer
- Education, Outreach/public discussion
- Challenges & obstacles



## Key info w.r.t. Art. 4.8 & 4.9 of UNFCCC

- > 60% of land area classified as arid or semi-arid
- Prone to natural disasters –floods, drought, earthquakes
- Has fragile ecosystems e.g.
  - Dry-land forest ecosystems
  - Cross-border Fresh water ecosystems
  - Coastal 800 km of shoreline
  - mountain ecosystems - Kilimanjaro

## Info. wrt Art. 4.8 & 4.9 contd.

- Exports heavily dependent on primary agric.
- LDC
- Zanzibar-one part of the United Republic, was an autonomous Small Island State.

## Other information

- Tz. in sub-regional related initiatives
  - HQ of the EAC, L.Victoria and L. Tanganyika Environmental Programmes
  - Involvement in SADC UNFCCC initiative
- Tz. as refuge for war-torn neighbouring countries.
- Largest country in East Africa, Population 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> times that of Finland.

## Institutional Coordination

- Formal
  - VPO nat'nal focal for GEF, all Rio Conventions, & CSD/WSSD
  - VPO recognises roles/mandates of sector ministries/institutions
  - Govt. procedure Cabinet approval:-
    - Policies, legislation and intersectoral programmes/strategies
  - Cabinet process
    - (Cabinet Sec; Committee of Perm Secretaries; Cabinet)
  - Parliamentary approval for legislation and ratification of MEAs.

## Informal coordination

- National Consultative workshops
  - planning processes
  - Preparation for meetings of COP and their Subsid. bodies
  - Consensus building on national reporting
- Participating actively in coordination meetings on conventions related to the Rio ones (Ramsar, CMS, CITES, UNFF)

## Informal coord. (Contd.)

- Inviting stakeholders to regional and international meetings
- Providing feedback to key stakeholders on outcome of the a.m. meetings.
- Follow-up on implementation of decisions of the a.m. meetings.

## Technology Transfer

- No significant progress, except for synergic workshops on traditional knowledge on IK

## Educ. outreach and public discussion

- One national workshop on synergies on MEA's
- One national w/shop of GEF financing
- Involvement of NGOs, the Media, CBOs and representatives of local government
- Employment of a VPO journalist to enhance collaboration with the media.

## Challenges/Obstacles/Opportunities

- National Synergies w/shops
  - e.g. Coral bleaching, Forest, Dry and Sub-humid lands, Incentive measures.
- Enhancement of focal points capacities
  - National level planning and reporting
- Mainstreaming conventions into WSSD/MDGs
- Technology transfer
- Information generation and establishment of national D-bases, and networking

Thank you for your attention