

# Promoting Synergies at National Level

The UNCCD Experience

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## Legal basis:

- Article 8 of the Convention –  
on relationships with other  
Conventions;
- Decisions by the COP

## Key Driving Forces:

- Existing convergence of objectives
  - environment related; sustainable development goals-based
- Need for reorientation of strategic approaches at local level
- Need for coordinated action (search for commonalities)
- Meeting requirements/obligations by COPs

## Strategy Adopted by UNCCD Secretariat

- Strengthening institutional linkages
- Supporting country-driven initiatives
- Developing/searching for common policies-  
JLG
- Testing operational options, including  
capacity building

## Overarching Goal

- To avoid duplication of effort
- To take advantage of the complementarity
- To identify the common threads

## Main Specific Objectives of National Workshops

- To strengthen current coordination at local level
- To facilitate policy dialogue among key stakeholders

## Recommendations from country Parties

- Need for Integration of action programmes of environmental conventions – poverty reduction, science & education, agriculture, forestry, energy & water supply
- Closer linkage between NAPs & NAPAs in arid, semi-arid and dry sub-humid areas
- Liaison between focal points of the Conventions and GEF operational focal points –integrated project development and programmes management

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- Appropriate incentives at country level, institutional arrangements for coordination & responsiveness by respective to COPs & secretariats
- Technical & financial strategic alliances
- Increase number of national synergy w/shops

## Opportunities for Synergy & Cooperation Between the Conventions

- What are the key driving forces for synergy?
- What Vision is there from respective COPs directives?
- How do the Conventions themselves stand to gain through synergy approaches?