

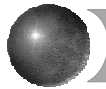
UNFCCC Workshop on Convention Synergies

UNDP's Climate Change Activities: Synergies between Environmental Conventions

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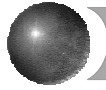
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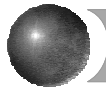
- **Climate Change is an issue of sustainable development**
 - **Interventions must be integrated into national strategies for poverty eradication**
 - **New knowledge - policy formulation and implementation, and partnerships**
 - **Innovative and integrative approaches to capacity development**





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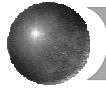
- **Meeting the MDGs and WEHAB objectives in an integrated manner**
- **Framework of sustainable livelihoods**
- **Climate Change – a cross cutting issue**
- **Sub-Practice Areas: Water, Biodiversity, Land Management, Energy**



Climate Change and Adaptation

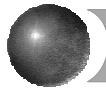
- **Reducing vulnerability of poor and disadvantaged populations**
 - **Mainstreaming climate change adaptation in national planning priorities**
 - **Developing adaptive capacity (human, institutional, systemic) through learning-by-doing projects**
 - **Achieving synergies between conventions**





Interagency Paper on Poverty and Climate Change

- **Reducing the Vulnerability of the Poor through Adaptation**
 - **Integrating adaptation measures into national planning programs**
 - **One important step: Address synergies between the 3 conventions at regional, national, and local levels**

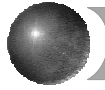


Climate Change: Synergies between Conventions

Regional UNDP Energy and Environment workshops

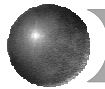
- **Demand and interest on convention synergies from UNDP Country Offices**
 - **Asia Pacific – Malaysia (Nov 2002)**
 - **Latin America – Costa Rica (Nov 2002)**
 - **Arab States – Beirut (Jan 2003)**
 - **Central Africa - Kigali (Feb 2003)**





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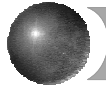
- **COP-8 Side Event on Convention Synergies**
 - **Sustainable Livelihoods Framework**
 - **Cost Savings**
 - **Simultaneous national upstream and downstream programming approaches**



Water Governance and Adaptive Capacity

- **Development of Climate Change Adaptive Capacity through Water Governance (SIDA-UNDP)** (about to start)
 - **Integration of water issues & impacts of climate change into local and national development instruments**
 - **Water managers learning about climate change and variability in a SL framework**
 - **1 case study: Mozambique**
 - **Partners: Regional Centers of Excellence, DWC, IRI**

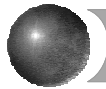




UNDP-IUCN-Gov't of India Asia Workshop

Synergies between Biodiversity and Climate Change

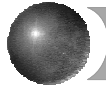
- ❑ **Government decision-makers from Asian countries**
- ❑ **Country Priorities: Actions at National & Regional Levels following 6 cross-cutting areas as identified by JLG**
- ❑ **Mainstreaming Biodiversity & Climate Change in MDGS**
- ❑ **Help shape future discussions at SB and COP meetings of UNFCCC, UNCCD, and CBD**
- ❑ **Identify some learning-by-doing activities**



UNDP Programmes: Drylands Development Centre

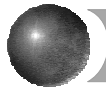
- ❑ **Vulnerability and Adaptation to Climate Change programme and Biodiversity programme in dryland areas**
- ❑ **UNDP/GEF Project: *Coping with Drought and Climate Change***
 - ❑ **Use of climate information for reducing land degradation and conserving biodiversity**
 - ❑ **Combines modern climate modelling with locally derived indicators**
 - ❑ **Applies integrated ecosystems management approach**





Framework for Synergies (under formulation)

- **Country Case studies on Convention Synergies**
 - **Desk Studies of national action plan/strategies for each Convention → LDCs (2-3 countries per region)**
 - **Select common projects, assess Convention components in a sustainable livelihoods framework**
 - **Provide insights to national governments on benefits and challenges of identifying synergies**
 - **Regional workshops to allow learning-by-sharing from case studies**



UNDP and Synergy of Conventions

- **Challenges and barriers to optimizing synergies**
 - **Initial stages on convention synergies implementation activities**
 - **Interventions feeding into Sustainable Livelihoods approach as opposed to sectoral development**
 - **Variation in institutional capacity - local/national levels**
 - **Coordination between ministries at national level is needed – who takes responsibility?**

