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Rio Conventions Joint Capacity- building Programme

What is the Joint Capacity-building Programme?

The Joint Capacity-building Programme is initiated by the secretariats of the three “Rio Conventions”, namely the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). The Programme aims to strengthen individual, institutional, and systemic capacities to enhance synergies between climate actions, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable land management, as well as to enhance coordination and coherence in achieving the three Rio Conventions’ objectives and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). To develop such capacities of policymakers and practitioners, the Programme will develop knowledge products and training material, and will provide capacity-building sessions in diverse formats (online, hybrid and in-person). As part of the Programme, collaboration and partnerships with organizations engaged in similar objectives will be encouraged.





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Why is it important to enhance the synergies between the three Rio Conventions?

Efforts to integrate the implementation of the three Rio conventions, together with the SDGs, offer potential opportunities to streamline processes and deliver transformative results. Latest studies showed that breaking silos and coordinating different sectors can significantly reduce the costs achieve objectives of different workstreams more effectively. However, in practice, many projects and policies remain narrow in scope and in the level of integration leading to duplication of efforts, incoherent approaches, and limited overall effectiveness. There is a clear need to develop the capacities to carry out climate, biodiversity and land actions in a holistic manner.

Moreover, there is a growing consensus on the importance of synergies at the international level. In 2023, the presidents of UNCCD COP15, CBD COP15 and UNFCCC COP27 published a joint statement to highlight the importance of joint actions to achieve the interlinked objectives of UNCCD, CBD and UNFCCC. In 2024, a resolution entitled “Promoting synergies, cooperation or collaboration for national implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and other relevant environmental instruments” was passed at 6th United Nations Environment Assembly. It is in this spirit that the Joint Liaison Group of UNFCCC, CBD and UNCCD proposed to set up a Joint Capacity-building Programme as part of its strategic efforts to enhance coordination and coherence in the implementation of the three Rio Conventions and the SDGs.





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What are the objectives of the Joint Capacity-building Programme

The Joint Capacity-building Programme aims to strengthen the capacities of relevant national institutions and individual policymakers and practitioners to integrate and foster synergies between the three Rio conventions and the SDGs. It aims to establish a mutual learning experience among policymakers from national institutions involved in the design and implementation of policies (including National Focal Points), as well as practitioners supporting programmes and projects at local level. Expected outcomes are as follows:

- Increased understanding of the interconnectedness of the UNFCCC, CBD, and UNCCD.
- Enhanced capacity for integrated planning and policy development to break silos and avoid duplication.
- Improved awareness of approaches to mobilize financial resources for synergistic projects.
- Strengthened recognition of the role of local and indigenous knowledge in environmental governance.
- Promotion of cross-sectoral and multi-stakeholder collaboration and sharing of best practices and lessons learnt

Timeline of the Joint Capacity-building Programme

2024 Programme Initialization

Partnership engagement & Collaboration

- Consultation with national focal points and partner organizations
- Test trainings, side-events and capacity-building activities in the context of CBD, UNFCCC and UNCCD events

2025 onwards: Mainstreaming and upscaling

National, regional and global capacity-building opportunities on synergies

**2023 November:
Programme Launched**

Knowledge products development

- Production of infobriefs, training modules and a webinar series
- Development of programme webpage for knowledge-sharing



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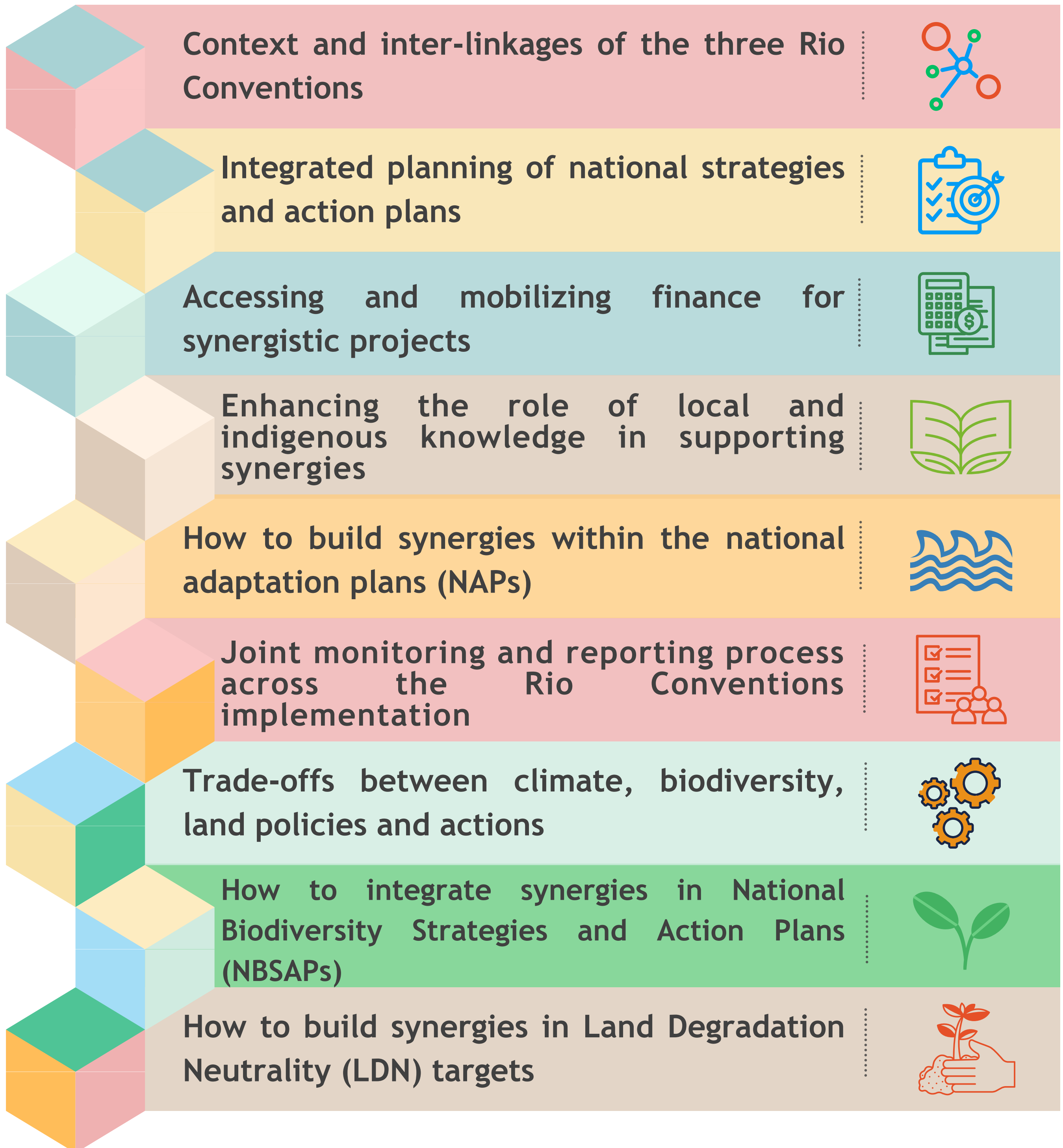
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Knowledge products

The Joint Capacity-building Programme is building info briefs and training modules under the following themes:





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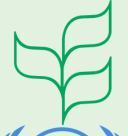
Partnership of the Joint Capacity-building Programme

The Programme is proactively fostering partnerships and collaborations with a diversity of technical and financial organizations, initiatives or other stakeholders to continuously produce relevant learning materials and knowledge products, which will be shared and disseminated on a dedicated knowledge-sharing platform.

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