

Why Synergies Matter in the NAP Process

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Context and Political Relevance

- Climate change, biodiversity loss, land degradation are inseparable crises, their solutions should be addressed together
- **Need:** Make better use of existing opportunities (international, national & local) to translate synergies into policies and implementation

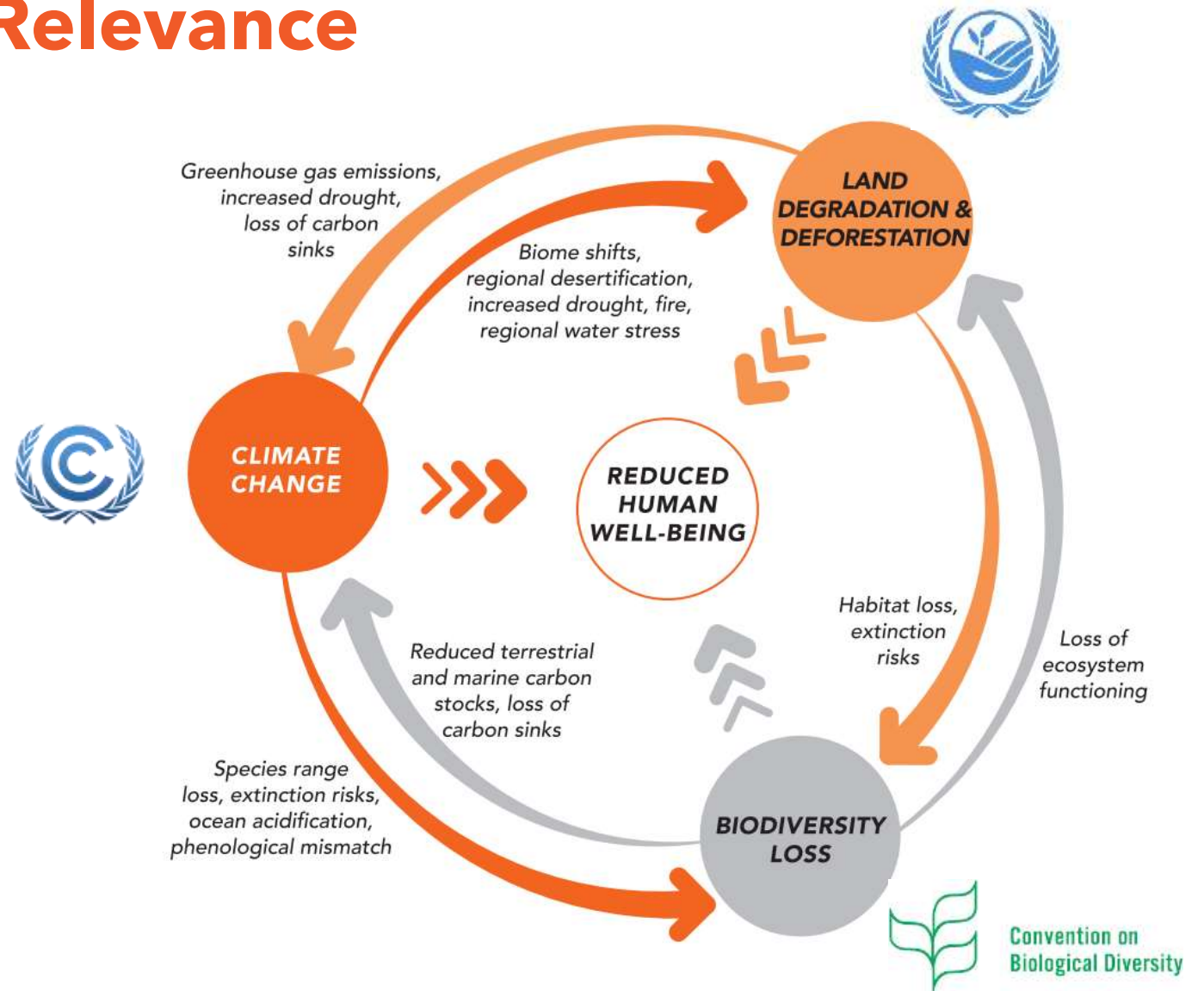


Figure: Interactions between biodiversity, climate change and land use. Source: UNEP, 2021





Why do synergies matter?

- ✓ Aligning climate mitigation, adaptation, biodiversity commitments and land degradation neutrality targets and strategies ensures **a holistic approach**.
- ✓ Identifying overlapping objectives and **prevent unnecessary duplication**.
- ✓ Promotes **efficiency in actions, use of resources and capacity**, and ensures efforts in one area do not undermine progress in another.
- ✓ Helps to **overcome governance fragmentation** at national level. Coordinating these efforts improves collaboration and encourages knowledge-sharing across ministries and teams.











What do we mean by “building synergies”?

- Synergies are **the result of joint action that goes beyond the sum of individual activities**, making efforts more effective and efficient (UNEP, 2010).
- At the biodiversity-land-climate interface, developing synergies involves the **intentional coordination of planning and implementation** of international policy instruments and subsequent national commitments and strategies (long-term strategies, LND targets, NDCs, NAPs, and NBSAPs).



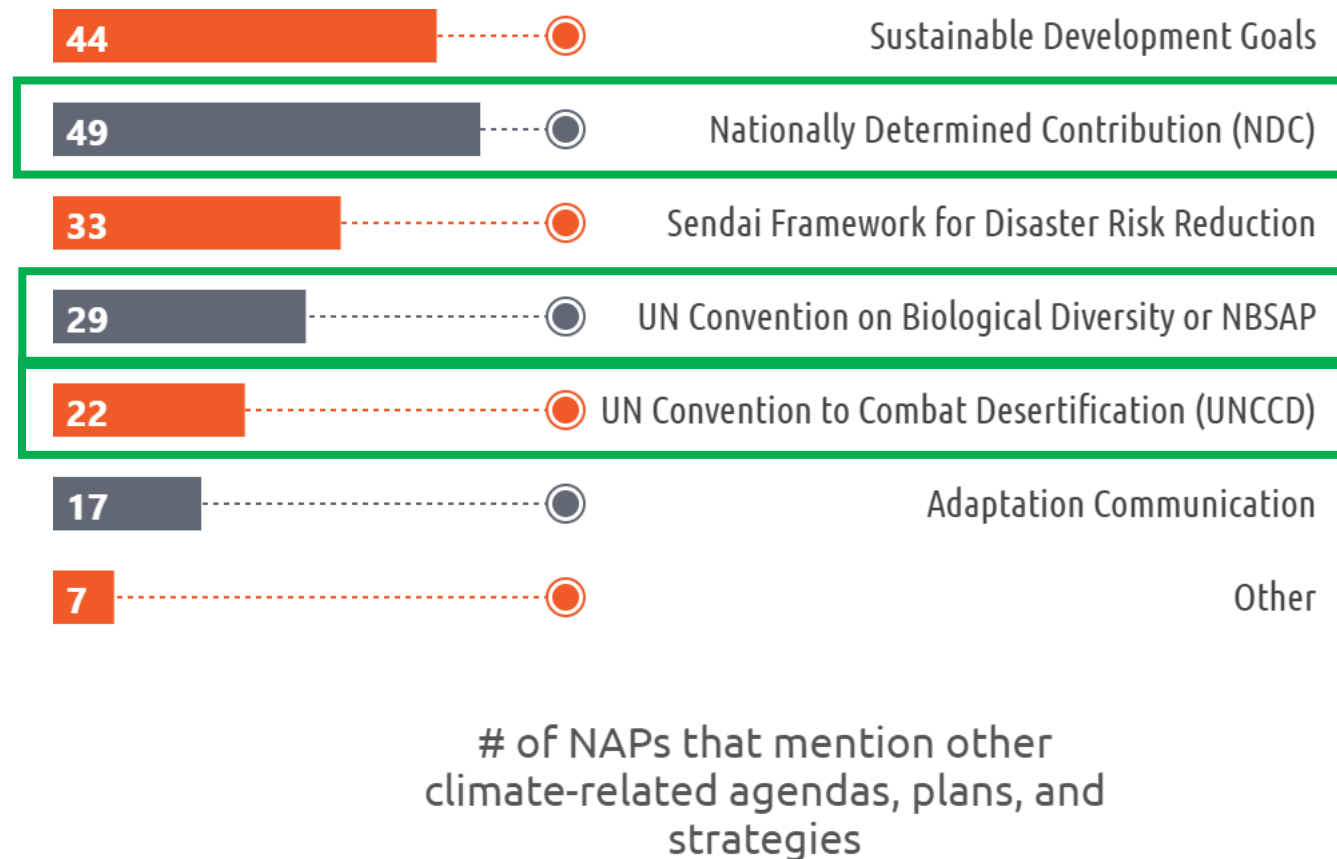
Convention	 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	 Convention on Biological Diversity	 UNCCD
Framework	 CDP21 - CMP15 PARIS 2015 UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE	 Kunming - Montreal GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK	 LDN Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Programme
National commitments and strategies	Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) National Adaptation Plans (NAP)	National Biodiversity and Action Plans (NBSAP)	Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) target setting
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce national GHG emissions and set reduction targets • Reduce vulnerability and build resilience to climate change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conserve and halt biodiversity loss • Promote sustainable use of biodiversity • Equitably distribute biodiversity benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set actionable targets to halt and reverse land degradation



KEY FINDING

Countries are making these links.

For example, 49 of 56 multi-sector NAPs reference the NDC.



Using the NAP Process as an Entry Point for Synergies

1

Identify synergies and cross-reference

- Common objectives; targets
- Acknowledgement of parallel processes and strategies
- Align key priority sectors
- Use update opportunities

2

Coordination & Collaboration

- Coordination mechanisms
- Actively engage with other National Focal Points
- Common stakeholder engagement processes

3

Information sharing

- Reference and review existing assessments
- Share, use or identify platforms to share information/data

4

Finance

- Financial resources are prioritized and pooled for actions that deliver joint outcomes (e.g., GESI, NbS)
- Emphasize joint resource mobilization

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Actions

- Wide scale implementation of NbS/EbA with and for people
- Consider trade-offs

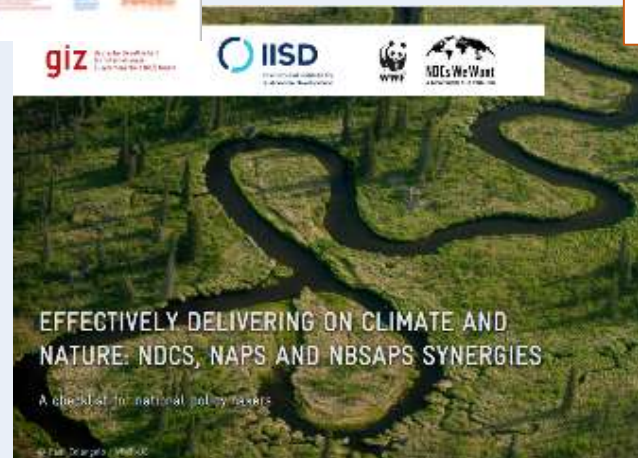
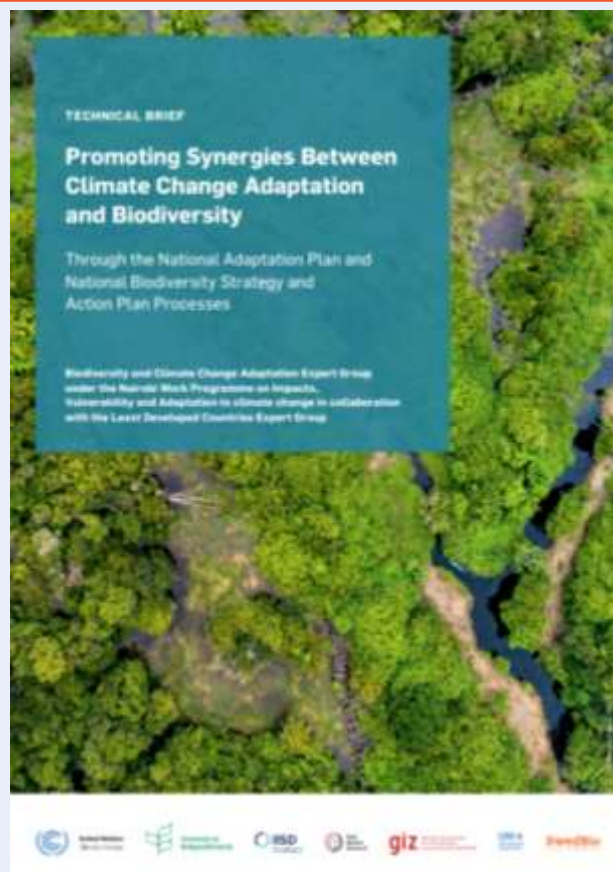
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Monitoring and Evaluation

- Cross-reference monitoring frameworks and/or indicators for the NDC, NAP, NBSAP, LDN targets where applicable.



RESOURCES



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