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OVERVIEW OF THE UNCCD, AND IMPLEMENTATION IN LIBERIA

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AGENDA

- Background of the Convention
- Impact of Desertification/land degradation
- Liberia's Implementation
- Conclusion



BACKGROUND OF THE CONVENTION

HISTORY OF THE CONVENTION

1977

UNCO

Plan of Action to Combat Desertification (PACD)

1991

UNEP

Impact of Desertification intensified.

Rio de Janeiro-1992

UNCED

Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INCD) to prepare, by June 1994, a Convention to Combat Desertification, particularly in Africa.

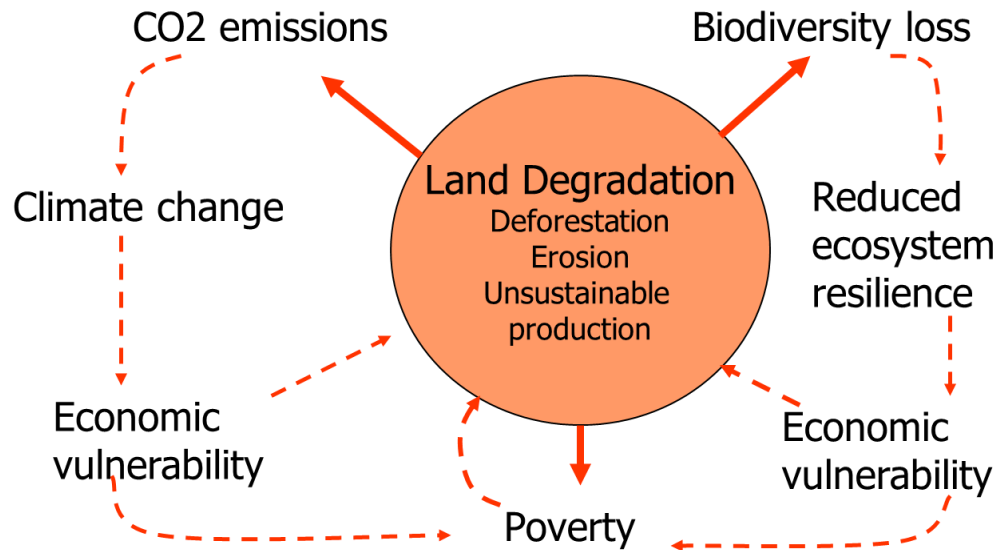
UN Resolution 47/188; adopted in Paris on 17 June 1994; entered into force on 26 December 1996

- Established in 1994, UNCCD is the sole legally-binding international agreement linking environment and development to sustainable land management.
- The Convention addresses specifically the arid, semi-arid and dry sub-humid areas, known as the drylands, where some of the most vulnerable ecosystems and peoples can be found.

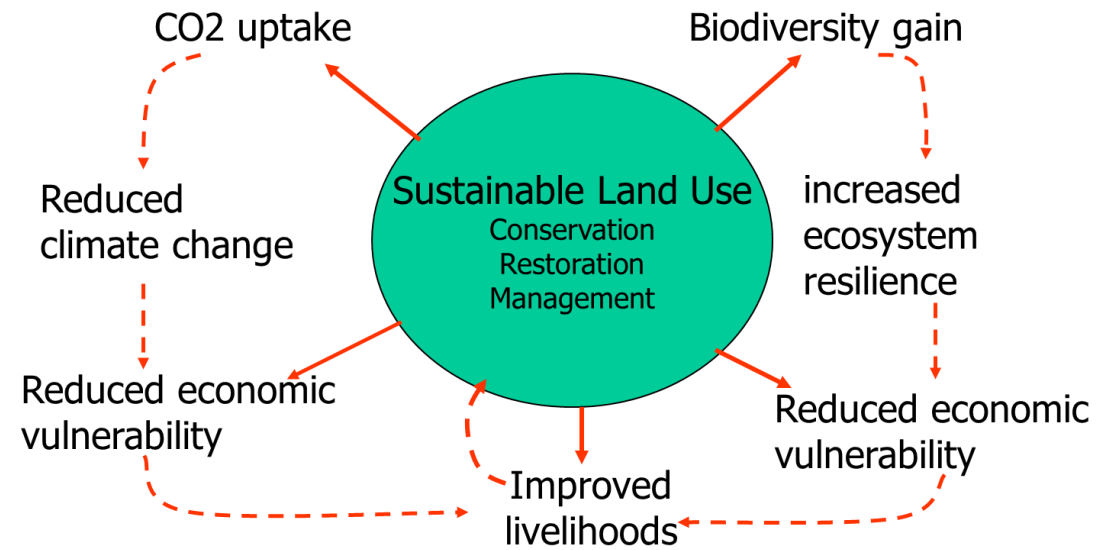
- The new UNCCD 2018-2030 Strategic Framework is the most comprehensive global commitment to achieve Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) in order to restore the productivity of vast expanses of degraded land, improve the livelihoods of more than 1.3 billion people, and reduce the impacts of drought on vulnerable populations to build
- The Convention's 197 parties work together to improve the living conditions for people in drylands, to maintain and restore land and soil productivity, and to mitigate the effects of drought.

IMPACT OF DESERTIFICATION/LAND DEGRADATION AND LINKAGES

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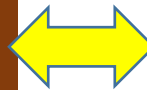


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DRIVERS: LIBERIA 2013 NATIONAL ACTION PROGRAMME/DRIVERS OF LAND DEGRADATION:

- Unsustainable Agriculture
- Unregulated Mining Activities
- Unregulated Forestry Activities



DRIVERS: NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR REDUCING EMISSIONS FROM DEFORESTATION AND FOREST DEGRADATION (REDD+) IN LIBERIA - 2006

- Unsustainable level of felling and milling of timber with chainsaws
- Unsustainable level of felling for charcoal production.
- Reduced rotation period for shifting agriculture and expansion into new primary forest areas.

LIBERIA'S IMPLEMENTATION

- **Ratified:** 03 February 1998
- **Succession of National Focal Point:** Hon. Albert Chie, Jerome Nyenka, Varney Konneh, Emmanuel Muyeneh, Berexford Jallah

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS: National Legislations and Action Plan

- Act Establishing the EPA 2002, Environmental Policy, Environmental Protection and Management Law
- Protected Forest Areas Network Act of 2003
- National Forestry Reform Law 2006; 2006 REDD+ Strategy
- 2013 National Action Programme (2011 – 2018)
- Mainstreaming Sustainable Land Management Project (EPA/UNDP)
- Realigned National Action Programme (2016)
- National Report 2018
- Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Programme
- National Drought Plan
- National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (2017 – 2025)
- National Climate Change Policy and Response Strategy

CONCLUSION

CHALLENGES:

- No National Funding Mechanism for implementation of national plans
- Need for increased awareness
- Need to mainstream LDN targets into National Development Plans
- Development Partners implementing projects related to focused area in disregard to National Plans
- No political will to strengthen national implementation

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Emission reduction
- Biodiversity gain
- Increased Ecosystem Resilience
- Reduced Economic vulnerability
- Improved livelihood
- CO2 Uptake
- Global leadership in implementing Convention

NEXT STEPS:

- National LDN transformative project design and implementation
- Realign NAP with Convention New Strategy (2018 – 2030)

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The image features the word "Thanks" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The letters are color-coded: the 'T', 'a', and 'k' are yellow, and the 'h', 'n', 'k', and 's' are maroon. Six hands of diverse skin tones are shown from the bottom, holding up the letters. The background is plain white.