

Twenty years ago the global community recognized three interrelated environmental issues at the Rio Earth Summit



Climate
Change



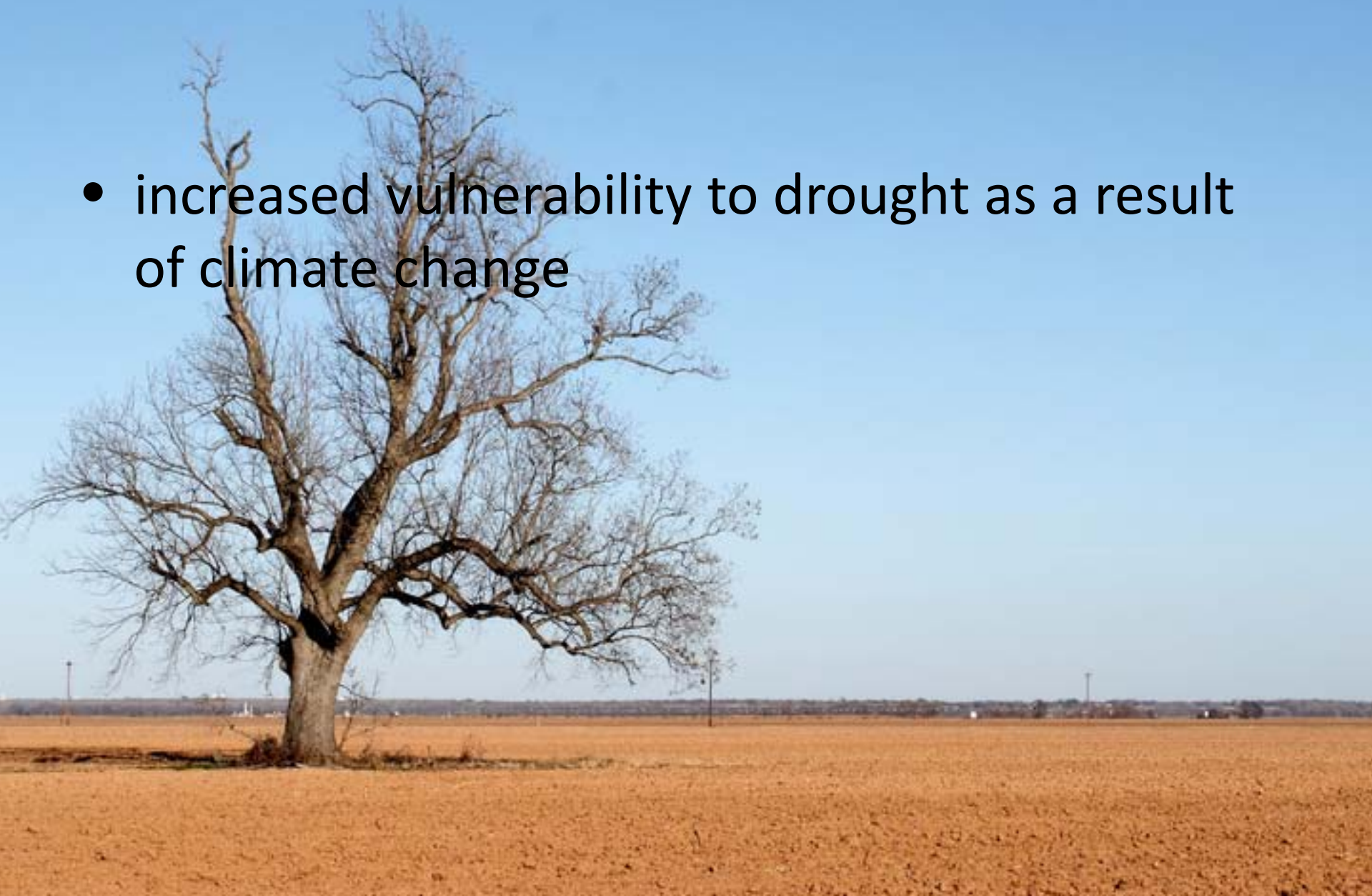
Biodiversity
Loss



Land
Degradation

Examples of impacts of each individual environmental issue include...

- increased vulnerability to drought as a result of climate change



- changing physical and cultural landscapes as a result of biodiversity loss



- lost agricultural productivity as a result of land degradation

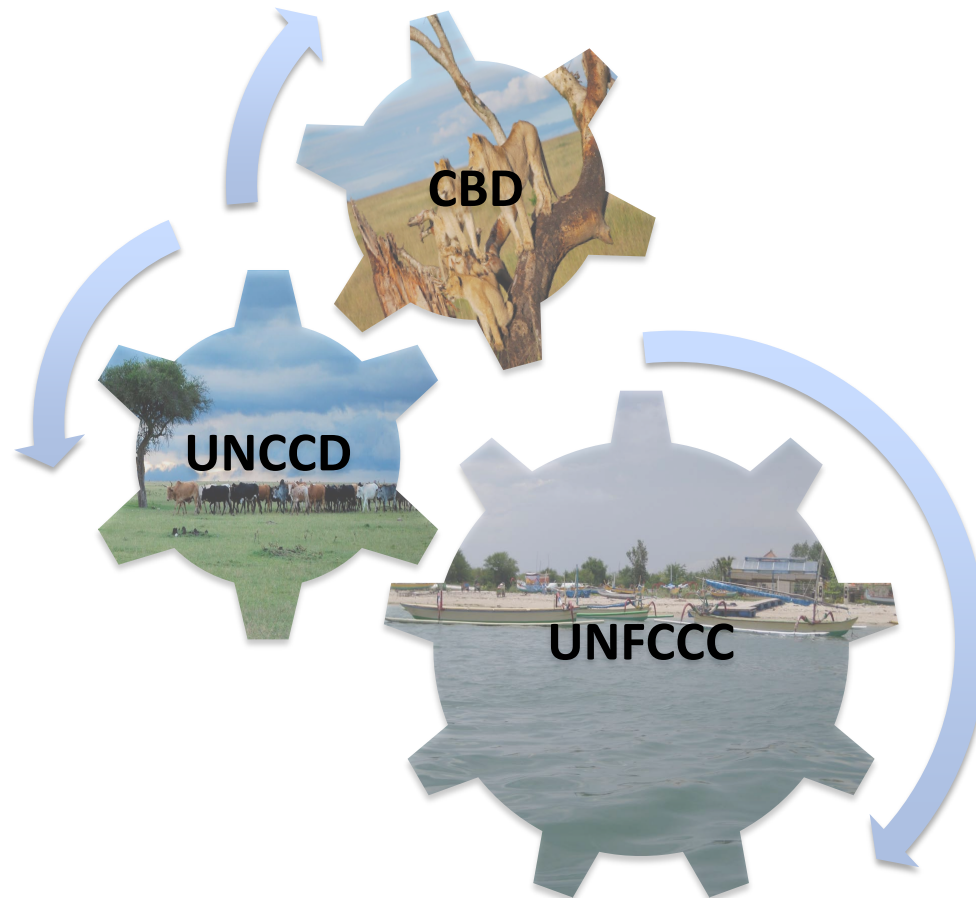


Taken together, the impacts of all three environmental issues on people and the places they live has reached a critical stage in many areas

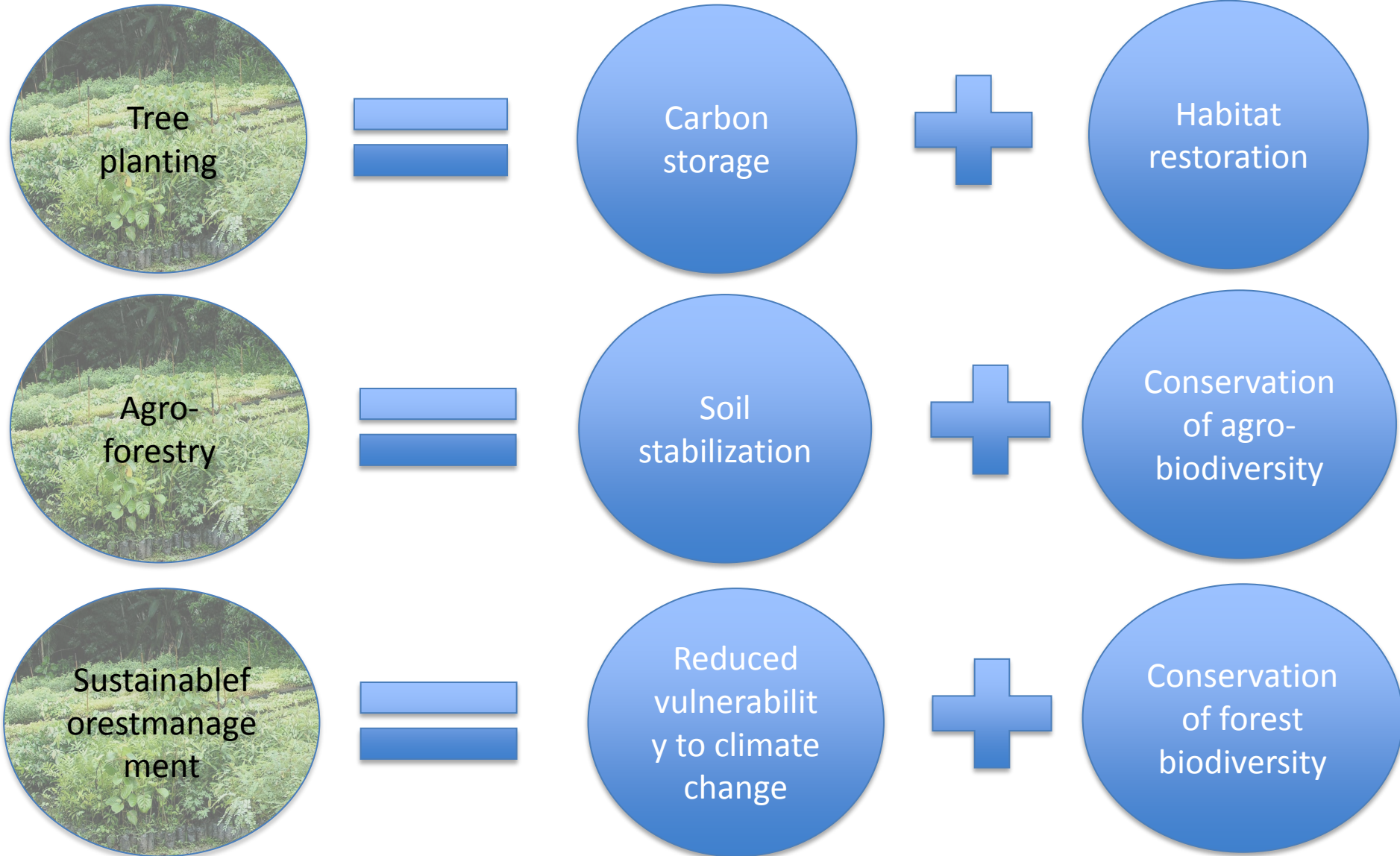


The solution lies in synergies...

Given the limited resources to address environmental problems in today's global economy, countries must pool resources to address them in a synergistic manner



For example...



The pilot partnership...

The **CBD** and the **GEF** have mobilized partners to provide additional assistance to countries who have expressed a strong political commitment to addressing biodiversity loss, climate change and land degradation in a coordinated and efficient manner



**Convention on
Biological Diversity**

Elements of the Pilot Partnership

- Capacity Building Workshop
- Technical Assistance to Project Teams
- Launch and reporting events at the margins of major meetings
- Link to the pilot project on harmonized reporting



The Pilot Partnership will...

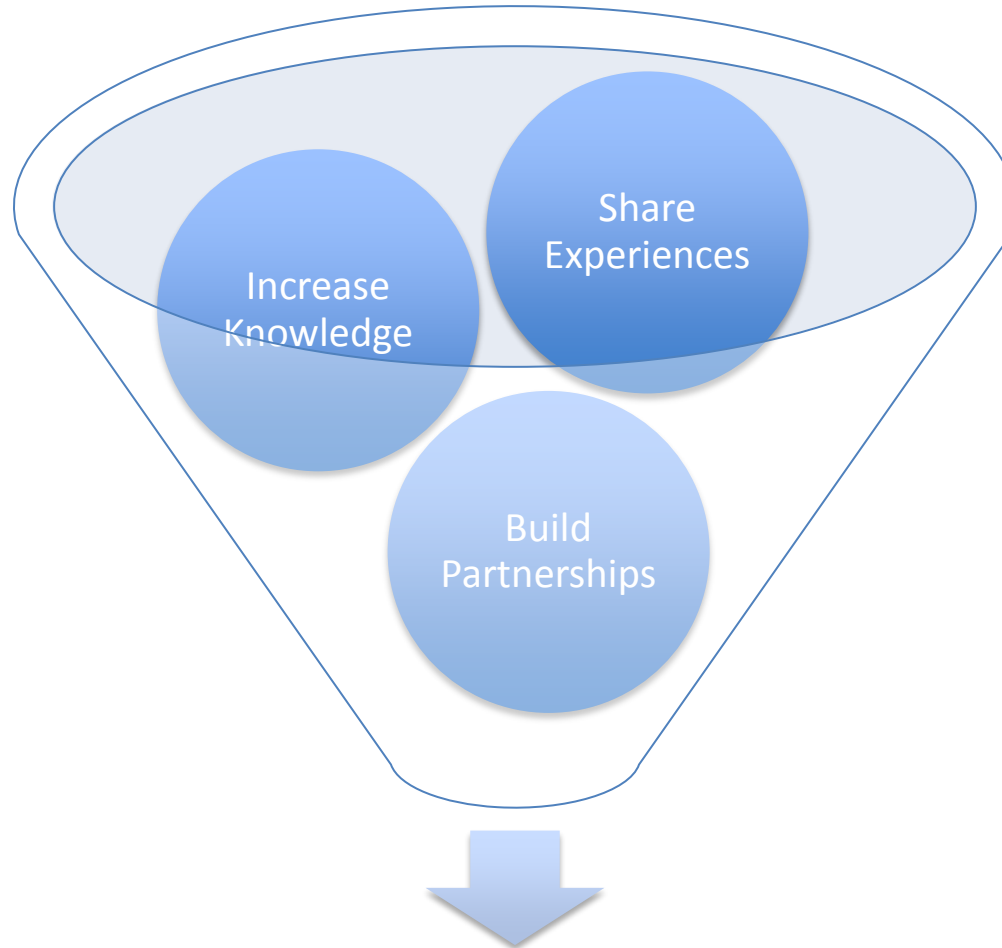
Build national
capacity for
implementation
of synergies

Partner
national project
teams with
international
experts

Address key
gaps in
knowledge and
information

Demonstrate
concrete
benefits from
synergies

The Workshop



Enhance the Integration of
Synergies in Pilot Activities

Elements

- Presentation of on-the-ground experiences (day 1)
- Presentation of existing tools (day 1)
- Organized discussions on key synergies themes (day 2)
- Targeted technical assistance (day 3-4)
- Reporting back and sharing lessons learned (day 5)

Quotes to Guide our Work

- If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together (African Proverb)
- If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading (Lao Tzu)
- Every day of your life is a page of your history (Arabic Proverb)

Thanks...

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