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Strengthening of partnerships through synergies between the UNCCD and the Convention on Biological Diversity



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New York - The new Executive Secretary of the UNCCD, Mr. Luc Gnacadja, took advantage of his participation in the High Level event on Climate Change, organized by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in New York, to confer with his colleague Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif. The two Executive Secretaries met on Monday 24 September 2007 to discuss matters of common interest. They discussed present and future collaboration between the two secretariats for an effective implementation of the two Rio Conventions.

The meeting gave Mr. Gnacadja an opportunity to expose to his counterpart his vision as to where the UNCCD is heading in the framework of the Ten-Year Strategy Plan, including the improvement of the performances of the Joint Liaison Group and the strengthening of the synergies between the two processes particularly at national and local levels.

Both Executive Secretaries also committed to avail various ways and means to strengthen their Joint Liaison Office arrangements at the United Nations Headquarters, as a concrete way to shore up the shared vision of better servicing Parties to the two Rio Conventions.

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