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Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-O-1

Number and size of information events organized on the subject of desertification, land degradation and drought (DLDD) and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity, and audience reached by media addressing DLDD and DLDD synergies

Global target

Percentage of population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

30 %

2018

National contribution to the global target

Percentage of national population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

8,6

2011

2013

2015

2017

2019

Voluntary national target

Percentage of national population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

%

20

Year

2015

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Information events

Year	Number of events	Total estimated participants
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	2	55
2013	2	75
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Mass media articles and radio/television programmes about these events

Year	Number	Estimated people reached
2012	0	0
2013	1	120000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

Renaissance Communication Inc. (Truth FM)

Qualitative assessment

Does your country have a national communication strategy addressing DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity in place?

Yes

No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., regarding the implementation of the Comprehensive Communication Strategy, activities relating to the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight Against Desertification, etc.):

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-O-3

Number of civil society organizations (CSOs) and science and technology institutions (STIs) participating in the Convention processes

Global target

A steady growth in the participation of CSOs and STIs in the Convention processes is recorded along the implementation period of The Strategy.

National contribution to global target: number of CSOs and STIs involved in DLDD-related programmes/projects

Year	Number of civil society organizations	Number of science and technology institutions
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	1	3
2013	1	3
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information: name of the CSOs and STIs

Pollution Control Association of Liberia (POCAL)
University of Liberia
Cuttington University
Central Agricultural Research Institute (CARI)

Voluntary national target

Percent increase in the number of CSOs and STIs participating in the Convention process at national level, per biennium	%	5
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Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Is your country undertaking initiatives to increase the participation of CSOs and STIs in DLDD-related programmes and projects? Yes No

Provide a short description of actions taken at the national level to promote participation by CSOs and STIs in the Convention processes.

Raise DLDD awareness, build capacity of CSOs and STIs and incorporate them in NAP elaboration and alignment. CSOs and STIs are part of the National Steering Committee

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-O-4

Number and type of DLDD-related initiatives of civil society organizations (CSOs) and science and technology institutions (STIs) in the field of education

Global target

A steady growth in the number of DLDD-related education initiatives undertaken by CSOs and STIs is recorded along the implementation period of The Strategy

National contribution to the global target: number of DLDD-related initiatives implemented by CSOs and STIs in the field of education

Year	Number of CSOs initiatives	Number of STIs initiatives
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	0	1
2013	1	2
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

Eastman Eric (2010) Integration of SLM into Universities Curricula

Voluntary national target

Percent increase in the number of DLDD-related education initiatives undertaken by CSOs and STIs, per biennium	%	10
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Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

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Qualitative assessment

Is your country undertaking initiatives to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives in the education sector implemented by CSOs and STIs? Yes No

Provide a short description of actions taken at the national level to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives of CSOs and STIs in the field of education.

Under alignment, the role of CSOs and STIs have been expanded with greater responsibilities to carry out educational related initiatives.

CONS-0-5 Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities to have finalized the formulation/revision of national, subregional and regional action programmes (NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs) aligned to The Strategy, taking into account biophysical and socio-economic information, national planning and policies, and integration into investment frameworks

Global target Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities that have formulated/ revised a NAP/SRAP/RAP aligned to The Strategy **≥ 80 %** **2018**

National contribution to the global target

Does your country have a NAP aligned to the Strategy? Yes No

Qualitative assessment

Is your NAP being implemented? Yes No

Please answer the following two questions only if your country has not aligned the NAP to the Strategy

Voluntary national target

When do you plan to align your NAP to the Strategy? 2014-2015
 2016-2017
 2018-2019
 No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., national circumstances affecting the NAP alignment and implementation process)

NAP was elaborated lately in 2011 due to the lack of funds. The time between NAP elaboration and alignment was so short.

Sources of information

Liberia NAP April 2011

CONS-O-7 Number of initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions or mechanisms for joint implementation, at all levels

Global target Each affected country Party has either one joint national plan in place or functional mechanism(s) to ensure synergies among the three Rio conventions **2014**

National contribution to the global target

Was your country implementing joint planning/programming initiatives for the three Rio conventions in the current reporting period?

Yes

Yes, but for only two of the Rio conventions

No

Were there any operational mechanisms that facilitated joint implementation of the three Rio Conventions during the current reporting period?

Yes

Yes, but for only two of the Rio conventions

No

Please answer the following questions if your country does not have such initiatives or mechanisms in place

Voluntary national target

Does your country plan to establish operational mechanisms for joint implementation and when?

2014-2015

2016-2017

2018-2019

No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Please answer the following questions if your country has such initiatives or mechanisms in place

Qualitative assessment

If your country has initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions, specify the type of joint initiative(s):

- Evaluation of national plans and identification of gaps in synergies
- Identification of national sectors and policies that could benefit from synergies and cooperation
- Review of national policies to enhance cooperation and synergies
- Enhancement of the institutional and scientific capacities and awareness of relevant stakeholders
- Other (please describe below):

Sources of information

Proceedings of workshop on the effective coordination amongst RIO Conventions

CONS-O-8 Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities to have established and supported a national/subregional/regional monitoring system for DLDD

Global target Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that have established and supported national monitoring systems for DLDD **≥ 60 %** **2018**

National contribution to the global target Is a monitoring system specifically dedicated to DLDD established in your country? Yes No

Please answer the following questions if your country has not established and supported national monitoring systems for DLDD by the end of the current reporting period

Voluntary national target When does your country plan to establish and support a national monitoring system for DLDD? 2014-2015 2016-2017 2018-2019 No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Sources of information

Liberia NAP highlights the need for monitoring and evaluation of DLDD

Environmental Protection Agency Five-year Strategic Plan

Qualitative assessment

Does your country have a monitoring system partially covering DLDD? Yes No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., major difficulties experienced, how the system is being supported, etc.):

DLDD in Liberia is still in Policy making stage and not yet being implemented.

Knowledge-sharing systems

List any DLDD-relevant knowledge-sharing system in your country, providing an Internet link and estimated number of users per year (add as many rows as necessary).

Name of the system:

Internet link:

Estimated number of users per year:

CONS-O-10

Number of revised NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs reflecting knowledge of DLDD drivers and their interactions, and of the interaction of DLDD with climate change and biodiversity

Global target

Percentage of revised NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs that have successfully gone through a quality self-assessment.

≥ 70 %

2018

Please answer the following questions only if your country has aligned the NAP:

National contribution to the global target

Does your aligned NAP include a knowledge-based identification and analysis of biophysical and socio-economic drivers of DLDD, and of their interaction?

Yes

No

Does your aligned NAP include a knowledge-based identification and analysis of the interaction between DLDD and climate change and biodiversity?

Yes

No

Sources of information

Qualitative assessment

Does your aligned NAP assess the barriers to sustainable land management?

Yes

No

If your aligned NAP assesses the barriers to sustainable land management, does it include recommendations for removing these barriers?

Yes

No

Does your country have data and information available to report on the following progress indicators, currently included within the CBD and UNFCCC reporting processes:

- Trends in abundance and distribution of selected species:

Yes

No

- Trends in carbon stock above and below ground:

Yes

No

If your country has identified nationally/locally relevant biophysical and socio-economic indicators for monitoring the aligned NAP, please list such indicators below:

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Provide any complementary information as needed:

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CONS-O-13

Number of countries, subregional and regional reporting entities engaged in building capacity to combat DLDD on the basis of the National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) or other methodologies and instruments

Global target

Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that implement DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects

≥ 90 %

National contribution to the global target

Is your country implementing DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of the NCSA?

Yes

No

Is your country implementing DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of other methodologies and instruments to assess national capacity-building needs?

Yes

No

Provide any relevant information on the size, scope, effectiveness and status of the initiatives implemented, or other complementary information as needed

Capacity building targeted at the systematic or policy level example mainstreaming DLDD in PRS II and EPA five year strategic plan

Sources of information

Liberia Agencda for Transformation (PRSII)

Environmental Protection of Liberia Five year Strategy Plan (2011-2016)

Qualitative assessment

Has your country assessed DLDD-related capacity-building needs?

Yes

No

Did you country receive technical and/or financial assistance to build capacities to combat DLDD?

Yes

No

From which institutions and which type of assistance was provided?

Financial

Technical

UNCCD Secretariat

Global Mechanism

Global Environment Facility

Bilateral agencies

Other multilateral organizations

CONS-O-14

Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities whose investment frameworks, established within the integrated financing strategy (IFS) devised by the Global Mechanism (GM) or within other IFSs, reflect leveraging national, bilateral and multilateral resources to combat DLDD

Global target

Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that have developed integrated investment frameworks (IIFs)

≥ 50 %

2014

National contribution to the global target

Does your country have an integrated investment framework?

Yes

No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g. is the IIF based on the NAP; non-traditional and innovative financing targeted by the IIF; overview of the progress in implementing the IIF in your country; assistance received in the development or implementation of the IIF from the GM or other development partners, etc.)

The Liberian IFS report reviews the current status of SLM in Liberia, examines current financing, policy and actors, provides recommendations aimed at building consensus on major goals and identifying practical steps forward. Funding came from the Global Environment Facility, the United Nations Development Program and the Government of Liberia.

Munyeneh, Emmanuel and Meyers, David (2011)Integrated Financing Strategy for SLM Implementation

Environmental Protection Agency Five-year strategic plan

Sources of information

CONS-O-16

Degree of adequacy, timeliness and predictability of financial resources made available by developed country Parties to combat DLDD

Rating of the bilateral assistance received for the implementation of the Convention and its Strategy during the reporting period

Adequacy of bilateral assistance received	Adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Not adequate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Timeliness of bilateral assistance received	Timely	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly timely	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Not timely	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Predictability of bilateral assistance received	Predictable	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly predictable	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Not predictable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Provide any complementary information (e.g., additional information on other aspects beyond those mentioned above which impact proper planning and effective implementation of the Convention in your country, etc.)

Qualitative assessment

Did your country receive assistance in raising resources from bilateral donors? Yes No

CONS-0-18

Amount of financial resources and type of incentives which have enabled access to technology by affected country Parties

Global target

A steady growth in the financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology by affected country Parties is recorded along the implementation period of the Strategy

A steady growth in the number of economic and policy incentives reported upon is recorded along the implementation period of the Strategy

National contribution to the target: estimated amount of financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology

Year	Currency	Amount
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	USD - US Dollar	960000
2013	USD - US Dollar	0
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Has your country established economic and policy incentives intended to facilitate access to technology? Yes No

Sources of information

Voluntary national target

Percentage increase of financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology by a given year % Year

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., a short overview of specific aspects and the nature of technology transfer in your country, aspects in which there is a need to increase the level of technology transfer, etc.)

Identification

Identification code

Enter the Identification Code (ID), number or acronym given to the activity funded (if known)

00051828

Name of the activity funded

Enter the name or title of the activity, project, programme, organization or initiative

Mainstreaming and Capacity Building for Sustainable Land Management in Liberia

Basic data

Recipient country, subregion and region

Enter the name of the country(ies), subregion(s) or region(s) in which the activity is taking place or is due to take place. Indicate "global" if the activity is of global scale or has no specific geographical focus

Category	Location
Country	Liberia

Status

Indicate the status of the activity at the time of completing this form

- Committed
- Proposal
- On-going
- Completed

Co-financing

Source	Currency	Amount
UNDP and Government of Liberia	USD - US Dollar	210

Type of funding

Indicate the instruments used to finance the activity

- Grant
- Loan (commercial)
- Loan (concessional)
- Budget authority
- Debt swap/relief
- Basket funding
- Sectoral support
- Sovereign wealth fund
- Payments for Environmental Services (PES)
- Results based financing
- Equity
- Venture capital
- Remittances
- Derivatives
- Blended value products
- Impact investments
- Microcredit
- Bonds
- Insurance
- Mortgages/guarantees
- Advance market commitments
- Other (please describe below):

Classification

Rio Markers

Assign the appropriate Rio Marker for desertification to the funded activity
(tick only one of the boxes below)

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|--------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| UNCCD | | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| UNFCCC | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| CBD | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Relevant Activity Code (RAC)	Indicate all the RACs that may apply to the funded activity
	Knowledge Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information campaigns <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy/Mainstreaming <input type="checkbox"/> Natural capital accounting <input type="checkbox"/> Land degradation monitoring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reporting <input type="checkbox"/>
	Enabling Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governance and institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Policies, strategies and regulations <input type="checkbox"/> Economic valuation of land use/change options <input type="checkbox"/> Incentives and market-based mechanisms <input type="checkbox"/> Resource mobilization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Development assistance <input type="checkbox"/>
	Land Degradation Prevention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adaptation to climate change <input type="checkbox"/> Natural resource conservation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhancing ecosystem resilience <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable land and natural resource management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainable production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainable consumption <input type="checkbox"/>
	Restoration and recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Afforestation/reforestation for carbon sequestration <input type="checkbox"/> Ecosystem rehabilitation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure reconstruction/rehabilitation <input type="checkbox"/> Land restoration/reclamation <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency response <input type="checkbox"/> Relocation/rescue/relief operations <input type="checkbox"/>

Strategic and operational objectives targeted	Indicate which strategic and/or operational objective of the Strategy is addressed by the funded activity
	Strategic objective 1: living conditions of affected populations <input type="checkbox"/>
	Strategic objective 2: condition of affected ecosystems <input type="checkbox"/>
	Strategic objective 3: global benefits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Strategic objective 4: resource mobilization and partnership building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Operational objective 1: advocacy, awareness raising and education <input type="checkbox"/>
	Operational objective 2: policy framework <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Operational objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge <input type="checkbox"/>
	Operational objective 4: capacity-building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Operational objective 5: financing and technology transfer <input type="checkbox"/>

Add new 'Unified financial annex' full section

Reporting process-related issues

Financial resources

Could your country count on sufficient financial resources to meet UNCCD reporting obligations?

Yes No

Provide an estimate of the amount invested from your country's national budget into the current UNCCD reporting process

Year	Currency	Amount
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	USD - US Dollar	12000
2013	USD - US Dollar	18000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Human resources

Provide an estimate of the people involved in your country in the UNCCD reporting process, and of the total number of months dedicated by these persons to the reporting process

Year	Number of people	Number of months
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	4	3
2013	6	3
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Knowledge

Could your country count on sufficient technical and scientific knowledge to meet UNCCD reporting obligations?

Yes No

If no, describe the main reasons and the difficulties encountered

Data were scanty; limited trained human resources and inadequate budgetary support.

Coordination

Was coordination at the national level with the relevant line ministries satisfactory in order to report comprehensively and coherently?

Yes No

Participation and consultation

Was a participatory or consultative approach applied to involve all relevant stakeholders in the reporting process?

Yes No

Validation

Was a validation meeting held as a part of the reporting process?

Yes No

Subregional and regional processes

Did your country cooperate with the entities entrusted with preparing the subregional and regional action programme reports?

Yes No

Accommodation of specific requests within decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties

Reporting on specific COP requests: iterative process on indicators

Tick the boxes only if you have experienced difficulties in reporting on one or more performance indicator(s). When doing so, place the tick mark under the e-SMART criterion for which the difficulty occurred.

	Economic	Specific	Measurable	Achievable	Relevant	Time-bound
CONS-0-1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-13	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-16	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-18	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any other country-specific issues

Does your country have any specific issue to bring to the attention of the Conference of the Parties? Yes No

If yes, please specify under which of the following broad categories it can be classified

- Policy, legislative and/or institutional framework
- Capacity-building and awareness-raising
- Desertification/land degradation and drought and sustainable land management monitoring and assessment/research
- Funding/resource mobilization
- Knowledge management and decision-making support
- Participation, collaboration and networking
- Reporting and review process
- Other

Please describe below:

Submission form

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