Why alignment of National Action programmes
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The Basis of the Need for Alignment

Normative

1. The Convention
2. The Strategy
3. Decisions of COP9

Objective/Practical

1. The dynamics of the DLDD process
2. The changing circumstances global environmental governance (GEG)
3. Demands of The Strategy
4. Being able to measure effects of actions taken
5. The need for effective Implementation of The Strategy
The Normative base for alignment of action programme

1. UNCCD Article 9 to 11 establish that Action Programmes:
   a) Are central to the strategy to combat DLDD
   b) Shall be updated through a continuing participatory process
   c) Allow for modifications to changing reality
   d) Require regular review

2. The Strategy (De:3 COP 8), Para: 5 & 45 urge and recognize: “the need for Parties to align their APs”

3. De:2 COP 9 “Alignment of the action programmes with The Strategy.”
Decision 2/COP 9

1. Affected country Parties to use the alignment guidelines as the reference tool in aligning NAPs and other relevant implementation activities with the 5 operational objectives of The Strategy

2. The Secretariat to facilitate provision of technical assistance to affected country Parties for review, alignment and/or revision of NAPs

3. GM/Secretariat urge to in accordance with their mandates financially assist affected country Parties to develop integrated investment frameworks to foster resource mobilization for NAP alignment

4. Invites developed country Parties and financial institutions to assist with funding to eligible country Parties for review, alignment and revision of NAPs
The objective basis for alignment

- The dynamics of the DLDD process
- The changing circumstances of GEG
- Material demands of The Strategy
- Being able to measure effects of actions
- The need for effective Implementation
- The need for synergies & main-streaming
- The need for built-in IFS & IIF
- The need for scientific assessment
- The maturity of the NAP process
Material demands of The Strategy

Four Strategic objective

1. To improve the living conditions of affected populations
2. To improve the condition of affected ecosystems
3. To generate global benefits through effective implementation of the UNCCD
4. To mobilize resources to support implementation of the Convention through building effective partnerships between national and international actors

There is need to monitor the impacts of the implementation of The Strategy to a whether the objectives are being reached
Initiation of NAP alignment

- Design of a universal survey
- A Sec/GM JWP on alignment D.1 COP 9. A.V
- Programme of global cooperation with UNDP at the national level D.1 COP 9 A. IV
- Design of a global programme of assistance for alignment
- Participating in exercises on alignment
- A Secretariat/GM first exercise assisting some countries in kick starting their NAP alignment process
- Development of supporting technical papers
Mechanism to assist alignment

1. Establishment of an alignment/capacity building office
2. The strengthening RCF/RCU
3. A series regional and sub-region workshops to provide technical assistance to Parties
4. Financial and technical assistance to individual Parties via a global project
5. Facilitate constant & consistent monitoring of the alignment process
6. Collaboration with GM, GEF and UNDP
7. A Kick-Start Programme involving countries from all Annexes
Conclusion

Alignment is needed because:

There is need for efficacious implementation of the Convention and its Strategy. This would only be achieved first and foremost through efficient and effective implementation of the NAP. This in turn one could determine only if there are specific objectives to be achieved, specific actions to realize them, and yardsticks by which these achievements are measured, hence the importance of alignment.
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