Concept Note

RIO TRIO Initiative

"Enhancing Cross-Convention Knowledge Sharing for Resilient Ecosystems"

Logistical details

Date and time: November 21, 2024, 13:30–15:00

Location: Mugham Conference Room, COP29 Venue, Baku

About the RIO TRIO Initiative

The RIO TRIO Initiative is a collaborative effort by the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Colombia, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as the respective Presidencies of UNFCCC COP29, CBD COP16, and UNCCD COP16. Through this partnership, the participants aim to promote coordinated and synergistic efforts across the three Conventions, addressing shared goals, streamlining actions, and effectively managing crosscutting issues."

Event introduction

As the RIO TRIO Initiative progresses, a critical need has emerged: unified data and knowledge sharing across climate, biodiversity, and land restoration efforts. Addressing these facts can drive transformative action by aligning science, monitoring, and policy efforts within the three Rio Conventions. This third high-level event of the RIO TRIO Initiative will touch upon collaborative frameworks for data integration, supporting transparency, and optimizing resource use. Through a shared knowledge ecosystem, the Conventions can accelerate solutions that enhance ecosystem resilience, drive sustainable land management, and strengthen climate adaptation efforts.

Objective

Hosted by the Presidencies of the UNFCCC, UNCBD, and UNCCD, this event will convene experts, government officials, Indigenous representatives, and multilateral organizations to discuss pathways for integrated data collection, management, and dissemination. The event will focus on discussing opportunities and challenges in unified data-sharing solutions for transparency, alignment, and informed decision-making.

The event will also explore mechanisms for integrating local knowledge into the proposed data framework, enriching datasets with valuable local insights for resilience. Clear, shared metrics will be discussed to track progress and enhance accountability across joint initiatives, while

clarifying the roles of governments, international organizations, and communities to support effective and sustained data-sharing practices.

Guiding Questions

1. How can data-sharing enhance coordinated policymaking?
2. What immediate actions are required to harmonize knowledge sharing across Conventions?
3. What roles can local knowledge play in enriching the data ecosystems?