



Production of food, fiber, clean water, and air –

By focusing on the Conventions, communities will be able to protect their nutritional status and health. For example, in mining communities, the elimination of mercury use will protect health and productive capacity of the communities.

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What Are The Rio Conventions?

The Rio Conventions are three multilateral environment agreements (MEAs) to which Guyana is a signatory. These Conventions are the:

- United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD),
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and
- United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).

Why Are The Purpose of The Rio Conventions?

The Conventions were designed to assist countries to strategize for the avoidance of unsustainable use of their natural resources and reduction of global pollution.

Steps That Can Be Taken To Enhance The Relevance of The Conventions to Guyana's Socio-Economic Development.

- Land use planning and improved land management.
- Strategic Assessment/Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).
- Project-level Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).
- Community-based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM). Integrated capacity development.

Why Are The Conventions Relevant To Guyana's Socio-Economic Development?

Poverty reduction –

Adherence to the Conventions helps to support poverty alleviation measures, especially in natural resources-dependent communities.

Building Resilient Communities –

Implementation of the UNFCCC and the UNCCD activities helps to reduce the negative impacts of climate change on local communities, strengthen the productive potential of agricultural lands, and increase income-generation activities.

Infrastructure development –

Implementation of the UNFCCC, UNCCD, and UNCBD initiatives helps Guyana to guard against floods and land erosion and degradation in areas, such as the coast, where heavy capital investment in sea defense is required to protect communities from saline water intrusion.