# [***Presidents of three COPs call for a united approach to climate change, desertification and biodiversity loss***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:69KB-H081-F0YC-N55P-00000-00&context=1516831)

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Germany: United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification has issued the following press release:

For the first time ever, the Presidents of the last Conference of Parties (COP) of each of the three Rio Conventions have decided to join forces. With three weeks to go before the opening of COP28 in Dubai, the Presidents:

Underlined the urgency of the situation and the inextricable links between climate change, desertification and ***loss*** of ***biodiversity***;Called for a coordinated approach both at international and national levels to tackle these issues in a holistic way;Pleaded for more cooperation between the three COPs and their secretariats;And asked for urgent, concrete, measures to protect the world population, environment, lands and ***biodiversity*** to ensure a sustainable future for new generations.They did so in a historic joint declaration released today, signed by:

Alain-Richard Donwahi, former Minister of Water and Forestry of the Republic of Côte d ’ Ivoire and President of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification ’ s COP15 (UNCCD)Sameh Shoukry, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt and President of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change ’ s COP27 (UNFCCC)Huang Runqiu, Minister of Ecology and Environment of the People ’ s Republic of China and President of the Convention on Biological Diversity ’ s COP15 (CBD)At the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held in Rio in 1992, the international community decided to create three different conventions to fight climate change, halt desertification and prevent ***loss*** of ***biodiversity***. However, as these three phenomena accelerate, the interconnections between them amplify, creating a vicious circle. Breaking this vicious circle requires a holistic vision and a coordinated approach.

With this common declaration, the three Presidents hope to open a new chapter in the fight against climate change, desertification and ***biodiversity*** ***loss***, one of coordinated efforts to face the urgency.

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