



The Donor Committee for Enterprise Development

## Green Growth Working Group (GGWG) Minutes

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### Participants

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*The Annex at the end of this document summarises the main action points agreed during the meeting.*

### Agency Updates

Partner country interest in **ILO** green jobs country assessment support is high, as illustrated at the preceding ILO led inter-agency workshop 'Employment and Social Inclusion in a Green Economy'. Next steps for the overall green jobs programme, and on mainstreaming green growth, will be considered at the ILO's 2013 annual session in June. The ILO's SCORE programme for SMEs will focus on environmental issues in 2013, and will have an expert meeting in May with national counterparts. The new UN agency Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) initiative is now operational, and it aims to support 30 countries over the next 7 years.

**UNIDO's** global Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production network will have its annual meeting in September in Switzerland. The 5 regional chapters of the network will each have annual regional events and are developing their knowledge sharing systems. Cleaner production centres and universities from Eastern Europe and the Balkans are developing a university course on cleaner production, for which the next meeting is in April in Macedonia.

**GIZ** is supporting a GGKP regional practitioners workshop provisionally 3-5 June in Jakarta. The workshop will offer insights on the political and institutional dimensions of developing and implementing green growth strategies, as well as a number of more technical sessions on how to use a variety of green growth policy tools. A second workshop is planned in September to focus on Africa, potentially in collaboration with SADC. An increasing number of GIZ's country programmes in the area of sustainable economic development are incorporating green growth issues. Separately GIZ's employment team is focusing on green jobs and commencing a study on the theme.

Green growth has become a priority theme for **Danida**. Relevant programmes are being catalogued, while an e-learning and other capacity building for embassy staff is also being developed. Danida is developing a natural resources, energy and climate strategy to supplement the agency's Rights to a Better Life and Growth and Employment Strategies.

### Reflections on Inter-Agency Workshop

The workshop 'Employment and Social Inclusion in a Green Economy', 4-5 March 2013, was the first inter-agency workshop on green jobs organised by ILO. The workshop was highly successful in bringing together green economy practitioners from a wide range of countries, donor agencies and technical multilateral agencies. The workshop also highlighted a need to ensure a further series of similar events will follow. The workshop was seen as valuable by participants, in particular for its

focus on green jobs and practical tools. The ILO will further look at ways to communicate/expand its green job assessment tools, and will develop a further report introducing them and highlighting use.

### GGWG Three Year Strategy

Stefanie Reiher introduced the draft GGWG 3 year strategy. This includes a vision of mainstreaming green growth, while activities are sequenced from knowledge sharing to cataloguing to supporting implementation. Research is no longer stressed as it was previously agreed this was not a competitive strength of the group. Additionally it was suggested that the inclusive element of the strategy be further emphasized, that mainstreaming be explained more and the role of advocacy further considered. Further comments should be emailed to Stefanie Reiher by 20/03/2012, who will aim to distribute a final draft before the next GGWG meeting, for approval then.

### Knowledge Sharing

GGWG knowledge sharing was considered, and GGWG members expressed that the amount of information already available on the site is impressive and that it would be meaningful to further expand the same platform rather than develop a new knowledge sharing platform. In addition it was briefly discussed if and how LinkedIn could be used e.g. through a GGWG sub-group on the DCED LinkedIn page. Such a page could be set-up in the future if the need grew.

### AOB and Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held 3 April 2013 (tbc) in Paris, France.

### Annex: Summary of Action Points Agreed

	What?	By Whom?	By When?
1.	Provide further information to Kees Van Der Ree on UNIDO's upcoming event in Macedonia	Pilar Murillo	Asap
2.	Disseminate ToRs of green jobs study and list of green growth programmes	Stefanie Reiher	Asap
3.	Add relevant resources from inter-agency workshop to DCED website	Ashley Aarons	Done
4.	Following ILO expert meeting, suggest next steps to the group on diagnostics compilation work	Kees Van Der Ree	Asap
5.	Send final comments to Stefanie Reiher on draft strategy	All	20/03/2012
6.	Update strategy and disseminate to group	Stefanie Reiher	27/03/2012