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

Welcome remarks, review of agenda

The chair welcomed the group. The item 'Expert meeting on mainstreaming Green Growth in PSD' was removed from the agenda to be reviewed instead at the next meeting.

Business arising from the last meeting

An updated work plan was distributed prior to the meeting, with further details included on the stocktaking and GG/ BER review, and OECD-led research on skills training. This was approved, with the recommendation that timelines be included for deliverables. All actions points agreed at the last meeting had been carried out, except for next steps on a mainstreaming GG event which will be taken forward before the next meeting. Hendrik Engelmann-Pilger had been identified by the IFC to be its group representative and establish and oversee a GGWG child trust fund.

Green Growth stocktaking ToR

A revised draft ToR was distributed prior to the meeting. The group suggested that the ToR should ask the consultant to also include other innovative initiatives led by the private sector, NGOs or other actors, where there was a clear role held by donor agencies/ ministries. The stocktake should also look at agency GG strategies and planned activities, though in order not to overburden it, this element should be more descriptive and not include an in-depth analysis of strategies. The ToR also require more logistical information, specifically a clearer scope of service and timeline. The inclusion of specific approaches to GG were discussed, such as CSR and development finance, with agreement that the ToRs should not be prescriptive on what is considered GG and rather use, and highlight, agency definitions. The ToR will be revised and sent to the group for final comments and approval. In particular, suggested amendments from the IFC on any changes needed to fit their procedures would be valuable. When finalised, if in accordance with IFC procedures, members and the Secretariat were also asked to disseminate the ToR through their networks.

Green Growth/ Business Environment Reform Paper ToR

A draft ToR was distributed prior to the meeting. The group highlighted studies that could be referenced in the ToR or passed on to the consultant. The group discussed whether the study should be more of a think-piece or provide an overview and examples of good practice. Formal guidance was viewed as inappropriate at this stage due to the limited evidence available. However the study could be used as a starting point for the later development of guidance. Though a more conceptual paper was valued by some, there was also concern that a think-piece could be too academic and that

good examples were needed to make the study more relevant and influential. The ToR also requires more logistical information, as with the stocktaking ToR. The ToR will be revised and sent to the GGWG and to the Business Environment Working Group (BEWG) for final comments and approval. In particular, suggested amendments from the IFC on any changes needed to fit their procedures would be valuable.

Agency updates

ILO is planning a learning forum on local strategies for green jobs in Turin 4-15 November and an expert meeting on green jobs assessment in Geneva on 16-17 December. It is further engaging with countries at the policy level while a green jobs forum is planned for Mexico in mid-October. Management discussions in October will look at significantly expanding the ILO green jobs effort

Following its report [Putting Green Growth at the Heart of Development](#) and case studies on [Cambodia](#) and [Ethiopia](#), **OECD** is working on pilot activities, with the Zambian government on including GG in its next development strategy, and on how donors are supporting biodiversity. A series of reports have also focused on mobilising green private investment, with a forthcoming paper on [Investment in Clean Energy Infrastructure](#). An event on the green economy is planned in the UK, sponsored by the UK FCO, 24-26 February 2013.

Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs is currently developing its good growth fund, with discussions ongoing on how environmental considerations will be incorporated.

IFC is intensifying work both in regards to water, and on supply chains and standards. Further documentation will be shared with the group.

GIZ has completed a publication, funded by **BMZ**, on [TVET for A Green Economy](#). A green growth workshop is planned with UNEP in Uruguay, 17th October, for policy maker in the region. GIZ on behalf of BMZ is also supporting the 2013 PEGNet Conference on [How to Shape Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Economies in the Developing World](#), to be held in Copenhagen, 17-18 October.

AFD are currently undertaking a related stocktaking on green growth activities to be completed by December. Kim Nguyen Van and Armand Rioust de Largentaye will oversee coordination between this and the GGWG stocktaking. AFD will join a development bank meeting on climate finance on 4th September in Frankfurt organised by KfW.

AOB, next action steps and next meeting

The ILO kindly agreed to host the next meeting during its learning forum on local strategies for green jobs in Turin. This meeting will be in person, with audio facilities also available. Kees Van Der Ree will provide more information on the forum and propose a time and date for the GGWG meeting, likely to be between the 13 - 15 November.

Annex: Summary of Action Points Agreed

	What?	By Whom?	By When?
1.	Follow up on mainstreaming GG event next steps	Kim Nguyen Van, Kees Van Der Ree, Secretariat	Asap
2.	Add timelines to the 13-14 work plan and distribute to the group	Kim Nguyen Van	11/9/2013
3.	Contact Hendrik Engelmann-Pilger at the IFC in regards to establishing a GGWG child trust fund	Kim Nguyen Van	11/9/2013
4.	Amend the ToRs for the stocktaking and GG/BER items and distribute to the GGWG (and BEWG for the GG/BER item)	Kim Nguyen Van	11/9/2013
5.	Provide final comments on the ToRs	GGWG (and BEWG for the GG/BER item)	25/9/2013

6.	Finalise ToRs	Kim Nguyen Van	2/10/2013
7.	Share information on new reports and upcoming events with the group via the Secretariat	GGWG	Asap
8.	Propose time/ date for next meeting, and provide information on the learning forum	Kees Van Der Ree	11/9/2013