



The Donor Committee for Enterprise Development

## **Green Growth Working Group (GGWG)**

Minutes of Meeting, Vienna, 11 June 2019

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### Participants

#### In person

- Annegret Brauss (ITC)
- Arjan de Haan (IDRC)
- Enrico Botta (OECD)
- Guillaume Cazor (UNIDO)
- Haa Lai (UNIDO)
- Lucrecia Bertelli (DCED Secretariat)
- Martijn Reubzaet (NL MoFA)
- Ozunimi Iti (UNIDO)
- Selina Haeny (SDC)
- Steffen Felix (GIZ)
- Thomas Cieslik (BMZ)

#### Online/by phone

- Alexandra Oppermaun (GIZ) – Chair
- Annsofie Aronsson (Sida)
- Katherine Miles (consultant)

### Apologies

- Etienne Kechichian (IFC)
- Moustapha Kamal Gueye (ILO)
- Sarwat Chowdhury (UNDP)

### Round of introductions and agency updates

- **Martijn Reubzaet** (NL MoFA) works with the topic of circular economy and transparency in extractive industries.
- **Annegret Brauss** (ITC) works on green growth and sustainability mainstreaming. ITC's programme covering green growth is the ['Trade for Sustainable Development' \(T4SD\)](#) Programme, among others focusing on circular economy, resource efficiency and climate change. ITC is currently developing guidelines for Project Managers on Mainstreaming Sustainable & Inclusive Development (including environment and climate change) into ITC's projects. This guide will be launched in Q3/Q4 this year.
- **Arjan de Haan** explained the work of IDRC, focused on research, and expressed interest in making the case of green growth for developing countries.
- **Selina Haeny** shared that SDC is working on a set of gender guidance sheets, for instance on climate change, disaster-risk reduction. Also, they have recently developed the [Climate, Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction Integration Guidance \(CEDRIG tool\)](#), which is also gender-sensitive.

- **Ozunimi Iti** (UNIDO) works on green economy and green industries. UNIDO is currently working on a project of women's economic empowerment in green industries funded by Germany (BMZ). Through the [Partnership for Action on Green Economy \(PAGE\)](#), UNIDO is also working on mainstreaming gender. **Haa Li** and **Guillaume Cazor** also represented UNIDO during the meeting.
- **Enrico Botta** (OECD) spoke about their work on green growth, for instance the development of papers related to trade and the circular economy (to be published in October). OECD's Annual [Green Growth and Sustainable Development \(GGSD\) Forum](#) will explore a greener low-carbon future for extractive and heavy industries, focusing on the circular economy. In addition, there is a recent policy brief on gender and infrastructure.
- **Annsophie Aronsson** (Sida) works for Sida's Africa Department (particularly in Somalia, Ethiopia and Sudan) with a focus on environmental mainstreaming, green growth and climate change. Annsophie shared that, at the beginning of 2019, they had an OECD DAC peer learning exercise on environmental mainstreaming (jointly with the European Commission and Canada). During that exercise, Sida identified possible ways to improve their current work. Sida's work on environmental mainstreaming is briefly explained [here](#). Sida has also implemented an environmental management system that entails a set of qualitative and quantitative targets.
- **Alexandra Oppermann** (GIZ) mentioned the '[Beyond the Known](#)' conference this 15-16 October, organized by GIZ, BMZ, ILO, ERDB, Swisscontact and IFC. Within the conference, there will be one area on green entrepreneurship, and proposals of initiatives that could be presented are welcome. GIZ has also developed a tool called '[Climate Expert](#)' for businesses' adaptation to climate change. The tool has now been used to assist several businesses and trainings have taken place. The next [training](#) will be in October, online. In addition, GIZ is planning to strengthen implementation of the [international framework on eco-industrial parks](#) (that was developed by UNIDO, IFC and GIZ) in countries such as Egypt and Bangladesh. Lastly, there is a recent publication on [circular economy in the textile sector](#). **Thomas Cieslik** (BMZ) and **Steffen Felix** (GIZ) also represented Germany during the meeting.

### Knowledge sharing between GGWG members

In line with the GGWG vision focused on knowledge sharing, dissemination and pooling of technical resources, Annegret Brauss presented ITC's work on [climate resilience, resource efficiency and circular economy](#), and Ozunimi Iti presented UNIDO's work on Women's Economic Empowerment in green industries.

### Work item on the role of women in green growth

The work plan of the working group includes a joint work item with the Women's Economic Empowerment Working Group (WEEWG) that looks at the possibilities to better include WEE in Green Growth projects and vice-versa.

Jointly with the WEEWG, the group has commissioned a set of guidance sheets on the role of women in green growth to Katherine Miles, independent consultant. The initial findings and drafts were circulated by email before the working group meeting (presentation slides available [here](#)). This work item is expected to be finalised by August 2019.

**Action item: please send comments on the draft guidance sheets ('Green Growth' cover sheet and topical sheet on 'Green Growth Strategies') to Katherine Miles (CCing the task manager, Steffen Felix from GIZ) by 26 June 2019. The comments will inform Katherine's work on the remaining topical guidance sheets: 'Green Innovation and Entrepreneurship', 'Green Finance', 'Green Jobs/Skills' and 'Green Business Models'.**

### **Work item on circular economy**

This work item (Sida as lead agency) aims at investigating further the implications that a circular economy approach has for PSD. The Terms of Reference have been circulated among GGWG members and the task team started the consultants' selection process. However, the task team decided to add more funding (provided by IFC) and change the scope of the research.

**Action item: Annsophie Aronsson (Sida) will circulate the ToR to members that are interested in supporting this work item further, before the new round of consultants' selection. Martijn Reubzaet also volunteered to join the task force.**

### **Work item on Webinar Series**

The objective of the webinar series is to disseminate and delve deeper into the findings from the GGWG work items of the last years and other topics of interest. The group discussed some possible webinar topics (e.g. Vietnam's Green Growth programme, SDC's CEDRIG tool).

**Action item: Steffen Felix (GIZ) and Ozunimi Iti (UNIDO) will liaise with the DCED Secretariat to organise the webinar series. The Secretariat will inform the GGWG if the webinar platform changes (the current platform is WebEx).**

### **AOB**

- The Work Plan for 2019-20 was approved without modification.
- Alexandra Oppermann (GIZ) is moving on; the group thanked her for her work as Chair. Steffen Felix from GIZ and Ozunimi Iti from UNIDO volunteered (and were accepted) for the co-chair role.

- The next GGWG meeting will probably be hosted by OECD, in November, right before or after the [Green Growth and Sustainable Development Forum](#). Steffen Felix (GIZ) has already liaised with OECD to book a meeting room.