



The Donor Committee for Enterprise Development

Green Growth Working Group (GGWG)

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Participants (11)

- Mette Grangaard Lund (ILO, Chair)
- Abu Saieed (UNIDO)
- Ana Batalhone (ITC)
- Emi Mitani (ILO)
- Florian Güldner (BMZ/GIZ)
- Ingela Juthberg (Sida)
- Isaac Cowan-Gore (ILO)
- Kerry Max (GAC)
- Megumi Hirano (JICA)
- Ella Duffy (DCED Secretariat)
- Melina Heinrich-Fernandes (DCED Secretariat)

Apologies: Antoine Coste (WB), Eric Hyman (USAID)

Mette Lund (ILO, Chair) opened the meeting and provided an overview of the agenda.

Update on work items

*Green PSD Webinar Series in collaboration with the **GGKP***

Florian Güldner provided the update. The 3rd webinar of the series in December 2023 on biodiversity finance went well (a [recording](#) is available). The next webinar will be on the topic of supporting companies going green and will be led by the ILO. A planning call has already happened, and ILO are currently drafting a concept note with the aim of hosting the webinar in March.

Abu Saieed (UNIDO) requested that the invitation to be circulated well in advance to the WG so they can distribute within their networks.

Nature-based Solutions Toolkit for Women-owned Businesses/Women Entrepreneurs

Kerry Max (GAC) updated the group. The Task Team met with the consultants in early February to discuss a theory of change for the toolkit that they had submitted prior. The consultants are now working on a stakeholder mapping and will move to engaging relevant stakeholders in interviews or focus groups. The Task Team is happy with the balance they are currently striking between including a feminist view, but keeping the toolkit relevant for using with businesses and entrepreneurs.

Mette asked for a clarification on timeline. Kerry and Ella Duffy (DCED Secretariat) provided more details; the consultants were held up by some issues with their contract, so the work is delayed.

Green Industrial Policies and Just Transition Implications

Florian Güldner provided an update. GIZ has handled the procurement for this item; Global CAD were selected (the WG are familiar with them as they also worked on the Green PSD Navigator). The Task Team met with Global CAD last week for a kick-off call to agree on concepts and clarify details.

Work Planning for 2024/25

Ella Duffy provided an overview of the timeline going forwards (all DCED WG's plan their work plans before end-March, at which point they are consolidated by the Secretariat and the overall work plan disseminated and submitted for approval to the DCED Annual Meeting in early June). Mette launched an online Miro board for the group to enter ideas of new themes for the GGWG to take forward to 2024/5.

A discussion followed, with eight main ideas emerging:

1. A mission and vision reflection of what the GGWG is aiming to achieve and cover, including how 'green growth' is phrased, and how to couple GGWG work to larger international events. This could involve creating a theory of change for the WG.
 - a. There was some discussion of post-growth economies and de-growth, and implications for business and employment within this.
2. A mapping of green growth and private sector development in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).
3. A work item on enabling environment for circular economy and what a just transition to a circular economy looks like.
4. Highlighting inspiring success stories of green transition changemakers through personal stories or a photo series.
5. Green capacity building of the other DCED Working Groups, drawing on already existing materials.
6. Producing a guide on how to measure possible emissions reductions from development programmes.
7. A work item on AI and green growth.
8. A work item on the role of corporate reporting in promoting green practices at the enterprise level.
9. A work item on the role of trade and SME development to drive a just transition.

Abu also suggested that a future webinar could consider clean technologies for green transformation.

Member agency updates

GAC

Kerry Max updated the group and shared an [e-learning course on ecosystem-based adaptation](#) that he recommends. GAC are in the final stage of decision making for the next climate finance initiative - Kerry will be able to share more details in the next meeting. Otherwise, all projects in the Partnering for Climate Change Adaptation Initiative are now active. Kerry and his team have pushed for the possibility of 1-year extensions so that projects may increase their timelines further than 2-3 years. This is particularly important for climate adaptation projects, and they will be looking to increase these timelines further in the next round of the initiative. **Kerry invited any agency looking to partner on climate adaptation to get in touch**; they are working with a great portfolio in Sub-Saharan African climate adaptation.

BMZ/GIZ

Florian Güldner updated the group from his position in GIZ as an economic development advisor to BMZ. BMZ's new strategy on sustainable economic development, training and employment was published in November 2023 ([in German](#)). The strategy puts strong focus on the social-ecological transformation of the economy and aims at redirecting the development cooperation portfolio towards more ecological and social sustainability. The strategy also emphasizes stronger support on economic policy for partner countries' governments.

UNIDO

Abu Saieed updated the group. UNIDO is planning a green industry summer school in late July which will consist of two phases: online and in-person. **He invites the GGWG as participants and as speakers**, with more information to come by end-March. UNIDO have also recently published [two policy sheets on green hydrogen for development](#).

Sida

Ingela Juthberg updated the group. The new Swedish government's reform agenda has now been communicated within Sida; there are seven thematic strands and it includes synergies between trade and development cooperation. One of these thematic strands focusses on climate related cooperation and development, including biodiversity, and another strand on jobs also contains a green component. It is currently only available in Swedish, but **Ingela will share the English language version when it is available**.

ITC

Ana Batalhone updated the group. At the macro level, ITC's 'Green Moonshot' strategy is in its third year of operation. The next two years of the strategy will build on the foundation of the work that has already been done. ITC is also focussing on decarbonisation and trade, particularly in relation to circular economy. They are also looking to integrate biodiversity further by mainstreaming language into the perspectives of the SMEs they work with.

ILO

Isaac Cowan-Gore provided a first update. He is also a member of the MSD WG, which has just finalised a [working draft of a green MSD in agriculture guide](#). Otherwise, Isaac is currently involved in a working group within the ILO on sector selection for decent work with a green dimension, involving representatives from different teams within the ILO. **He welcomes any insights on sector selection for green outcomes – please get in touch.**

Emi Mitani also provided an update. Her team is finalising a research study on Japanese SMEs experiences of decarbonisation, focussing on what they went through and what their needs for governmental support are. This involved interviews with the ministry of environment and ministry of economy, and trade unions. **She will circulate the report for input from the GGWG in due course.**

Mette Lund provided a final update from ILO. At the end of last year, a governing body approved a just transition action plan for the entire office, which is a step towards structuring green work and mainstreaming just transition principles. It may also be useful for others in strategy formulation periods.

AOB

Ella Duffy shared a new report from ECDPM: [The political economy of green industrialisation in Africa](#). **The authors are available to present on this topic – please do reach out to be connected.**

Melina Heinrich-Fernandes (DCED Secretariat) provided an update on the upcoming DCED Annual Meeting. **It will happen 3 – 6 June in Washinton DC, and the thematic day (5 June) is likely to have a focus on green PSD and climate change – please get in touch with any suggestions of topics or speakers you would like to see in the agenda. The GGWG can also meet in-person in DCED on 3 or 4 June.** The Secretariat will provide an update when more information is available, but please do save the dates.

Mette set out next steps for the work planning process going forwards; she and Ella will follow up with a summary and shortlist of topics from the Miro board.

Mette then thanked the group and closed the meeting.