



The Donor Committee for Enterprise Development

Green Growth Working Group (GGWG)

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Participants (18)

- Mette Grangaard Lund (ILO, Chair)
- Ana Patricia Batalhone (ITC)
- Daniel Nippard (ILO)
- Emi Mitani (ILO)
- Florian Güldner (BMZ/GIZ)
- Ingela Juthberg (Sida)
- Jan Wimaladharma (UK FCDO)
- Karen Suassuna (ITC)
- Kerry Max (Global Affairs Canada)
- Patrick Obonyo (IKEA Foundation)
- Paula Garcia (BMZ/GIZ)
- Philipp Ischer (SECO)
- Roos de Groot (NL MoFA)
- Yan Chen (BMZ/GIZ)
- Ella Duffy (DCED Secretariat)
- Melina Heinrich-Fernandes (DCED Secretariat)
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Apologies: Ragnhild Eitungjerde Høyvik (Norad), Md. Abu Saieed (UNIDO), Jonas Grunder (SECO)

Mette Lund (ILO, Chair) opened the meeting, reminding the group that the position of Co-Chair alongside her is still open. Please get in touch if you would like more information on Co-Chairing.

Update on work items

Green PSD Webinar Series

Yan Chen (BMZ/GIZ) provided a short context to her update; the first 2 webinars in the planned series on 'Navigating Green Private Sector Development' have happened, and have been popular. There are two further webinars being planned; one led by ILO colleagues on 'supporting companies go green' which is now being planned for early 2024, and another on sustainable finance being planned for early December. Yan suggested that a focus on biodiversity finance would be interesting for GIZ, and opened discussion on whether any other green finance angle should be included.

Jan Wimaladharma (UK FCDO) introduced himself to the group and suggested a focus on multilateral climate funds e.g., the [GCF](#) or [CIF](#). For example, a speaker could be engaged from the private sector facility of the GCF to speak on their private sector strategy and adaptation

projects and partnerships. **Jan offered to arrange an introduction and take this conversation forwards bilaterally.**

Yan also suggested that BMZ/GIZ would be interested in two further webinars, for example on circular economy. Paula Garcia (BMZ/GIZ) introduced herself as she will be taking forward this work on the webinar series once Yan moves project.

Patrick Obonyo (IKEA Foundation) also offered that he is also interested in the sustainable finance angle, and would gladly also be involved. He would like to learn from the GCF where they see gaps and opportunities for green finance. He also emphasized the IKEA Foundation's interest in circular economy, and would participate in any webinar on that.

Mette Lund (ILO) would also be interested in the circular economy angle, and suggested to include a just transition perspective, in line with discussions this year in the DCED GGWG, and ILO priorities.

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

Kerry Max (GAC) provided background on this work item and an update on progress that the Task Team has made; they have now kicked off the work with consultants who are in the initial research stage, and are recruiting volunteers for an advisory committee. Being a member of the advisory committee involves validating the Toolkit at various touchpoints through reviewing drafts and being part of two or three online workshops. **Ella Duffy (DCED Secretariat) will share a one-pager on this opportunity via email, and the Task Team invites anyone here, their colleagues, and partner organisations, to be involved.**

Mette Lund commented that she has already shared the opportunity with her Women's Economic Empowerment colleagues, and emphasized how important this piece of work is.

Green Industrial Policies and Just Transition Implications

Florian Güldner (BMZ/GIZ) updated the group; the Task Team completed terms of reference over the summer for a research report, and they are currently being processed internally at GIZ. He encouraged everyone here to recommend consultants and distribute the open tender in their networks when it is available.

Member agency updates (with a focus on COP28 preparations)

ITC

Ana Batalhone introduced her colleague Karen Suassuana and updated the group. Both Ana and Karen will be attending COP28 for the full duration; **please do get in touch bilaterally to meet up.** This is the second year that ITC will have a physical presence headed by their Executive General, and will be part of the Trade House pavilion also involving the WTO, UNCTAD, and ICC. As part of this, ITC will be hosting thematic discussions each day, and launching some new products. Beyond the pavilion, they will also be raising the voice of small

businesses by bringing in a delegation of small businesses from their projects and BDS organisations to speak about the work they do, and collaborate with others. **Ana emphasized that any organisation that would like to collaborate should get in touch via email.**

Other than COP, ITC have developed an [online tool for SMEs to assess their environmental performance over time](#). It is already online but will be officially launched at COP with a webinar to follow; **Ana will share invites to that in due course.** Secondly, ITC are continuing to mainstream green and environmental topics at the corporate level; they are in year two of a five-year plan that involves, for example, the new regulation that every ITC project must have something related to bioeconomy, climate or circular economy. **They would be interested in a session to share experiences on green mainstreaming, as they understand that other agencies here have similar strategies.**

GAC

Kerry Max introduced himself and updated the group. Kerry leads GAC's Partnering for Climate programme, which funds 16 different projects in SSA in nature-based solutions for climate adaptation, and has gender integrated throughout. All projects have now been approved, and 15 of the 16 formally announced. On nature-based solutions, he would encourage members to join the [Nature-Based Solutions for Climate and Biodiversity Community of Practice of the IISD](#) and recommends an [ecosystem-based adaptation online course](#) funded partly by Germany and the IUCN.

On COP28, he will not personally attend but his colleague Andrew Hearst would be keen to share perspectives on climate-related funds. Kerry recommends Session 428, on partnering for climate with the IISB.

IKEA Foundation

Patrick Obonyo introduced himself and updated the group. Patrick personally will not be at COP28 but his senior leadership team will be, and **he would be happy to make arrangements for members of the GGWG to meet.** At the IKEA Foundation, their new CEO has kickstarted new developments in funding more local organisations, for example in waste management and circular economy. They are looking into the gaps in financing and finding that ticket size is a problem; big tickets sizes are not suitable for small organisations. His team will publish a scoping report in 2024 on this, specifically looking at ticket sizes and the usefulness of circular economy platforms that act as intermediaries between small businesses and direct finance. **Patrick invited anyone with contacts at organisations that would benefit from financing to get in touch;** they are looking at the most impactful CSOs and local organisations. Internally at the IKEA Foundation, there are ongoing conversations on how to leverage resources from impact investors towards SMEs in climate adaptation and mitigation. There is existing finance, but they are looking to direct it to that 'missing middle'. Lastly, **Patrick commented that he would welcome bilateral conversations on any of the above, or for general introductions.**

Sida

Ingela Juthberg provided a brief update to the group. At Sida, they are still awaiting a new line of direction for development cooperation from the new government. She will not be at COP28 but **is happy to connect anyone interested to her colleagues that will be present in-person**; Sida's delegation will focus mainly on climate adaptation.

BMZ/GIZ

Florian Güldner introduced himself and updated the group. His GIZ project will not be present at COP28, but other BMZ and GIZ colleagues will be. In other news, they are planning the launch of a new thematic strategy on economic development (not yet available in English), and BMZ is planning a sustainability conference with UNDP and the city of Hamburg that will bring together government representatives to develop joint solutions for social and ecological transformations.

AOB

Daniel Nippard (ILO) shared that he is currently working on how to integrate just transition into Private Sector Development (PSD) programming, as part of the Sida-ILO Systems Change Initiative. His work focusses on how to operationalise just transition in the Market Systems Development (MSD) approach for PSD in terms of job creation and improvement of working conditions. He spoke briefly on an example of the role PSD programming could have in supporting a just transition in the textiles sector. **His team are currently seeking interviewees** to discuss understandings of just transition, organisational and departmental interest in integrating just transition into PSD portfolios, and what donors and development agencies would like to learn from any resulting final report. **Daniel will follow up with more information via email.**

Ella Duffy (DCED Secretariat) commented that the DCED's Market Systems Development Working Group have current work on greening MSD, so there may be synergies there. She also shared that the DCED's Business Environment Working Group would like to follow up with GGWG members on their work item on environmental regulations that was discussed in-person at the DCED Annual Meeting in Geneva, and they **invite any interested GGWG member to join their task team to drive that work. Ella will follow up with the scope of work over email, and anyone interested should get in touch.**

Mette Lund (ILO) thanked all participants and closed the meeting.