



The Donor Committee for Enterprise Development

## Green Growth Working Group (GGWG)

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### Participants

- Anastasia de Santos (USAID) – Co-chair
- Ozunimi Iti (UNIDO) – Co-chair
- Arjan de Haan (IDRC)
- Florian Güldner (BMZ/GIZ)
- Ingela Juthberg (Sida)
- Kerry Max (Global Affairs Canada)
- Mette Grangaard Lund (ILO)
- Nataly Olofinskaya (UNDP)
- Ella Duffy (DCED Secretariat)
- Jim Tanburn (DCED Secretariat)

**Apologies:** Jonas Grunder (SECO), Philipp Ischer (SECO)

### Member agency updates

#### GAC

Kerry Max updated the group. GAC continue with their partnering for climate finance initiative, with 300 million CAD for nature-based solutions (NBS) for climate adaptation. One fund focusses on Sub-Saharan Africa and another on solutions from indigenous peoples. The initial phase is complete, with 21 applicants now invited to submit proposals. The proposals received have been notably innovative. GAC also now run a NBS community of practice. On NBS, they now partner with [IISD](#) on an [online training course](#) with 2000 registrations, and will be running an event with them at COP15, hosted in Montreal in December. In this course, the wording is ‘eco-based approaches’ rather than NBS. This week, GAC will also be having their first formal conversation with Canadian organisations working in NBS.

#### ILO

Mette Grangaard Lund updated the group. ILO are also working on NBS, in terms of impacts on jobs, in collaboration with IUCN. A report is likely to be launched during COP27, as part of the first ever just transition pavilion. **Mette invited anyone that is attending COP27 in person to get in touch for collaboration opportunities.** Other topics ILO is working on are greening enterprises, decarbonisation and climate adaptation (with UN Global Compact). Over the last year they have been working with UN Global Compact on creating ‘business-minded’ briefing notes as part of the [Thinklab project](#). Topics include green finance, adaptation, renewable energy and supply chains, and they will be published soon. ILO also recently published a [report on renewable energy jobs](#) with IRENA, which includes the gender perspective. ILO have also been working with UNICEF, UNEP and a youth advisory group on a [green jobs for youth](#)

[pact](#), with a big focus on PSE and enterprise development. This has been soft launched already but will be officially launched at COP27.

### **GIZ/BMZ**

Florian Güldner updated the group. At BMZ, the minister has formulated 4 priorities going forward: Covid-19 consequences, pushing back poverty and hunger, just transition and feminist development policy. Within their sub-division on economy, Florian's team are currently working on strategy, particularly on how to integrate green issues into all four priorities. The economy subdivision also wants to emphasize macroeconomic policy rather than micro and meso. An example of what this will look like in practice is that they have created a policy forum for economic policy experts alongside the minister, with the first session this month on just transition.

In GIZ, they are starting a gender and just transition project with IISD. They are also working on a 'twin transition' – digital and green – scoping study, and on building economic evidence for green economy interventions. **Florian will share resources when available and invites others to connect on any topics he has mentioned.**

**Mette offered to send some ILO documents on gender and climate to Florian that might be helpful.**

### **UNDP**

Nataly Olofinskaya updated the group. UNDP generally focusses on public policy and PSE. Specific topics of current focus are sustainability and due diligence, nature-based financial disclosure, the pollution and waste sector (with UNEP), standards and due diligence in food systems, women climate entrepreneurs, climate adaptation in agriculture and SME support in crisis contexts, e.g., digital services for SMEs in Ukraine. UNDP's flagship sustainability hub currently focusses on the goal of 500 million people having access to clean energy in least developed countries. They are also expanding the network of UNDP accelerator labs to support innovation. There have been some successful innovative case studies recently in fisheries and ocean ecosystem conservation, and UNDP are on their third round of proposals from MSMEs, in collaboration with Sweden.

### **USAID**

Anastasia de Santos updated the group. USAID are preparing for COP27, and focusing on a just transition, particularly in the coal sector, e.g., through their Power Africa project with the African Power Corporation. They are also currently in conversation with UNDP's adaptation pipeline accelerator, supporting countries with adaptation requests. A new climate finance accelerator is also in the pipeline.

Mette (ILO) queried whether Anastasia and others would be at COP27 in person. No one present at this meeting will be, but Nataly's colleagues at UNDP will be there as part of the sustainable finance hub pavilion, **Nataly will follow up with Mette bilaterally.**

#### **UNIDO**

Ozunimi Iti updated the group. UNIDO will run an event with PAGE at COP27 but Ozunimi will not personally be present.

#### **IDRC**

Arjan de Haan offered an update from IDRC in the Zoom chat. He mentioned a virtual event hosted by IDRC and partner organisations, on 14 October (9am EST) that assesses progress on gender integration into low-carbon climate action and priorities for action to meet gender and climate commitments simultaneously. It is by invite only, so **Arjan invites anyone interested in joining to reach out bilaterally.**

#### **Presentation and discussion on a 'just transition' led by Mette Grangaard Lund (ILO)**

Mette presented ILO's definitions and thinking around the idea of a just transition. ILO have the only internationally agreed upon documents defining the phrase, which is growing in popularity.

Throughout the presentation, there was discussion on the rights-based and business case approaches of heat stress on productivity and health, following a question from Anastasia de Santos of USAID. There was also discussion, sparked by Kerry Max (GAC), on thinking about just transition on smaller time scales, ie., thinking about short term household incomes rather than in terms of working-life-years.

Following the presentation, Mette welcomed questions and discussion. Kerry queried whether ILO focus just on the energy sector, and asked about the inclusion of informal jobs in ILO's analyses. ILO also focus on jobs that depend on ecosystems, not just the energy sector. The energy sector is a good target as there are often counter-intuitive agendas, e.g., from unionised workers, to retain fossil fuel jobs, so the sector requires a proactive transition. Arjan de Haan (IDRC) also asked about the inclusion of informal jobs in ILO's statistics, particularly in the context of jobs under heat stress. Some ILO reports are helping build up data on this, but more is needed.

Ozunimi Iti (UNIDO) queried Mette on whether business leaders have been brought into ILOs processes on just transition, and Mette explained that ILO are working with Global Compact on doing this. Many businesses do also work on just transition, just not necessarily with the 'just transition' phrasing. Ozunimi also queried the inclusion of insurance in ILO's just transition work, as businesses in climate-vulnerable areas can struggle for finance or insurance because the risk is deemed too high. Mette assured the group that such conversations will be happening at COP27, as ILO sees this issue as part of climate adaptation.

**Mette offered to share some relevant resources bilaterally, and link Ozunimi up with ILO's climate finance team.**

Next steps following this discussion are for **everyone to think about specific topics within just transition that are most interesting to their agencies**, with the view to organising a whole-DCED discussion session in early 2023. Kerry proposed that possible angles may come out of insights from COP27 in November.

### **Work item updates**

#### **Women NBS**

Kerry Max (GAC) updated the group, as task team lead. After the unsuccessful tendering process last DCED-year, the Terms of Reference were revised. Potential consultancies have expressed interest in the revised work, and now the task team will review them and request proposals from a shortlisted few. **Kerry would welcome any help on this from members – reach out bilaterally if interested.**

#### **Green PSD Navigator – workshop series**

Florian Güldner (BMZ/GIZ) updated the group. Meetings with members of the GGWG to work out individual agency contributions to sessions are complete. Florian thanked Mette Grangaard Lund (ILO), Enrico Botta (OECD), IDRC colleagues and Etienne Kechichian (IFC). Yan Chen has emailed those involved with further information on the below.

Four webinars will be organised this calendar year, to happen early next year.

1. Expert-led session on the Green PSD navigator - Global CAD & GIZ.
2. Panel discussion on green and inclusive policy design with a focus on just transition – OECD, ILO & IDRC.
3. Meso level, focussing on companies going green – ILO.
4. Access to green finance for SMEs - OECD, GIZ.

Depending on interest, there are 3 further topics for 3 potential additional webinars:

5. The gendered dimension of the just transition.
6. Digitalisation and green growth ('twin transition') - OECD.
7. Data management - GGKP.

### **AOB**

Ozunimi Iti (UNIDO) opened AOB. Sida were invited to give an update but Ingela Juthberg responded that they will give one next meeting. Kerry Max (GAC) offered that the next meeting should focus on updates from COP27. Therefore, the next meeting should be in January. There was agreement.