



The Donor Committee for Enterprise Development

Green Growth Working Group (GGWG)

Minutes of Meeting, teleconference, 2 March 2020

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Participants*

- Steffen Felix (GIZ/BMZ) – Co-chair
- Ozunimi Iti (UNIDO) – Co-chair
- Annegret Brauss (ITC)
- Annsofie Aronsson (Sida)
- Arjan de Haan (IDRC)
- Enrico Botta (OECD)
- Etienne Kechichian (World Bank Group)
- Kerry Max (Global Affairs Canada)
- Nidal Mahmoud (World Bank Group)
- Philipp Ischer (SECO)
- Sophie von Wartburg (SDC)
- Amy Rice (DCED Secretariat)
- Jim Tanburn (DCED Secretariat)

*Note that some participants were unable to join for the whole meeting due to technical difficulties.

Update on Circular Economy Study

Nidal Mahmoud and Etienne Kechichian (World Bank Group) presented a status report on the Circular Economy (CE) study, outlining the project timeline, target countries, and outputs. The Group discussed the importance of non-economic considerations, such as environmental and social impacts, when calculating the value of CE approaches. Enrico Botta (OECD) shared insights from the OECD's work on [international trade and CE](#), highlighting the challenges caused by barriers to trade in secondary materials, and on [business models for CE](#). Etienne provided a brief summary of his call with the European Commission; the European Commission is conducting a study looking at how the EU can incentivise CE models in Africa and is keen to engage with the GGWG's CE work.

It was suggested that a series of meetings should be held to discuss each of the target countries in detail and facilitate the pooling of resources across the GGWG taskforce, the consultants, and in-country teams.

Action item: Etienne Kechichian will liaise with the Task Team to set up the next call with the consortium.

Preparing the 2020/21 Work Plan

Steffen Felix (GIZ/BMZ) recapped the GGWG's current Work Plan – gender-responsive green growth guidance (completed), webinar series (ongoing), and Circular Economy study (ongoing) – and proposed ideas for the next Work Plan:

1. *Continue webinar series with the Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP)*

It was agreed that this work item will be continued next year, with webinars organised as and when someone has work they'd like to share.

Taskforce: volunteers invited

2. *Internal presentations on members' work*

It was suggested that in addition to external webinars, there be the opportunity for members to present within the GGWG with a focus on sharing challenges and lessons learned around specific topics. It was agreed that facilitating this type of exchange is a key purpose of the GGWG and this should be added to the Work Plan.

Taskforce: volunteers invited

3. *Finalise the Circular Economy study*

It was agreed that this work item will remain in the Work Plan as intended.

Taskforce: Etienne Kechichian (World Bank Group), Annsofie Aronsson (Sida), Annegret Brauss (ITC), Steffen Felix (GIZ/BMZ)

4. *Overview of green economy approaches and tools*

Steffen Felix (GIZ/BMZ) presented a GIZ resource for field staff that brings together all of the green growth approaches and tools used by GIZ projects into a single PowerPoint document. It was suggested that a DCED version be produced that collates green growth projects and tools from all member agencies. It was agreed that this would be interesting and that budget will need to be allocated for a consultant to conduct the work.

Taskforce: Steffen Felix (GIZ/BMZ), volunteers invited

Action item: Steffen Felix will draft a 2020/21 Work Plan. Working Group members will share feedback on the draft with the Group and let Steffen Felix know which work items they are willing to help lead.

Agenda items for next meeting (June 2020, DCED Annual Meeting in Bern)

The next GGWG meeting will be on the afternoon of Wednesday 3 June at the DCED Annual Meeting. The main agenda items are agency updates and a presentation by the consultants on the Circular Economy study. Following the CE presentation, it was proposed that there be a discussion within the Group sharing challenges and lessons learned from implementing CE

projects. It was suggested as another agenda item that [GGKP](#) be invited to dial in to the meeting and share what they're working on.

Action item: Annegret Brauss (ITC) will consider how an exchange on member experiences around CE could be integrated into the meeting. Steffen Felix will contact GGKP and invite them to join and provide an input physically or virtually for the meeting.

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- Annsophie Aronsson (Sida) announced that she will be going on maternity leave in May. Her replacement has not yet been appointed, but when they are, Annsophie will introduce them to the Group.