



The Donor Committee for Enterprise Development

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The Annex at the end of this document summarises the main action points agreed during the meeting.

Implications of DCED moving to a 3 year Strategy

The 2012 DCED Annual Meeting agreed that the DCED should move to a three year strategy, around which DCED and Secretariat resources should be focused. Ashley Aarons noted that the ExCo and Secretariat were starting work on developing this strategy, which may focus on how the DCED can help make PSD programmes more effective, and that it could be useful for the GGWG to also start considering its longer term vision.

Kim Nguyen Van noted that the group's goal is to have green issues mainstreamed within PSD, and that specific activities, such as research or advocacy, could fit within this. Guidelines might also be possible in the future, e.g. in relation to the compendium currently being developed on green growth assessment and possible collaboration with the Business Environment Working Group (BEWG) on economic policy. Jim Tanburn suggested that the DCED has tended to set itself apart from other agencies by basing its work on relevant evidence, and that the GGWG could look at the evidence base for Green Growth. Kim Nguyen Van noted this could be valuable as the topic was new, and different agencies could look at their portfolios/areas of expertise for evidence, which could then be built upon into Green Growth best practice/toolkits. Kees van der Ree noted that though mainstreaming Green Growth was the long-term goal, mid-term goals would also be useful. These could be around helping test and develop successful green growth models, building up the evidence/best practice base and better agency collaboration on the ground. Arjan de Haan added that a longer term strategy should also include the group helping its members within their own agencies. Stefanie Reiher will develop a draft mid-term strategy for the group.

Agency Updates

The DCED/UN Global Compact report on policy measures for green and inclusive growth has been widely circulated by **GIZ/BMZ**, and considered by other groups such as the G20 track on Private Investment and Job Creation. GIZ is also beginning to plan two regional conferences in Asia and Africa with the Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP) for late 2012 and early 2013, and will keep the GGWG informed of how plans develop and if the GGWG can be represented at them.

The **ILO** is developing a Rio+20 follow-up plan of action to go before its governing body in November. This will include items such as support for partner capacity building and further Green Growth impact assessments, and external engagement to support the inclusion of decent work/social protection in

prospective Sustainable Development Goals. In addition to regular Green Growth trainings in Turin, a larger one-off staff training will be held in Nairobi in November.

The **OECD** draft report on Green Growth and developing countries will be completed in early 2013. Workshops and country group studies are planned to refine the report in line with country level needs. Guidance for donors is being developed on four themes: innovation, governance, gaining higher value out of natural capital and policy coherence. Guidance has also been recently produced on capacity building for environmental management, which Shannon Wang will disseminate to the group.

UNIDO is also following up on Rio+20, and more organisations are continuing to sign up to the Green Industry Platform. UNIDO completed its first training course on green industry, which was held partially online and in Budapest. A workshop will be held in late September in Ecuador on resource efficiency for a Green Economy/Green Growth.

The **IDRC** organised a workshop on Inclusive Growth and the Green Economy in Nairobi from 27-28 August, in particular for local think tanks. There was significant interest in Green Growth, especially on how the Green Growth agenda could be realised in national plans. Within a research-funding programme on climate change/adaptation focusing on Africa, several grants will be available for research on Green Growth.

The **EC** is looking at piloting a programme in Africa, similar to its Switch Asia programme, and is interested to know about similar programmes by other agencies in Africa. Further information will be shared with the group.

The DCED/**UN Global Compact** report on policy measures for green and inclusive growth is now on the Business for Development and the Environment sections of the UNGC website. The Global Compact Korea Network, the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Korean Overseas Development Cooperation Agency and other Korean stakeholders, have set up a new initiative, the Development Partnership Korea, which aims to provide a platform for Korean stakeholders to discuss ways in which they can better utilize public-private partnerships in support of the Korean Government's overseas development assistance.

GGWG event at the International Business Forum

A draft concept note has been distributed. The event will include a panel debate with South African entrepreneurs, looking at the business environment in South Africa. A number of entrepreneurs have expressed interest in joining the panel. Srey Bairiganjan, World Resource Institute, will compare South African views with those of Indian entrepreneurs expressed at the GGWG event at Rio+20. Development agency representatives, including possibly Petra Schwager, and a South African government representative will also take part. Attendance is likely to be around 200 people, mainly business representatives.

Turin Expert Meeting

An event flyer has been finalised and distributed. The event aims for 50/60 participants, in particular representatives from development agencies, partner countries and research organisations. GGWG members are very welcome, and it would be useful if members helped advertise the event. Areas of focus for the event include Green Economy scoping studies, Green Jobs assessments and Green Value Chains, respectively led by UNEP, ILO and GIZ. The ILO is looking at what country case studies it might focus on, including possibly Kenya or Mexico. GIZ have distributed their diagnostic summary, and Ashley Aarons and Kees van der Ree will start to create a compendium of diagnostics summaries.

Next Meeting

The next GGWG meeting will be provisionally 31 October 2012 in Turin 9am CET (Central European Time)

Annex: Summary of Action Points Agreed

	What?	By Whom?	By When?
1.	Contact Lasse Møller, DANIDA, about collaboration with the BEWG	Kim Nguyen Van	asap
2.	Develop and circulate draft mid-term strategy	Stefanie Reiher	25/09/12
3.	Disseminate to the group OECD guidance on capacity building for environmental management	Shannon Wang	asap
4.	Distribute further information on IDRC's climate change/adaptation research programme	Arjan de Haan	asap
5.	Share information on possible EC pilot programme in Africa	Jens Fugl	asap
6.	Collate upcoming Green Growth training	Ashley Aarons	asap
7.	Provide contact details for colleagues in South Africa for event at IBF	Kees van der Ree, Deniz Ozturk	asap
8.	Advertise Turin Expert Meeting	Secretariat, all members	asap
9.	Develop draft compendium of diagnostics summaries	Ashley Aarons, Kees van der Ree	25/09/12