

Green Growth Working Group (GGWG)

Minutes of Meeting, 16 October 2017

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Participants

- Alexander Oppermann (GIZ) , Naeeda Crishna Morgado (OECD), Co-Chairs
- Annsofie Aronsson (Sida)
- Etienne Kechichian (IFC)
- François-Philippe Dubé, Zahir Meghji (Global Affairs Canada)
- Jonathan Coony (World Bank)
- Karin Isaksson (ILO)
- Philippe Ischer (SECO)
- Sebastian Homm (GIZ)
- Tim Scott (UNDP)
- Jim Tanburn, Nick Wilson (DCED Secretariat)

Agency update

Four new Working Group participants introduced themselves. Jonathan Coony (World Bank), Etienne Kechichian (IFC), Philippe Ischer (SECO) and Sebastian Homm (GIZ) were welcomed to the group by the Co-chairs.

- Naeeda Crishna Morgado began, with an overview of the **OECD's** current work on mechanisms to mobilise private investment on the SDGs. The OECD-DAC will shortly publish its blended finance principles, which will help to guide members to ensure impact. The ENVIRONET will be meeting this week, discussing the role of regional/sub-regional banks. The network will also be discussing fragility (see work item below).
- Karin Isaksson gave an overview of **ILO's** current work on "just transitions". The Green Jobs Unit has been working on this from an environmental perspective, but the work contains several cross-cutting themes (on e.g. gender and social dialogue). Next year, the ILO's flagship report will be on the greening of jobs (see AOB section). The ILO's Director General recently launched a world commission on the future of work, co-chaired by the Swedish PM. This commission will deliver in one year's time. Energy, the green agenda, transitions will be included (along with other, more general topics).
- Annsofie Aronsson gave an overview of **Sida's** recently released publications on Green Economy Information Brief and Dialogue Support for a Green Economy. These documents are available on the DCED's green growth knowledge page: <https://www.enterprise-development.org/implementing-psd/green-growth/#KeyDocuments>
- Etienne Kechichian spoke about the **IFC's** work on creating markets for climate businesses report. This is due to be published in November, and will be presented at a launch event in Delhi, India.

- Tim Scott stated that **UNDP** continues to support Green Growth through a number of global initiatives, as well as through 140 Country Offices. This includes: the Green Commodities Programme, and the new Good Growth Partnership. UNDP is also working more closely with PAGE and the UNEP-UNDP Poverty-Environment Action for SDGs, as well as focussing on its Private Sector work including the Business Call to Action and Inclusive Market Development programme.
- Philippe Ischer gave an overview of **SECO**'s work on the UN's PAGE programme. He also highlighted the agency's ongoing work on supporting carbon markets in the developing world.
- Alexander Oppermann introduced the work of BMZ/GIZ. There are two important upcoming events. The first of these is a conference on impact investing in Berlin in November. The second is the UN's COP23 for which GIZ will be organising a side-event on private sector adaptation to climate change. GIZ has also recently been focussing on the role of climate change adaptation and also on green entrepreneurship.

Update on the dissemination of the GG/BE report

The first item on the agenda was the dissemination of the report on synergies between the green growth and business environment. This was part of the group's 2016/2017 work plan and was completed in June 2017. It has been uploaded to [the DCED website](#). It has also been publicised on several websites, such as the Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP). However, working group members had agreed that they would take further steps to disseminate this knowledge product, in order to ensure that the best possible uses were made of it.

Members agreed to contact the GGKP in order to take part in a webinar series that they have. Alexandra Oppermann stated that GIZ will take the lead in liaising with the GGKP, and Karin Isaksson agreed to help with this and explore organising an internal webinar within the ILO on the report.

Next steps: Alexandra Oppermann will write a concept note for a webinar, and share with the group for their comments.

Work item: Series of webinars

Naeeda Crishna Morgado introduced the first of two work items from the group's 2017/2018 work plan. This item would be a series of webinars on the approaches used to mainstream climate change and inclusive green growth within member agency organisations. The group discussed what the form and content of this webinar would be. Karin Isaksson, Ann Sofie Aronsson, and Alexandra Oppermann all indicated that they would be willing to present their agencies' work on these areas. Working group members also discussed the ways in which lessons learned from this exercise could be presented, perhaps in the form of a short report of takeaways after the webinar.

Next steps: the Secretariat will work with Naeeda Crishna Morgado and Ann Sofie Aronsson to define the best way to proceed on this item. This may take the form of drafting ToR for a consultant to organise and moderate the webinars.

Work item: Scoping Study on Green Growth in Fragile and Conflict-affected States –
Presentation of draft ToR

Alexandra Oppermann gave an overview of the draft ToR for this work item. The five principle responsibilities for a consultant would be:

- (1) Identify and screen recent publications covering the topic of supporting “inclusive and green growth in fragile and conflict affected countries”, to see if and how the topic has been covered through research/academia and other sources.
- (2) Develop an analytical framework for the screening and analysis of the member agencies’ PSD project portfolio.
- (3) Screen the GGWG member agencies project portfolio for interventions that aim at supporting inclusive and green growth as part of PSD programs.
- (4) Conduct a quantitative analysis on the amount of PSD programs that aim at supporting inclusive and green growth in fragile and conflict-affected states.
- (5) Conduct a qualitative analysis of a sample selection of PSD programs implemented in fragile and conflict-affected settings.

Participants discussed the various methods of data-gathering that could be used in answering the above questions. Participants discussed the most useful data-sources, including the use that should be made of the OECD’s DAC database. Phillipe Ischer noted that the group should try to be consistent and precise with its definition of FCAS.

Next steps: Alexandra Oppermann will draft a new version of the ToR, taking into account the group’s discussion. Working group members will provide any further input in writing before 30th October 2017.

AOB

- **Document sharing:** the group agreed to explore other options for sharing documents between group members. An online hosting system was judged to be preferable to sharing documents via email, because of its larger size limits and version control features. The Secretariat agreed to set up a folder on Google docs, for use on a trial-basis.
- **ILO report:** Karin Isaksson will liaise internally with her colleagues who are working next year’s report. She will present the group’s work, and report back if further input is required from the GGWG.
- **Next meeting:** participants agreed to schedule a meeting in the first quarter of 2018. Participants decided that a physical meeting would be preferable to a teleconference for this meeting. Alexandra Oppermann stated that GIZ would be able to host the group in February at one of the organisation’s facilities in Germany (either in Bonn, Berlin, or Frankfurt).