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

Agency Updates

The **OECD** is completing its report on GG and Developing Countries, which will be launched at the second annual GGKP Annual Conference hosted by the OECD in Paris, 4-5 April 2013. Two country studies on Inclusive GG in Ethiopia and Cambodia will be further developed during 2013. In collaboration with the AfDB, a regional workshop on enabling GG in Africa was held in Zambia 15/16 January 2013. OECD DAC is finalising policy guidance for development agencies across four GG themes: innovation, governance, gaining higher value out of natural capital and policy coherence. An event was recently held with the Chilean Ministry of Environment workshop on Measuring the Potential of Green Growth in Chile. Work on a collaborative report with the GGWG on green skills development by the private sector in India, as part of its platform with the ILO 'Employment and Skills Strategies in Southeast Asia platform', is ongoing despite some issues over current interview quality.

An **ILO** industry analysis on green construction in Zambia, which goes beyond the value chain approach to look industry wide, is ongoing. An inter-agency workshop on 'Employment and Social Inclusion in a green Economy' will take place on 4-5 March 2013. This has been postponed from October, and the focus now includes the implementation of policies by partner governments in addition to opportunity assessment tools. The event is being led by ILO, as part of the new post Rio+20 inter-UN agency initiative, Partnership for Action in the Green Economy PAGE (PAGE) and also follows up on the work of the GGWG. There will also be a separate inter-agency working group meeting on 'Greening TVET and Skills Development for the World of Work' 6 March 2013

UNIDO is continuing its support for green industry, and is reviewing policy advice for the Indian government on moving to a low carbon economy. Phase 2 is ongoing on UNIDO's green industry project in Vietnam. A large Green Industry event will be held in Paris in February with high level government involvement. UNIDO is also active in PAGE

IDRC with the Institute for Economic Affairs Kenya supported a workshop on Inclusive Growth and the Green Economy in Nairobi 27-28 August 2012, in particular for local researchers. A similar event is planned for South Asia later in 2013 with South Asia Watch on Trade and the Environment, focusing more on industry and business.

Danida Development Days will be held 28-29 May in Copenhagen and will mirror Danida's new strategy 'Right to a Better Life', which takes both Green Growth and Human Rights Based Approaches. Danida is also working on a development strategy framework on natural resources, energy, and climate. Danida is also working on a Doing Agriculture Index/Agricultural Transformation Index with the WB, USAID, DFID, the Netherlands and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

UNGC key initiatives include its Caring 4 Climate platform and its CEO Water Mandate. For the former, CEOs need to endorse and implement a Caring 4 Climate statement. 400 companies are currently supporting it, and an event was held jointly with UNEP on 5 December 2012 in Doha at COP18, while the latter recently launched a Water Action Hub. In support of the UN Secretary General's Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) initiative, the UNGC launched sectoral level business cases for private sector support at Rio+20 and is now trying to mobilise businesses behind SE4All. On 5-7 March the 5th Equality Means Business Forum event will be held jointly with UN Women in New York, focusing this year on how businesses can create an inclusive environment, while there may also be an African private sector forum held with the AU. The Leaders Summit of the top executives of all Global Compact participants and other stakeholders will take place in New York 19-20 September 2013.

The Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development was set up by UNDP and the Government of Turkey to support the development of inclusive markets, foster private sector engagement and become a centre of excellence for Trilateral/ South to South cooperation. It is working with the Istanbul Municipality to support the dissemination of green technology, and is also active in supporting food security.

GIZ has conducted a study on "Promoting Eco-Innovations in Partner Countries of German Development Cooperation" which takes reference from approaches to foster Eco-Innovations in Germany. It is also working with the GGKP on regional practitioner's workshops with one focused on Asia planned for Jakarta in May, an event in Africa in October, and possibly in collaboration with UNEP, a further event focused on Latin America. The workshops aim to (i) build capacity to utilize green growth policy tools in developing countries; (ii) enable south-south knowledge exchange; and (iii) increase linkages between the GGKP and researchers from developing countries. A new study has been completed with the Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) in India on Environmental Fiscal Reforms in India. Further research is ongoing on the role of the private sector in climate change adaptation.

GGWG Three Year Strategy

Ashley Aarons outlined the key points of his recent review of inputs into the GGWG three year strategy. This brings together inputs from the recent strategy meeting in Turin, previous inputs, in particular from GIZ, and responses to the strategy questionnaire. Together these showed that members found the GGWG very valuable in particular across knowledge sharing, knowledge generation and advocacy, though the latter two especially require focus. However the GGWG is limited by its resources, in particular the available time of members, and activities should be focused, while money available from the work plan for the group could be used to sub-contract some activities.

The review of inputs was broadly supported by the group, while additional activities were discussed. It was suggested that as agencies have more experience implementing GG activities, it could be possibly to start considering ways to catalogue agency work and bring together emerging best practice. This was the approach being taken by current GGWG work to develop a compilation of agency diagnostics. Further work in this direction could be agreed on at the next GGWG meeting, as could be additional work on a specific innovative theme of importance to members. These could be sub-contracted out with the funds available to the GGWG as agreed in its work plan. Kim Nguyen Van will write up proposals for this work for the next GGWG meeting. Work should also start to enhance knowledge sharing. The Secretariat will look into how to support this, such as through adding more relevant news and resources on its website and exploring the use of further tools such as wikis. The

success of such tools, though, also relies on members' actively contributing. Kim Nguyen Van will develop a draft three year strategy for the next GGWG meeting.

Further GGWG Business

Kees Van der Ree noted that the compilation of diagnostics is aimed to be an input into the inter-agency workshop on 'Employment and Social Inclusion in a green Economy', and will be sent around the GGWG before the event. Due to differences between approaches, the compilation will be less focused and more a collation of agency work.

The workshop planned for Istanbul on inclusive and green businesses will focus on the MENA region, and also synthesis findings from the other events in the series. It may though be postponed towards late 2013.

AOB and Next Meeting

The next meeting will provisionally be held 6 March 2013 in Turin. The GGKP Annual Conference 4-5 April in Paris provides the potential for a subsequent or alternative meeting if required.

Annex: Summary of Action Points Agreed

	What?	By Whom?	By When?
1.	Distribute information on upcoming GGKP Annual Meeting	Cristina Martinez	Done
2.	Distribute information on the recent Zambia workshop and OECD DAC draft policy guidance	Shannon Wang	Asap
3.	Distribute study on GG in Sub-Saharan Africa, research with TERI and Asia regional workshop agenda	Kim Nguyen Van	Asap
4.	Disseminate information on relevant upcoming inter-agency events	Kees Van Der Ree	Done
5.	Distribute report on workshop in Kenya	Edgard Rodriguez	Done
6.	Disseminate further information on relevant Danida activities	Henrik Vistisen	Done
7.	Write up proposals for new activities	Kim van Nguyen	20/2/2013
8.	Explore enhancing knowledge sharing capacity of GGWG	Ashley Aarons	20/2/2013
9.	Draft GGWG three year strategy	Kim van Nguyen	20/2/2013
10.	Finalise diagnostics compilation and circulate to the GGWG	Kees Van Der Ree	20/2/2013