



### Peru

- In September 2017, an **executive summary of the report [Peru's Green Growth: Quantitative assessment of green policies in selected sectors of the economy](#)** has been published, with the support of the Ministry of Environment. The report will be presented by the Minister of Environment to Congress and Ministers. A broader dissemination strategy has been developed in order to reach other targeted audiences (private sectors, workers organizations, civil society, academy, international cooperation, etc).
  - In early September, PAGE Peru launched a **mapping exercise to determine the progresses made towards implementing the SDGs in Peru**. The mapping is informed by a series of interviews with PAGE key partners, such as the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Production, and the Ministry of National Forest and Wildlife Service, as well as 10 public sector agencies. The mapping will inform the 2018 national work plan and the long term sustainability strategy. The preliminary results of the study will be presented in the Technical Committee meeting by the end of October.
  - Peru will host the next **National Steering Committee meeting** at the end of October. It will gather the five core Ministries supporting PAGE, GGGI, and several new representatives in the committee, including the Ministry of Economy and Finance, the National Strategic Planning Center, the National Information and Statistics Institute, PAGE Funding Partners' local representation, GIZ and Swiss international cooperation. The focus of the meeting will be the 2018 work plan and the sustainability strategy. These documents will serve as part of a roadmap that will be presented in a PAGE high level meeting, with Ministries and donors, by the end of the year.
- The **National Green Growth Strategy** is being developed with the support of PAGE. The strategy is cross-sectoral effort to promote and articulate green growth policies, developed in partnership with the Ministry of Economy and Finance and the Ministry of Environment. The document is aligned with the SDG's:
    - 8 - Decent Work and Economic Growth,
    - 9- Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure,
    - 11- Sustainable Cities and Communities,
    - 12- Responsible Consumption and Production and
    - 13- Climate Action.
  - PAGE has been supporting the finalization of the **Teleworking National Strategy** with the support of the Ministry of Labour and Employment Promotion, the Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Poblations, the Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion, the National Council of People with Disabilities, representatives of the private sector such as Confederación Nacional de Instituciones Empresariales Privadas, Repsol Group and Intercorp Group. The Teleworking National Strategy aims at reducing the environmental footprint of workers' daily transport and office occupation, while promoting the inclusion of women and people with disabilities in the world of work, providing them with decent work opportunities.

Two workshops were organized by the Ministry of Labour and Employment Promotion. The first workshop was held on August 21<sup>st</sup> to identify the challenges and potential areas for improvement of the policy. The second workshop took place on September 11<sup>th</sup>, to validate the draft National Teleworking Policy, along with private sector and workers organizations, prior to proceeding with the public consultation.

The Teleworking National Strategy is aligned with SDG's:

- 5- Gender Equality,
  - 8- Decent Work and Economic Growth,
  - 10- Reduced Inequalities, and
  - 11- Sustainable Cities and Communities.
- The PAGE team held two **meetings with the coordinator of the Programme "Impulsa Peru"** of the Ministry of Labour and Employment Promotion. The main objective is to explore potential opportunities for joint work in the following areas: labour certifications and trainings for green jobs and new jobs (digital economy, Green Economy...), and to strengthen a pilot project in northern Peru affected by floods in February 2017, in order to reinstall capacities of independent workers and entrepreneurs and promote green jobs.
  - The PAGE team and the National Forest and Wildlife Service presented a **joint proposal to Euroclima+** aimed at strengthening, improving and replicating the "Forest Model" in Peru and promoting a regional dialogue with neighbor countries.
  - In September, PAGE **met with two communication partners**, Corresponsables and Libelula on communication around green economy in Peru.
  - PAGE presented at several national events in the past month, including: [a seminar on SDG 8 at the Ministry of Labour](#); an event on Responsible Public Procurement (led by OSCE and Ministry of Labour); and at an event on the role of civil society in the fight against deforestation, supported by Norad.
  - PAGE participated in new **Green Industry Forum** hosted by the Ministry of Production, held on October 11th.

### Mongolia

- PAGE and the Ministry of Construction and Urban Planning are working on **integrating green economy and sustainability concepts into the national policy in the construction and building sector**. The main goal is to better reflect and enforce green building concepts in coding system and standards. It is expected

that the policy will be approved by the government.

- The Policy brief [Turning Challenges into Opportunities Lessons Learned and Policy Recommendations from the PAGE](#) is now available online. The brief **incorporates** key findings from all PAGE activities reports in Mongolia including **Green Economy policy assessment, Green jobs, Green building, Green Economy learning and sustainable financing**.
- On 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> September, [the PAGE Steering Committee Meeting and Sustainability week](#) took place, which included a sustainable public procurement workshop, green economy and trade workshop, a Mongolian universities for sustainable development workshop, PAGE Donor Steering Committees meetings, and bilateral meetings with stakeholders. The PAGE Steering Committee Meeting and Sustainability week was also an opportunity for Mongolia to meet with delegates from Norway, Finland and South Korea to discuss the PAGE outputs in Mongolia and sustainability beyond 2017.
- The workshop on education ["Mongolian universities for sustainable development"](#) has catalyzed further action in the green economy learning workstream.

**Funding partners** such as the Asian Development Bank-Higher education reform project was **invited to the Education workshop** Work towards integrating **green economy concepts into the university curriculum** will advance with a Training of Trainers on modelling. The participating institutions for the training include the Economics lecturers' team of the National University of Mongolia, the State University of Life Science, the University of Economics and Finance, and the Ministry of Finance.

PAGE is planning to support **establishment of partnership of national universities for sustainability**. A memorandum of understanding was signed between the National University of Commerce and Business

and the Golomt Bank to establish a Students' Green Initiatives Fund.

- During the PAGE Sustainability week, the **report *Employment in the environmental sector and green jobs* was published and disseminated**, with the support of the National Statistical Office of Mongolia. This report will inform policymakers about the current state of green jobs and will influence policies on skills and labor relations.
- A green economy and sustainable development training for Orkhon and Dornogovi aimag government officials was held in August 2017. PAGE is supporting efforts to develop Orkhon and Dornogovi aimags' development policies up to 2025.
- The national policies in Mongolia are intending to achieve SDGs:
  - 4- Quality education
  - 8- Decent work and economic growth by promoting green jobs,
  - 11- Sustainable cities and communities,
  - 12- Responsible consumption and production and
  - 17- Partnerships for the goals

Some initiatives such as the T21 modelling work is transversally aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals 8, as it will lead to continuous use of the model for policy analysis and assessment, and 4, as it will strengthen national capacities for quality education and research.

- On 8<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> September, a **training for Inclusive Green Economy (IGE) on T21 Modelling** took place, jointly with the Ministry of Finance, the National University of Mongolia and PAGE's support.
- **Mongolia hosted a delegation from Kyrgyz Republic for South-South Cooperation on green economy policy development and implementation.** A delegation from Mongolia will attend the Green Economy Forum in Kyrgyz Republic next month.

- **PAGE work was highlighted in national media** following a Press conference held on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Watch the video [here](#).

### South Africa

- On September 27<sup>th</sup>, the **National Steering Committee** was convened, with participation from all National Steering Committee members, four ministries and five agencies. The meeting focused on planning for and endorsement of the 2018 PAGE South Africa work plan.
  - On September 29<sup>th</sup>, The National Coordinator participated in a **roundtable on alignment between Sustainable Development Goals and the Nationally Determined Contributions**, convened by German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) in South Africa. The roundtable discussion brought together the Department of Environmental Affairs branches working on climate change and sustainable development.
- PAGE support for national policies on green economy are focused on SDGs:
  - 13- Climate Action and
  - 16- Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.
- On September 5<sup>th</sup>, an **inception meeting on mainstreaming green jobs in South Africa's** Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS) was held. The national agency Stats SA affirmed its support for developing and piloting a green jobs module in the Quality Labour Force Survey in 2018.
- On 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> September, Zambia hosted the first **["Africa Forum on Private Sector Inclusive Green Growth and Decent Green Job Creation"](#)**. This event was jointly organized by the Finnish-funded Zambia Green Jobs Programme, the Government of Zambia and the Government of Finland, in collaboration with the International Training Centre of the ILO and the ILO Green Jobs Programme. Thematic and sectoral discussions addressed the challenges faced

when implementing the Sustainable Development Goal 8 could when private sector and governments join forces to develop markets for green growth and job creation. Parallel sessions focused on macroeconomic and fiscal policies, social protection for informal and rural economy, sustainable construction or green industry. The Forum convened 150 business, policy-makers, social partners and development practitioners from more than 25 countries in Africa and elsewhere, including representatives from PAGE South Africa. PAGE South Africa delegates contributed to the knowledge sharing by featuring research products and policy-oriented work in the field of Macroeconomic and Fiscal Policies, and Green Industry and Trade

- South Africa presented the [summary of the South Africa Green Economy Industry and Trade Analysis \(SA-GEITA\) report](#) during a knowledge sharing sessions featuring Green Industry and Trade at the event in Zambia. On 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September, the findings were also presented at the Third biennial Industrial Efficiency Conference in the National Cleaner Production Centre South Africa, in Cape Town, under the theme: “Transition to a low carbon economy”. Sharing these findings has been an opportunity to support the development of the climate-compatible industrial development focus in the 2017 edition of South African’s Industrial Policy Action Plan, which is aligned with SDGs:
  - 8 - Decent Work and Economic Growth,
  - 9- Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, and
  - 12- Responsible Consumption and Production.
- **South Africa will be partnering with the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ)** in the upcoming National Green Economy Academy in South Africa.
- South Africa’s work on **capacity development** for improved inclusive green economy implementation is aligned with SDGs:
  - 4-Quality Education,
  - 8- Decent Work and Economic Growth,
  - 13- Climate Action,

- 16- Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, and
- 17-Partnerships for the Goals.

- In October, a **meeting with the Swiss international cooperation-State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)** is scheduled to provide updates on PAGE activities.

### Brazil

- On August 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, a **meeting with agency and government partners took place in Mato Grosso** to finalize the country Logframe and the Workplan for mid-2017 – mid-2018. About 30 participants attended.
- The outcomes, outputs and activities foreseen in the PAGE Mato Grosso Logframe will contribute to SDGs:
  - 1- No Poverty,
  - 2- Zero Hunger,
  - 6- Clean Water and Sanitation,
  - 7- Affordable and Clean Energy,
  - 8- Decent Work and Economic Growth,
  - 10- Reduced Inequalities,
  - 11- Sustainable Cities and Communities,
  - 13- Climate Action, and
  - 17- Partnerships for the Goals.

More concretely, the policies on small farming, renewable energies, sustainable tourism, land use planning and forest conservation and recovery will contribute to the achievement of the SDGs 1, 2, 7, 8, 11 and 13. In relation to the capacity-building policies that Mato Grosso is implementing with PAGE’s support, they will contribute to the achievement of SDGs 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13 and 17.

### Burkina Faso

- UN Environment is liaising with the Millennium Institute on the **design of a basic training on System Dynamics** – Green Economy Modelling.
- UNITAR is currently working with University of Ouagadougou II (CEDRES) on the **elaboration of the Green Economy learning needs and capacities assessment**.

- An inter-agency call took place 3<sup>rd</sup> of October where all UN PAGE partner agencies presented their progress on their respective activities in Burkina.
- The recruitment process for PAGE's national coordinator has been finalized and the selected candidate is expected to start in October 2017.

### Mauritius

- The Government of Mauritius is working towards the **implementation of the Marshall Plan against poverty**, which is aligned towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goal 1- No Poverty, by working for the absolute eradication of poverty in the country.
- Discussions with the Civil Service College have been held aiming to **undertake the Green Economy learning needs assessment**. Moreover, discussions with the Stock Exchange of Mauritius have taken place in order to develop the **Green Bonds Programme in Mauritius**.
- The Ministry of Finance and Economic Development is working on a project of **tracking public environment expenditure**, which supports the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goal 13- Climate Action. The expected outcome would be a more efficient use of government funds for climate mitigation and adaptation. The Tracking of Public Environment Expenditure project is planning to train finance officers in the coming weeks.
- PAGE has received an indication of support and interest for a concept note on Green Business Opportunities in Mauritius, submitted to the Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives and the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
- The Rodrigues Regional Assembly also expressed interest in working with PAGE for the transformation of the Rodrigues into an ecological island.