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March 5 – Thematic Breakout Session 09:30 - 11:00

Using indicators to guide the transition to a Green Economy

Organizer: UNEP

1. Background

At the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), countries recognized that indicators are a necessary means to assess progress towards the achievement of the sustainable development goals. In the conference's outcome document "The Future We Want", parties invited governments to "improve knowledge and statistical capacity on job trends, developments and constraints and integrate relevant data into national statistics, with the support of relevant UN agencies within their mandates".

The Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) aims at providing a comprehensive suite of green economy services that will enable countries to transform their national economic structures to meet the growing demands and challenges of the 21st century. Among these, PAGE will develop a set of global and sectoral indicators for national green economy assessments. Measuring progress on such a complex and multi-dimensional change as the transition to green economy, and identifying the relevant indicators, are challenging tasks. Recently, there has also been some effort to unify the experiences of four international agencies (UNEP, World Bank, OECD and GGGI) cooperating under the framework of the Green Growth Knowledge Platform. They published a joint paper, "Moving towards a common approach on green growth indicators" (2013), to agree on an analytical framework and a set of indicators to monitor green growth and green economy.

2. Purpose of the Session

The overall theme addressed by the session is "Using indicators to guide the transition to a Green Economy". This session will outline the different frameworks and initiatives to measure the transition to a green economy. The purpose is for the different actors – international organisations and countries – to share their experiences, lessons learned and good practices in terms of indicators. The multiplicity of the potential approaches to metrics for green economy will be represented: UNEP's framework for green economy indicators, the new joint GGKP framework, and other national concepts and initiatives, such as Thailand's "Sufficiency economy", Bolivia's "Good living", and China's "Ecological Civilization", which were presented at the South-South cooperation project in Nairobi in November 2013.



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Drawing from interaction among panellists and participants, the session has the following objectives:

- Share state-of-the art knowledge, good practices, and identify front runners
- Identify key action, actors and institutions to harness new opportunities
- Explore measures for scaling up learning and knowledge sharing

In addressing the overall theme and objectives, the session is guided by the following questions:

1. What are the lessons learned and best practices from countries' experience in developing and using indicators for a green economy?
2. The various bottlenecks faced when developing and using indicators are well-known (data constraints, lack of statistical capacity, low quality of data...). What actions and initiatives are countries currently undertaking to address these bottlenecks?
3. What additional efforts would be needed to improve the quality, relevance and practicality of indicators for a green economy?

3. Methodology and Structure

The Session lasts for 90 minutes. During the first 45 minutes, following a brief introduction by the Co-chairs, a moderated and interactive panel discussion will take place which is introduced by two 5 minutes "setting-the-scene" statements/short presentations. Following the presentations, 3 other panellists will express their perspective on the issue and/or provide discussant comments. The moderated discussion then proceeds to address specific questions.

During the remaining 45 min, the moderator will extract and open for discussion what he/she has heard on the three themes/objectives of the session. At the end, the co-chairs will summarize relevant discussions and suggest 2-3 key take-home messages emerging from the Session.



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4. Agenda, Moderators and Speakers/Panellists

Co-Chairs Introduction: (3 minutes each)

- Mr Stephen Wainaina, Economic Secretary, Ministry of Devolution and Planning of Kenya
- Facilitator: Professor Laszlo Pinter, Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy, Central European University, Hungary, and Senior Fellow and Associate at International Institute for Sustainable Development

Introductory Statement: (5 minutes)

- Mr Pablo Montes Goitia, Coordinator of the National Portfolio of Environmental Projects, National Bureau of the Environment, Ministry of Housing, Land Planning and Environment of Uruguay
- Professor Niramon Sutummakid, Associate Professor, Economics Faculty, Thammasat University, Thailand

Panel discussion:

- Dr Hoseok Kim, Principal Economist, Head of Green Growth Methodology, Global Green Growth Institute
- Dr Matteo Pedercini, Director of Modelling and Capacity Development, Millennium Institute
- Dr Pushpam Kumar, Chief, Ecosystem Services Economics Unit, Division of Environment Programme Implementation, United Nations Environment Programme

5. Publications to be launched

- "Using Indicators for Green Economy Policy Making"
- "Guidance manual for green economy policy assessment" (forthcoming)
- "A practitioner's guide to green economy modelling tools" (forthcoming)
- "Exploring the Feasibility of an Inclusive Green Economy Index" (forthcoming)

UNITAR's work, training modules and e-courses will be showcased.



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