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About PAGE In March 2015, South Africa joined the global programme, Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE), a United Nations (UN) programme which brings together the expertise of five UN agencies: United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment), International Labour Organization (ILO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) to support nations and regions in addressing one of the most pressing challenges of the 21st century i.e., transforming economies into drivers of sustainability and social equity.

The PAGE Programme was launched in 2013, and is a direct response by the UN system to the 2012 Rio+20 Declaration, "The Future we Want". The key objective of PAGE is to provide assistance to interested countries through a comprehensive and coordinated package of technical assistance and capacity building services that are aligned with sustainability objectives.



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in South Africa PAGE is partnering with the South African government, through the Departments of Environmental Affairs, of Economic Development, of Trade and Industry and of Science and Technology, to put sustainability at the heart of economic policies and practices to advance the 2030 Agenda.

The Department of Environmental Affairs is the PAGE coordinating ministry, whilst the PAGE lead agency is the International Labour Organization. South Africa has made significant strides in developing an enabling policy framework for the promotion of green economy strategies, and public and private resources have backed green investments in a range of economic sectors. PAGE intends to contribute towards better policy coordination, support collaboration and help improve human capacities in national and provincial Government institutions and collaborating partners.

South Africa has developed a set of priorities for PAGE action which are integrated and mainstreamed into existing national processes.

South Africa Country Outcomes

Three country outcomes highlight the key areas of intervention of the PAGE programme, for 2017 – 2019. The programme was developed in South Africa through a stakeholder consultation process.

OUTCOME 1 Improved Collaboration and Coordination

- Green Economy Inventory for South Africa
- Green Economy Progress Index
- Green Economy Policy Review
- Green Jobs Mainstreaming
- Multi-Stakeholder Dialogues

OUTCOME 2 Sectoral Policy Analysis and Reform

- Green Economy Industry and Trade Analysis
- Diagnostic to Support Delivery of SDG6 on Socially Inclusive and Sustainable Water
- High-Level Debate and Diagnostic on Renewable Energy and Industrialisation

OUTCOME 3 Institutional and Individual Capacity Development

- Green Economy Learning Assessment for South Africa
- Green Economy Knowledge Platform
- Green Economy E-learning Course
- Green Economy Academy



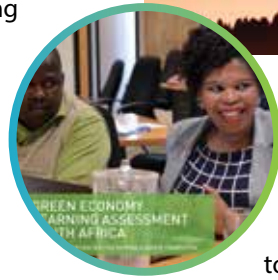
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PAGE Products Three PAGE reports were completed in partnership with national partners, with several activities being under implementation.

The Green Economy Inventory for South Africa is a high-level inventory of green economy initiatives across sectors prioritised by the South African government.



The Green Economy Learning Assessment identifies learning priorities for advancing a green economy in South Africa and opportunities for strengthening green economy learning through national institutions.



The South Africa Green Economy Industry and Trade Assessment identifies and assesses particular export opportunities from the perspective of green industrial development.



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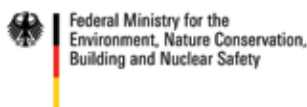
Strategic Partnerships The collaboration of five UN PAGE agencies with government and the development of a programmatic approach for national PAGE implementation, provides a strategic framework to which other development partners can link their green economy related projects. Further, PAGE encourages and supports stakeholder engagement activities and awareness raising, including partnerships with key national stakeholders such as private sector institutions, organized labour, research institutions and civil society at large, to advance an inclusive green economy in South Africa.

Global and Regional Knowledge Sharing South Africa has, in the recent past, actively engaged in global and regional PAGE capacity development activities, including global Green Economy E-Learning courses, the Global Green Economy Academy and the 2017 PAGE Ministerial Conference.

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