

Biennial Report 2020–2021

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Welcome



The Green Growth Knowledge Partnership (GGKP) is a global network of experts and organizations dedicated to providing the policy, business and finance communities with knowledge, guidance, data and tools to transition to an inclusive green economy.

The GGKP's three knowledge platforms – [Green Policy Platform](#), [Green Industry Platform](#) and [Green Finance Platform](#) – offer direct access to the latest research, learning opportunities and thought leadership to empower government decision makers, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and financial institutions to make evidence-based decisions about how to green their operations.

A leading engine for inter-institutional collaboration, the GGKP establishes and facilitates expert groups to assess the state of knowledge on specific green economy themes, identify gaps and catalyse coordinated responses.

The GGKP shares emerging analysis and best practice in real time with a growing global community by creating space for high-level thinking and discussion, including through events, #GGKPwebinars and the Green Forum.

The GGKP Secretariat is proud to present this report, which details the partnership's notable activities and achievements in 2020 and 2021.

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Letter from the Steering Committee

Over the last two years, the global economic landscape has changed dramatically. Government measures to limit COVID-19 halted business operations in ways that had been unimaginable in the preceding years and decades – and the economic impacts of these containment efforts are likely to be felt for years to come. All levels of government, businesses, financial institutions and households are struggling to recover from the impacts of the pandemic on global supply chains, financial markets and the real economy.

The Green Growth Knowledge Partnership (GGKP) worked tirelessly throughout this period, offering green and inclusive policy frameworks, data insights and projects on the ground to build back better. Leveraging its existing infrastructure, the GGKP was able to serve as a first responder, sharing targeted knowledge as it became available and challenging the policy, business and finance communities to think through how to align response efforts to optimize outcomes for people and planet.

Meanwhile, the Green Industry Platform and Green Finance Platform continued to evolve into unique and dynamic entities, launching and expanding initiatives to inspire, inform and drive green transformation in SMEs and financial institutions: I-GO and the Green Finance Measures Database, respectively. Rich, substantive discussions are taking place on the Green Forum, which hosts an increasingly diverse community of stakeholders in the green economy. Specialized communities are active on topics ranging from resource efficiency, natural capital and sustainable infrastructure to gender, indigenous perspectives and greening education.

We are inspired by the dedication of the broader partnership to working in collaboration to mobilize inclusive, sustainable economies worldwide. We are proud of the GGKP team and look forward to working together to develop innovative solutions that support a green transformation.

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Deputy Director, Economy Division, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)



Stephan Sicars

Director, Department of Environment, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)



Richard Damania

Chief Economist, Sustainable Development, The World Bank



Letter from the Secretariat

The GGKP offers unique platforms for multistakeholder regional and global dialogue to co-create green and inclusive solutions to cope with unprecedented crises, including COVID-19, and influence outcomes of many global policy debates such as Stockholm+50. While we are pleased to present our Biennial Report 2020-2021, the GGKP is far better equipped today to support the global community in tackling the new, post-pandemic challenges related to a range of issues, including food and energy security, inflation, debt defaults, socio-economic inequalities and climatic catastrophes.

Asad Naqvi
Head, Green Growth
Knowledge Partnership
Secretariat



Thought leadership on sustainability after COVID-19:

Importantly in 2020, the GGKP made meaningful contributions to the global response to COVID-19. Our efforts focused on economic recovery: how to rescue and rebuild sustainably with an emphasis on inclusion and resource efficiency. The 10-part [Sustainability After COVID-19](#) #GGKPwebinar series invited thought leaders to discuss critical challenges such as medical waste management and gender inclusion, as well as key levers for a green recovery such as public spending, private investment and natural capital approaches.

Launch of the Green Forum: In 2021, the partnership officially [launched the Green Forum](#) at the Fifth Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-5). Designed to provide the community with an interactive space for discussion in the pursuit of sustainable economic transformation, the Green Forum also offers GGKP partners with the opportunity to create their own collaboration spaces around specific topics, projects, or initiatives.

New GGKP expert groups: The GGKP established two new expert groups to catalyse collective action towards [gender](#) equality and women's empowerment in green transitions, and more effective policy and regulatory measures for [green and sustainable finance](#). Research outcomes of these groups will deepen knowledge on the gender dimensions of just transition, financial inclusion and renewable energy, and strengthen capacity for the development and implementation of green finance products and policy frameworks.

Moving from knowledge generation to knowledge application: Moving beyond knowledge generation, the GGKP Expert Group on Natural Capital initiated on-the-ground knowledge application, pilot testing its natural capital gap methodology in [India](#), [Kyrgyzstan](#) and [Rwanda](#) and laying the groundwork for assessments in Cameroon, Mauritania and Nigeria in 2022, in collaboration with partners. The group successfully launched an initiative that aims to integrate natural capital in development finance in Africa. The group also released 13 reports and working papers to advance the state of knowledge on natural capital for green growth.

Deepened knowledge management services:

Deepened knowledge management services offered to partners through the development of +Platforms – web spaces built on the existing knowledge management infrastructure that are increasingly able to operate like independent sites. The GGKP currently hosts a total of 14 +Platforms.

#GGKPwebinars draw unprecedented levels of engagement:

#GGKPwebinars attracted unprecedented levels of engagement over the past two years, with almost 10,000 participants tuning into 34 sessions featuring more than 200 expert voices. The GGKP also hosted eight events in collaboration with partners, bringing together a total of over 5,300 registrants and approximately 2,400 participants, including side events at the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) and High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF).

Looking ahead: An executing agency for the Global Environment Facility:

The GGKP has been selected to execute three Global Environment Facility projects over the coming years, including the Coordination, Communication and Knowledge Management (CCKM) project under the global Implementing Sustainable Low and Non-Chemical Development in Small Island Developing States ([ISLANDS](#)) Programme; Financing Agrochemical Reduction and Management (FARM); and the Global Development, Review and Update of National Implementation Plans (NIPs) under the Stockholm Convention (SC) on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs).

The GGKP looks forward to ongoing collaboration in this new economic landscape to support governments, business and financial institutions in making their contributions to a transformation that is green, inclusive and resilient. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to working together to deliver just and sustainable economies and societies for all.

Our Partners

2 Degrees Investing Initiative
African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS)
African Development Bank (AfDB)
AIFC Green Finance Centre LTD
Arab Forum for Environment and Development (AFED)
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
Beijing Normal University School of Economics and Resource Management
CDP
Carbon Tracker Initiative
Center for Development Research (ZEF)
Center for Study of Science, Technology & Policy (CSTEP)
Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)
Centro Euro-Mediterraneo sui Cambiamenti Climatici (CMCC)
Centro Mario Molina(CMM)
Chinese Academy for Environmental Planning (CAEP)
Circle Economy
Cities Climate Finance Leadership Alliance
Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN)
Climate Bonds Initiative
Climate Disclosure Standards Board (CDSB)
Climate Policy Initiative (CPI)
ClimateWorks Australia
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
Development Alternatives (DA)
Donor Committee for Enterprise Development (DCED)
Environment for Development Initiative (EfD)
Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI)
European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE)
Expansion of Local Smalholder Organic Farming and Forest Products from Central Asia
Finance for Biodiversity Initiative
German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)
Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)
Global Women’s Network for the Energy Transition (GWNET)
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID)
Green Budget Europe (GBE)
Green Digital Finance Alliance (GDFA)
Green Economy Coalition
Green Technology Center-Korea (GTC-K)
ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability

Institute for Climate Change and Adaptation (ICCA)
Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)
International Capital Market Association (ICMA)
International Center for Climate Governance (ICCG)
International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD)
International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)
International Institute for Industrial Environmental Economics (IIIEE)
International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
International Institute for Water and Environmental Engineering (2iE)
International Labour Organization (ILO)
International Monetary Fund (IMF)
International Trade Centre (ITC)
Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)
Korea Environment Institute (KEI)
Low Emissions Development Strategies Global Partnership (LEDS)
Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change (MCC)
National Institute of Ecology and Climate Change (INECC)
Nigeria Climate Innovation Center
Nordic Development Fund (NDF)
One Planet Network
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
Organization of American States (OAS)
Our Future Water
Policy Research Center for Environment and Economy (PRCEE)
Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP)
Rockefeller Foundation Economic Council on Planetary Health at the Oxford Martin School
Rocky Mountain Institute’s Center for Climate-Aligned Finance
Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources
SEED
ShareAction
Smart Prosperity Institute (SPI)
SOAS Centre for Sustainable Finance
Sustainable Infrastructure Foundation (SIF-SOURCE)
The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
The Finance Innovation Lab
The Global Innovation Lab for Climate Finance (the Lab)
The Global Network for Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECPnet)
The Growth Dialogue
Trade & Industrial Policies Strategies (TIPS)
Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)
United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)
Trade & Industrial Policies Strategies (TIPS)
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP)
United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)
United Nations University Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources (UNU-FLORES)
World Bank Group
World Resources Forum (WRF)
World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)



GGKP Responds To COVID-19

In February 2020, as the COVID-19 pandemic began to claim lives and upend economies, the GGKP Secretariat quickly mobilized to contribute to the global response. Our main objectives were to share emerging response strategies from leading institutions, and to facilitate constructive conversation towards a more prepared, resilient and sustainable economy.

Leveraging its existing infrastructure, the GGKP was able to serve as a first responder – sharing targeted knowledge as it became available and challenging the policy, business and finance communities to think through how to align response efforts to optimize outcomes for people and planet.

By March 2020, GGKP platforms had dedicated space to share emerging response strategies, and the secretariat had released a [COVID-19 edition newsletter](#) and launched the 10-part #GGKPwebinar series, [Sustainability After COVID-19](#). The weekly series ran from April-July 2020, drawing together a total of 78 thought leaders to discuss impacts of the pandemic on poverty, nature, supply chains, waste management systems and the global Green New Deal movement, as well as how to achieve an inclusive, green recovery through gender inclusion, green fiscal stimulus, inclusive green growth policy, green buildings and construction, and sustainable finance.

The conversation continued in the fall of 2020, with the Rebuilding Better #GGKPwebinar series. Experts explored how [training and education](#), [land restoration](#), [material efficiency](#), [green industrial policy](#) and [improved mineral resource governance](#) can help build a green and just post-COVID world, and how governments can support businesses and workers throughout [a just transition](#) to greener economies. For full details, see the #GGKPwebinars section. The GGKP's COVID-19 webinars generated a tremendous amount of interest: a total of 12,283 registrants and 5,217 participants engaging directly with more than 100 global experts in over 20 online discussions.

“Governments must continue to drive systemic change and catalyse the investment, innovation and skill development that underpin green and inclusive economic transformation. The Green Policy Platform offers a wealth of insights and know-how from leading organizations.”

—Kumi Kitamori, Head of Division,
Green Growth & Global Relations, Organisation for
Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Our Platforms

The GGKP's three knowledge platforms—Green Policy Platform, Green Industry Platform and Green Finance Platform—equip policymakers and advisers, small and medium-sized enterprises, and the financial sector with quick and easy access to innovative research, toolkits, case studies, data sets and learning opportunities to help them make evidence-based decisions about how to green their operations. The platforms offer everything from global-scale assessments and highly specialized guidance notes, to the latest insights on green policy, business and finance.

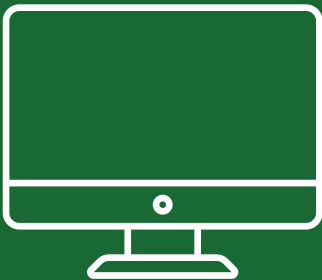
Contributing knowledge, data and tools for a policy-driven transition to a green economy.

The Green Policy Platform (previously known as the Green Growth Knowledge Platform) is the largest collection of knowledge designed to support the transition to a greener economy from leading institutions and experts. In 2020-2021, the platform continued to grow its knowledge and offered 6,494 knowledge resources reaching over 750,000 users in 2021.

An important development was significant build out of the platform’s functionalities to be able to host partner projects and initiatives on +Platforms. These operate like independent sites, offering interesting knowledge management services to the partnership. Initiatives supported through this service in 2020-2021 include: Global Opportunities for SDGs (GO4SDGs), Economics for Nature (E4N), Green Learning Network, Partners for Inclusive Green Economy and UNEA-5 Resolution on Mineral Resource Governance.

- Over 500 case studies with lessons learned from over 90 countries across six continents
- Over 300 official national documents that outline plans, policies and programmes to advance inclusive green growth
- Over 100 commitments to action on green economy by more than 30 countries and organizations under the Pan-European Strategic Framework for Greening the Economy, also known as the Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E)

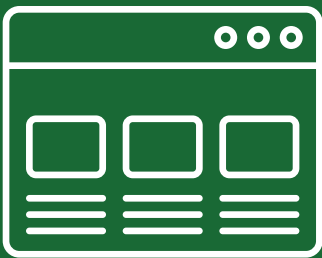
New Knowledge			2020-2021		
6,494	Knowledge Products	+25%	1,373	Learning Resources	+40%
536	Case Studies	+27%	653	Webinars	
356	National Documents	+21%	227	Tools and Platforms	
307	Projects Databases	+12%	199	Courses	
3,922	Research Studies	+21%	221	Guides	
			65	Multimedia	
			8	Academic Programmes	



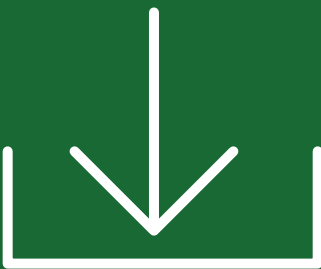
Page views
1,6m (+63%)



Users
752k (+92%)



Web visits
994k (+89%)



Downloads
290k (+134%)

“The Green Industry Platform continues to evolve to better serve business and industry. The GIP is increasing the targeted guidance and specialized support for our private sector partners, enabling further progress towards the economy we all need to deliver: one of climate-neutral and resource efficient operations, sustainable end products and resilient supply chains.”

—Stephan Sicars, Director,
Department of Environment, United Nations
Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)



Green Industry Platform

Helping SMEs become more competitive by going green

In 2020-2021, the Green Industry Platform delivered technical trainings, hosted global discussions on how resource efficient businesses can drive inclusive, green economic recovery from COVID-19, and launched the I-GO initiative and SME Support Centre to empower small businesses to develop a resource efficiency strategy and implement targeted actions. At the end of 2021, the Green Industry Platform offered a total of 1,620 resources designed to inform and inspire a green industrial transformation, including financial solutions and technical assistance – accounting for 550 resources. The platform also welcomed 10 new Knowledge Partners committed to fostering a green industry community.

Training of trainers: Resource efficiency for businesses

Training of trainers: Resource efficiency for In 2020, the Green Industry Platform hosted a three-part training of trainers series entitled, [Resource Efficiency for Businesses](#).

The series presented the [business case for resource efficiency](#), a [resource efficiency roadmap for businesses](#) and [strategies, measures and real-world experience](#) for greener businesses. The training was offered by the German development agency [GIZ](#) and the German Competence Centre for Resource Efficiency [VDI ZRE](#).

A global discussion: How and why businesses are going green

The Green Industry Platform organized a series of #GGKPwebinars convening global experts on green industry themes including:

- [Building Resilient Supply Chains](#)
- [Green Buildings And Construction](#)
- [Circular Textiles](#)
- [National Green Industrial Policies](#)
- [Design and Manufacturing Innovations for Material Efficiency](#)
- [Sand Resources](#)
- [Material Efficiency Strategies for Business](#)
- [A Green Recovery For MSMES](#)
- [How To Design Investment-Ready Green Projects](#).

I-GO A global initiative on resource efficiency

In 2021, the Green Industry Platform launched [I-GO](#) – a global initiative to support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) kick-start or scale up resource efficiency. At the heart of I-GO is the I-GO Assistant, a self-assessment tool that directs SMEs to existing knowledge and support services most relevant to their size, sector of activity and location via the [SME Support Centre](#). In collaboration with the Global Opportunities for Sustainable Development Goals ([GO4SDGs](#)) initiative, I-GO is being piloted in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia.

In 2020-2021, I-GO organized two global workshops (April 2020 and May 2021), I-GO introductory workshops for the African region (October-November 2021) and an event entitled, In Africa for Africa: Weaving solutions for textile circularity challenges (October 2021). The I-GO solution benefits from support from the Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE).

NEW KNOWLEDGE

2020-2021



Reports
925



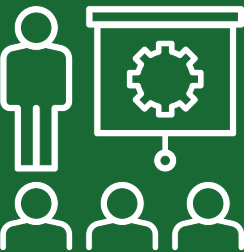
Guidance documents
266



Case studies
257



Tools & platforms
135



Courses
37



Financial solutions & technical assistance
550

Green Finance Platform

Building the financial architecture for sustainable economic recoveries

The Green Finance Platform provides a clearinghouse of market, policy and regulatory innovations for the financial system to contribute to the transition towards a low-carbon, resilient and inclusive economy. It focuses on building consensus on international and national sustainable finance measures to achieve a credible alignment of financial and capital markets with sustainability goals.

Together with 36 knowledge partners, the platform identifies new domains of knowledge linked to sustainability limits, risks and opportunities to ensure investors, banks and insurers provide efficient capital allocation towards a just, net-zero economy.

The Green Finance Measures Database

The Green Finance Measures Database consolidates, categorizes and details the increasing number of green finance measures adopted around the world in a shift towards green finance policy and regulation that goes beyond market-driven solutions. Launched in 2019 by the Green Finance Platform and UN Environment Programme Inquiry into the Design of a Sustainable Financial System (UNEP Inquiry), the database currently features 680 policy and regulatory measures across 100 developed and developing countries.

At the end of 2021, the Green Finance Platform offered over 2,300 technical and practical resources ranging from global reports to case studies and think pieces from industry leaders.

New Working Group on Sustainable Finance Policy Effectiveness:

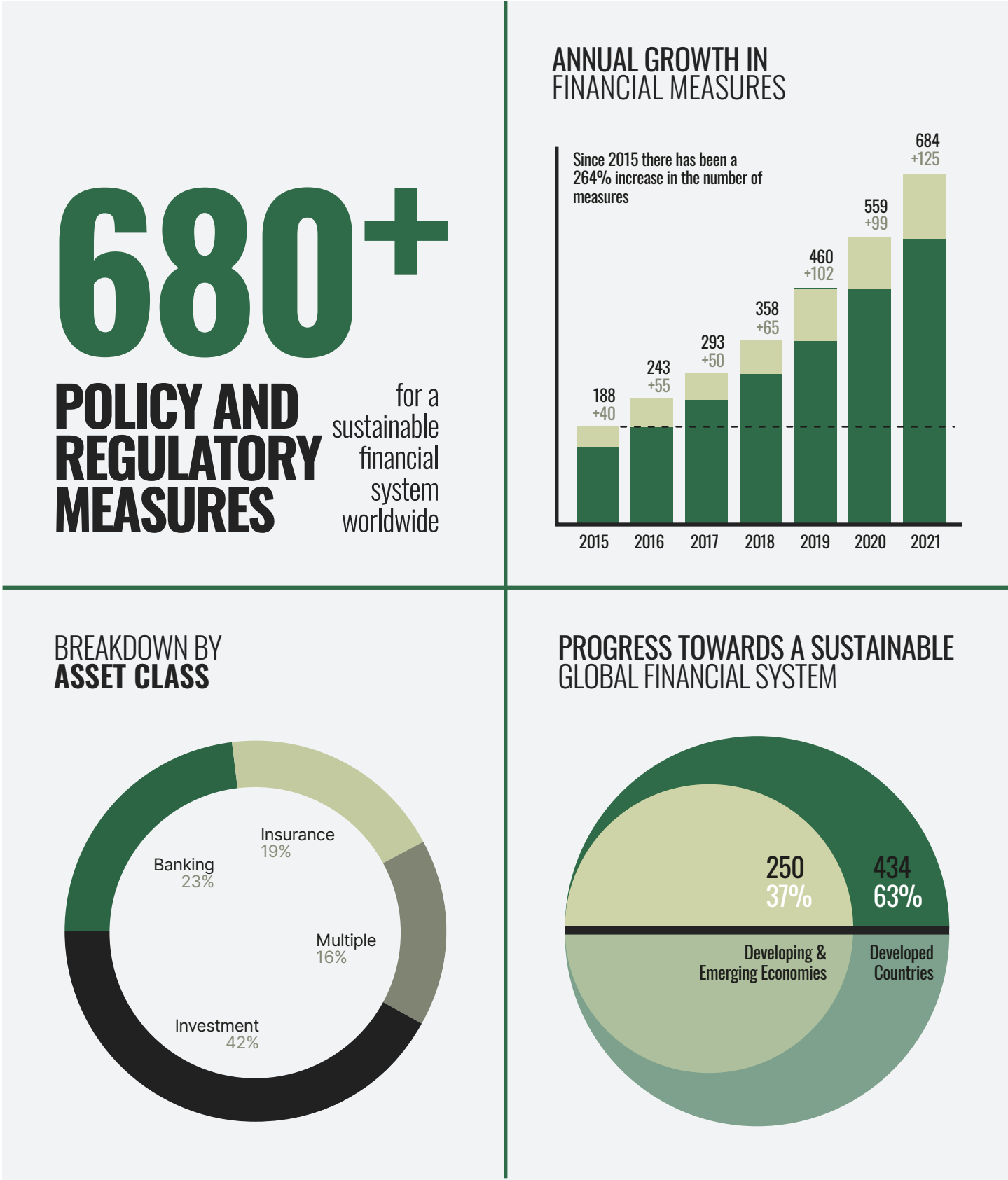
In 2021, the Green Finance Platform launched the [Sustainable Finance Policy Effectiveness Working Group](#) to assess various policy and regulatory measures and identify which could be most effective in driving green finance in a given market context. The group focuses on two workstreams: developing a framework for evaluating the effectiveness of green finance measures according to a common theory of change and joint understanding of double-effectiveness; and supporting implementation of the framework by developing a series of guidance documents spotlighting key objectives of financial regulations. The group was launched in collaboration with the [International Network for Sustainable Financial Policy Insights, Research and Exchange \(INSPIRE\)](#) and [Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment](#).

A global discussion on the state of sustainable finance:

The Green Finance Platform convened a series of #GGKPwebinars – including [how green bonds are financing sustainable development](#), [fiscal policies for a green recovery](#) and [how private finance can support a green recovery](#), which brought together a total of 19 green finance experts for high-level conversation on how to push the sustainable finance agenda forward.

“To address greenwashing and the risks of regulatory gaps, it’s time for a new era of knowledge sharing on sustainable finance and collaboration that drives capital towards delivering on the 2030 Agenda and carbon neutrality.”

—Steven Stone, Deputy Director, Economy Division, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)





GGKP Launches the Green Forum

Building on its [policy](#), [industry](#) and [finance](#) platforms, the GGKP [launched the Green Forum](#) in February 2021 at the Fifth Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-5).

The Green Forum provides online community space for professionals to discuss and collaborate in pursuit of a sustainable economic transition. Discussion spaces align closely with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Green Forum supports SDG17 in particular, which calls to strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

The Green Forum also provides GGKP partner organizations and linked projects and initiatives with the ability to create and manage their own public or private groups to support collaboration on projects and initiatives, with increasing functionalities including customization potential.

By the end of 2021, the Green Forum had a total of over 1,500 registered users engaging with 16 discussions on topics ranging from climate change, natural capital, circular economy, sustainable finance and COVID-19 recovery. It also hosts 38 specific groups that offer a unique space for certain clusters to collaborate on specific challenges or projects on sustainable infrastructure, nature-based solutions and SMEs on transforming agri-food system, among others.

The Green Forum is supported by the Partnership for Action on Green Economy ([PAGE](#)), German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety ([BMU](#)) and the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment ([FOEN](#))

Community Space	2020-2021
16 Public discussions 38 Community groups	+1500 members

“As we enter the final decade of action on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the importance and value of engagement and exchange through the Green Forum is more important than ever to achieve a green and inclusive economic recovery from COVID-19.”

—Frank Rijsberman, Director-General
Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

“Rewiring our economies and businesses with a better, and more complete, understanding of our relationship to nature is key to building resilient green economies that are fit for the future.”

—Lynda Mansson, Director-General
MAVA Foundation

Giving Nature a Voice in the Green Economy

In 2020-2021, the GGKP Expert Group on Natural Capital continued to make major strides in natural capital mainstreaming and advancing the state of knowledge on natural capital valuation for green growth. This section outlines key achievements of the group and collaboration with partners under the Economics for Nature (E4N) project.

Mainstreaming natural capital approaches in leading institutions

The 2020 OECD Green Growth and Sustainable Development (GGSD) Forum focused entirely on the theme of “Securing Natural Capital.” The GGKP Expert Group on Natural Capital co-organized [a session](#) on measuring natural capital and biodiversity to share results from a series of GGKP working papers on natural capital, outlined below.

Also in 2020, GGKI released the [3Returns Framework](#) with support from the GGKP expert group and [E4N](#) partnership. The framework, which uses the capitals approach, [was tested](#) in three townships in coastal Myanmar in various mangrove restoration projects; [results showed](#) that the integration of natural, social and human capital produced a higher return on investment. The pilot testing is now being scaled up in mangrove areas across the entire coastal region of Myanmar with support from the World Bank through the [Myanmar Reforestation and Rehabilitation Programme](#) (2017-2026).

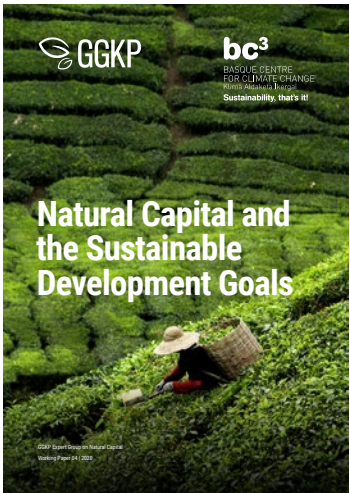
“These reports explore state-of-the-art methods, models, data and tools for mainstreaming natural capital in national green growth policies and practices,” said Paul Ekins, Professor of Resources and Environmental Policy at the UCL Institute for Sustainable Resources and Co-Chair of the GGKP Natural Capital Expert Group. “Our expert group leverages global momentum for green growth in order to better value, protect and enhance natural capital in national economic decision-making.”

Testing new approaches on the ground

Moving beyond knowledge generation, the GGKP expert group moved into knowledge application on the ground, pilot testing the natural capital gap methodology in [India](#), [Kyrgyzstan](#) and [Rwanda](#). Testing focused on terrestrial natural capital, implemented in collaboration with the [Economics of Land Degradation \(ELD\)](#) initiative hosted by [GIZ](#) and in-country partners. In collaboration with partners, groundwork was laid for similar natural capital gap assessments in 2022 in Cameroon, Mauritania and Nigeria.

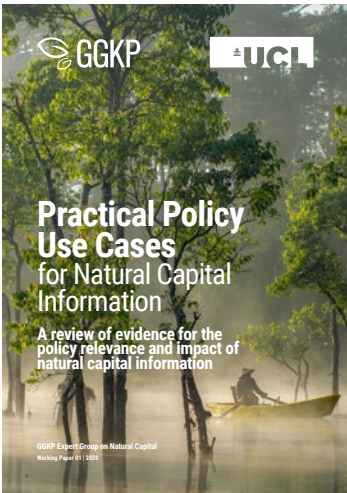
Advancing the state of knowledge on natural capital

In 2020-2021, the GGKP Expert Group on Natural Capital released nine reports and working papers to advance the state of knowledge on natural capital for green growth:



Natural Capital and the Sustainable Development Goals
June 2020

Demonstrates how to estimate the “natural capital gap” – the discrepancy between current levels of natural capital and the necessary amount to meet nature related SDGs targets. [Read here](#)



Practical Policy Use Cases for Natural Capital Information
June 2020

Presents a snapshot of existing knowledge on natural capital and how it is being used to inform and influence government decisions. This was presented as an issue paper at the 2020 [GGSD](#) Forum. [Read here](#)



Natural Capital Platforms and Tools for Green Growth Planning
June 2020

Assesses 28 platforms and tools’ potential to provide access, manipulate and visualize natural capital data. [Read here](#)



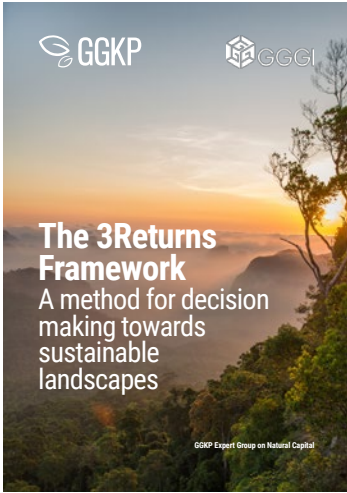
Measuring Nature’s Contribution to Economic Development
June 2020

Presents an integrated Natural Capital Indicator Framework to support countries in selecting and organizing indicators to assess their use of and dependence on natural capital. [Read here](#)



Recognizing Natural Capital in Policy Frameworks for Green Growth
June 2020

Reviews 11 green growth and natural capital policy frameworks to derive a set of criteria for integrating natural capital into green growth policy advice. This framework is then applied to the green growth policy frameworks of four GGKP Steering Committee organizations: GGGI, OECD, UNEP and World Bank. [Read here](#)



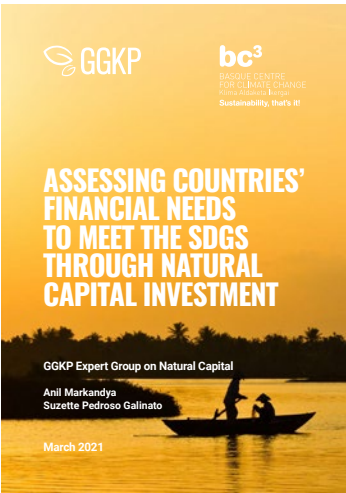
The 3Returns Framework: A method for decision making towards sustainable landscapes
July 2020

Aims to support decision makers in the formulation and analysis of policies, [financial instruments](#), allocation of resources and identification of best practices for sustainable landscape interventions. [Read here](#)



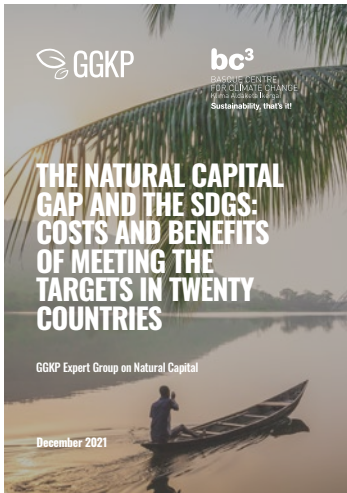
Economic Appraisal of Ayeyarwady Delta Mangrove Forests
July 2020

Showcases results of piloting the [3Returns Framework](#) in [mangrove restoration](#) in [Myanmar](#). [Read here](#)



Assessing Countries’ Financial Needs to Meet the SDGs Through Natural Capital Investment
March 2021

Estimates gaps in natural capital finance needed to meet related SDG targets in a total of 10 countries, including least-developed and high-income. [Read here](#)



The Natural Capital Gap and the SDGs: Costs and Benefits of Meeting the Targets in Twenty Countries
December 2021

Expands the methodology to estimate the costs and benefits to meet related SDG targets in a total of 20 countries by adding 10 more which represented over 70% GDP of sub-Saharan Africa. [Read here](#)



Natural capital for green economies in Africa

In collaboration with [E4N](#) partners and the African Development Bank (AfDB), the GGKP co-organized the 2020 [African Forum on Green Economy](#) – a three-month online exchange that brought together leading experts to explore how African countries are pioneering the transition to greener, fairer economies.

The GGKP expert group organized two sessions on natural capital in [development finance](#) and infrastructure, featuring senior voices from the [African Development Institute](#), [World Bank](#), World Wide Fund for Nature ([WWF](#)), [KenGen](#) and African Institute for Development Policy ([AFIDEP](#)).

In September 2021, GGKP joined forces with [AfDB](#) and [WWF-France](#) to launch the Natural Capital for African Development Finance ([NC4-ADF](#)) initiative, laying the foundation for natural capital-based green economies in Africa. Key partners mobilized in this effort include [GIZ](#) and the International Institute for Sustainable Development ([IISD](#)). The launch event presented results from the [Tanzanian Kakono Hydropower Plant study](#) – the first application of a natural capital approach on an African infrastructure finance project under NC4-ADF. In late 2021, NC4-ADF partners launched the webinar series [Mainstreaming Natural Capital in Africa's Post-COVID19 Development Agenda](#) to amplify new perspectives on embedding natural capital approaches in the national and regional green recovery plans.



“The world is reeling from the largest price shocks it has seen in decades – from COVID-19, war and natural resource degradation. As economies rebounded from the COVID-19 pandemic, supply bottlenecks led to soaring prices. The war in Ukraine exacerbated these trends, leading to major price spikes and concerns about rising global hunger, energy security and an economic slowdown. Adding to these challenges, extreme weather events have led to reduced harvests in many of the world’s other top food producers. If there is a silver lining to this crisis it is that it offers an opportunity to build stronger economies that are resilient to multiple shocks, that are more sustainable, and are more equitable and inclusive. We have the policies for catalyzing these transformation – the crises may offer an opportunity to reorient economies towards these goals.”

—Richard Damania, Chief Economist
Sustainable Development, World Bank



An Engine For Collaboration

The GGKP continues to serve as a neutral space and leading engine for inter-institutional collaboration. Since the partnership was founded in 2012, a total of 12 expert groups have been established on [Behavioural Insights](#), [Fiscal Instruments](#), [Gender](#), [Green Growth](#)

[and the Law](#), [Inclusiveness](#), [Metrics and Indicators](#), [Natural Capital Accounting](#), [Natural Capital](#), [Sustainable Infrastructure](#), [Sustainable Finance Policy Effectiveness](#), [Technology and Innovation](#), and [Trade and Competitiveness](#), drawing together a total of 267 experts from 114 institutions.

<p>GGKP Expert Group on Natural Capital</p> <p>The partnership continues to facilitate the GGKP Expert Group on Natural Capital (launched in 2017), which has made meaningful contributions to the broader effort to give nature a voice in the green economy over the last two years (see previous section).</p>	<p>GGKP Expert Group on Natural Capital Accounting for Development Finance</p> <p>Building on the GGKP Expert Group on Natural Capital, in 2021 GGKP and AfDB established the Working Group on Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) for Development Finance under the African NCA Community of Practice. The group provides technical insights to African countries and development finance institutions on how NCA methods and data can be applied to infrastructure finance policies, practices and capacity-building materials, as well as to environmental and social safeguards for better integration of nature in the operations of regional development finance institutions.</p>
<p>GGKP Gender Expert Group</p> <p>In November 2021, GGKP in collaboration with GGGI launched the GGKP Expert Group on Gender to catalyse collective action towards gender equality and women’s empowerment in the transition to green, low-emission economies. In its initial phase, the group will conduct an assessment of gender gaps and needs in international organizations to identify potential high-impact areas for gender transformation. The group also plans to publish a working paper on interlinkages between gender and just transition, finance and renewable energy.</p>	<p>Sustainable Finance Policy Effectiveness Working Group</p> <p>In collaboration with the International Network for Sustainable Financial Policy Insights, Research, and Exchange (INSPIRE) and Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, the Green Finance Platform launched a working group dedicated to assess the influence of various policy and regulatory measures on market outcomes. The group’s ultimate objective is to support the design of finance measures that will create positive impact in the real economy and facilitate the transition to sustainability.</p>

“Policymakers are introducing an increasing number of green finance measures. The question is how to make sure that these are as effective as possible in terms of aligning the financial system with sustainable development. Tackling this is what the new working group is all about.”

—**Nick Robins**
Co-Chair of INSPIRE and Professor of Sustainable Finance, Grantham Research Institute of the London School of Economics

Community and Outreach

The GGKP continues to connect a dynamic global community with the latest research, guidance, data and tools to initiate, accelerate and measure knowledge-based green transitions.

The **#GGKPwebinar series** sets the standard for digital knowledge sharing on green growth. These interactive digital events spotlight new approaches, practical tools and services that can help drive forward green transformation, while offering global participants the opportunity to engage directly with experts through live Q&A sessions.

The **GGKP Knowledge Update newsletter** delivers the most recent research and lessons from the field from leading organizations to over 14,000 subscribers – a 75% increase in readership since the last biennial report – as well as learning and engagement opportunities and upcoming events.

An active presence on social networking platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and LinkedIn, allows the GGKP to engage with a fast-moving global community in real time, share knowledge most relevant to current events and support the broader partnership’s outreach initiatives.

The Insights blog provides a valuable platform for experts to share personal and authentic reflections on sustainability challenges and opportunities. In 2020-2021, Insights had over 180 new contributors.

A growing digital community



Webinar participants
9,316



Newsletter subscribers
14,484 +75%



Twitter followers*
12,060 +78%



Facebook followers
10,983 +300%



LinkedIn members
2,433 +72%



Insights blog posts
545 +59%

*Across three accounts: @GGKP_Policy @GGKP_Industry @GGKP_Finance

Webinars and Events

In 2020-2021, the GGKP hosted 34 webinars in collaboration with partners, drawing together 227 experts and a total of over 21,000 registrants and 9,316 participants.

COVID-19 #GGKP Webinar series: Rebuilding Better

South Africa's green and inclusive industrial policies

22 September 2020

- Tilman Altenburg, Head of Department, Sustainable Economic and Social Development, German Development Institute (DIE)
- Samantha Ashman, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Johannesburg
- Claudia Assmann, Programme Officer, Economy Division, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Gerhard Fourie, Chief Director, Department of Trade and Industry, Republic of South Africa
- Gaylor Montmasson-Clair, Senior Economist, Trade & Industrial Policy Strategies (TIPS)

Moderated by Vanessa Erogbogbo, Chief, Sustainable and Inclusive Value Chains, International Trade Centre (ITC)

New materials and systems for resource efficient SMEs

29 September 2020

- Lewis Akenji, Executive Director, SEED
- Joanna Bingham, CEO, Footprints Africa; Ghana Chapter Lead, African Circular Economy Network
- Katharina Koschek, Head of Department, Polymeric Materials and Mechanical Engineering, Fraunhofer (IFAM)
- Bettina Heller, Associate Programme Officer, Consumption and Production Unit, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Lakshmi Poti, Senior Programme Manager of Materials, Laudes Foundation

Moderated by Martin Vogt, Managing Director, VDI Centre for Resource Efficiency (VDI ZRE)

What's sand got to do with it?

13 October 2020

- Charles E. Di Leva, Chief Officer, Environmental and Social Standards, World Bank
- Pratap Hegde, CEO, Telematics4u, India
- Lisette Heuer, Global Director Resilience and Global Water Strategy Director, Royal Haskoning DHV
- Anthony McKenzie, Director of Environmental Management and Conservation, National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA) of Jamaica
- Laura Platchkov, Senior Policy Advisor, International Affairs Division, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN)

Moderated by Pascal Peduzzi, Director, GRID-Geneva, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

The role of training and education

3 November 2020

- Ramesh Durbarry, Director-General, Civil Service College, Mauritius
- Angus Mackay, Director, Division for Planet, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)
- Akylai Muktarbekkyzy, Director of Masters in Economics, Head of Sustainable Development Centre, American University of Central Asia
- Mariski Nirwan, Lead, Knowledge and Capacity Development Program in Indonesia, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

Moderated by Ben Simmons, Former Head, Green Growth Knowledge Partnership (GGKP)

COVID-19 #GGKPWebinar series: Sustainability after COVID-19

Voices from leading international organizations
21 April 2020

- Richard Damania, Chief Economist, Sustainable Development , World Bank
- Kumi Kitamori, Head of Division, Green Growth & Global Relations, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Stephan Sicars, Director, Department of Environment, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- Steven Stone, Chief, Resources and Markets Branch, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Moderated by Gabriele Wagner, Advisor, GIZ

Public policies for inclusive green growth
28 April 2020

- Anthony Cox Deputy Director, Environment Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Mohan Munasinghe Founder Chairman, Munasinghe Institute for Development
- Ligia Noronha Director, Economy Division, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Kevin Urama Senior Director, African Development Institute

Moderated by Najma Mohamed Policy Director, Green Economy Coalition

Can the global Green New Deal movement survive the pandemic?

12 May 2020

- Edward B. Barbier, Distinguished Professor, Colorado State University
- Paul Ekins, Professor of Resources and Environmental Policy, University College London (UCL) Institute for Sustainable Resources
- Arunabha Ghosh, Chief Executive Officer, Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW)
- Helen Mountford, Vice-President of Climate & Economics, World Resources Institute (WRI)
- Hans-Jörn Weddige, Group Coordinator of Energy, Climate and Environment Policies, ThyssenKrupp

Moderated by Anna Pegels, Senior Researcher, Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)

The medical waste response
19 May 2020

- Kate Medlicott, Team Leader, Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Health, World Health Organization (WHO)
- Rolph Payet, Executive Secretary, Basel Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions
- Frank Pinto, Senior Consultant to the Director of the Montreal Protocol and Chemicals Team, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Donovan Storey, Deputy Director and Urban Lead, Green Cities, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)
- Ruth Stringer, International Science and Policy Coordinator, Health Care Without Harm

Moderated by Monika MacDevette, Chief, Chemicals & Health, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Building gender equality into the response
26 May 2020

- Bridget Burns, Director, Women’s Environment and Development Organization (WEDO)
- Sonia Maria Dias, Specialist, Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing & Organizing (WIEGO)
- Rodolfo Lacy, Director, Environment Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Christine Lins, Executive Director, Global Women’s Network for the Energy Transition (GWNET)

Moderated by Frank Rijsberman, Director-General, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

Valuing nature in the post-pandemic world
2 June 2020

- Steven Bullock, Global Head of Research and Innovation, Trucost
- Salman Hussain, Global Coordinator, The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) initiative
- Nicole Leotaud, Executive Director, CANARI
- Lynda Mansson, Director General, MAVA Foundation

Moderated by Nozipho Tshabalala, Conversation Strategist, Global Moderator and Broadcaster

Building resilient supply chains through resource efficiency
9 June 2020

- Michael Funcke-Bartz, Senior Advisor of Climate Change and Environmental Policy, GIZ
- Vikas Goswami, Head Of Consulting, Boundless Environment Resource Solutions
- Mariana Heinrich, Director of Energy, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)
- Claire Lund, Head of Environmental Sustainability, GlaxoSmithKline
- Luis Muñoz, Regional Executive for the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Chapter, Network for Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECPnet)

Moderated by Stephan Sicars, Director, Department of Environment, UNIDO

Exploring the future of green buildings and construction

23 June 2020

- Victoria Burrows, Director, Advancing Net Zero, World Green Building Council
- Maxine Jordan, Energy Efficiency & Buildings, International Energy Agency (IEA)
- Lena Hök, Senior Vice President of Sustainability, Skanska
- Kerry Max, Deputy Director of Climate Finance Governance, Global Affairs Canada
- Marcene Mitchell, Senior Manager of Climate Business and Strategy, International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Moderated by Martina Otto, Head, Cities Unit, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

How can private finance support a sustainable recovery?
30 June 2020

- Marcin Bill, Senior Financial Officer, International Finance Corporation
- Mary Leung, Head, Standards and Advocacy, Asia Pacific, CFA Institute
- Mark Lewis, Global Head of Sustainability Research, BNP Paribas Asset Management
- Dorothy Maseke, Group Head of Risk and Compliance, ICEA LION Group
- Manju Seal, Head of Sustainable Finance, Advisory, BMO Capital Markets

Moderated by Vikram Widge, Senior Advisor, Climate Policy Initiative

Fiscal policies to green the recovery
7 July 2020

- Adi Budiarto, Head, Climate Change and Multilateral Policy Center, Indonesia Ministry of Finance
- Jacqueline Cottrell, Senior Policy Advisor, Green Budget Europe
- Joy Aeree Kim, Climate Change Expert, UNEP
- Brian O’Callaghan, PhD Candidate in Energy Finance, University of Oxford
- Ian Parry, Principal Environmental Fiscal Policy Expert, International Monetary Fund

Moderated by Gillian Tett, Editor-at-Large, Financial Times

What’s Your Country’s Footprint? A close look at environmental footprint indicators and multi-regional input-output tables
18 March 2020

- Arnold Tukker, Scientific Director, Institute of Environmental Sciences, Leiden University
- José Pineda, Senior Researcher, United Nations Development Programme
- (UNDP) and Adjunct Professor, University of British Columbia
- Llorenç Milà i Canals, Head of Secretariat, Life Cycle Initiative, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Niklas Nierhoff, Scientific Officer, Economics Section, Federal Office for the Environment FOEN
- Stefanie Hellweg, Professor, Ecological Systems Design, ETH Zurich
- Stephan Pfister, Senior Research Associate, Ecological Systems Design, ETH Zurich

Sustainable Living 1.5: Empowering people to live better and lighter
1 December 2020

- Lewis Akenji, Executive Director, SEED
- Louise Mabulo, Founder, The Cacao Project
- Sebastián Muñoz, Experiencies Design and UX, Rutopia
- Hugo Schally, Head, Multilateral Environmental Cooperation Unit, European Commission

Moderated by Solitaire Townsend, Co-Founder, Futerra

Can a Doughnut Help us Recover from COVID-19?
24 February 2021

- Kate Raworth, Author of Doughnut Economics: Seven Ways to Think Like a 21st-Century Economist
- Kumi Kitamori, Head of Division, Green Growth & Global Relations, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Zeenat Niazi, Vice-President, Development Alternatives (DA)
- Juergen Voegelé, Vice-President for Sustainable Development, World Bank

Moderated by Richard Damania, Chief Economist, Sustainable Development, World Bank

Sustainable Infrastructure: Three case studies to help us build back better from COVID-19
27 April 2021

- Sarwat Chowdhury, Policy Specialist: Green Economy, Natural Capital & Productive Capacities, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Fabian Felix, National Integrated Planning and Programme Unit (NIPP), Department of Finance of Saint Lucia
- Kevin Hsu, Centre for Liveable Cities, Ministry of National Development of Singapore
- Dominic MacCormack, Environmental Scientist and Policy Analyst, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Joseph Price, Consultant, Resources and Markets, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Moderated by Apoorva Bajpai, Infrastructure Sustainability and Resilience Analyst at United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)

Green and Sustainable Chemistry: From Objectives to Action
17 May 2021

- Amy Cannon, Executive Director/Co-founder, Beyond Benign
- Rafael Cayuela, Director and Corporate Economist, The Dow Chemical Company
- Bob Diderich, Division Head, Environment, Health and Safety, Environment Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Achim Halpaap, Former Head of the Chemicals and Health Branch, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Tatiana Santos, Policy Manager for Chemicals & Nanotechnology, European Environmental Bureau
- Victorine A. Pinas, Suriname Representative, Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants
- Vania Zuin, Professor of Chemistry, Federal University of São Carlos

Moderated by Monika MacDevette, Chief, Chemicals & Health Branch Economy Division, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

How to make a Green New Deal: Practical lessons from countries and regions
26 May 2021

- Shamshad Akhtar, Executive Secretary, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and Former Governor, Central Bank of Pakistan
- Greg Carlock, Manager for Climate Action and Data, World Resources Institute
- Hyungna Oh, Chair of Advisory Committee on Korea’s Green New Deal, Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Korea and Professor at the College of International Studies, Kyunghee University
- Davor Percan, Head of Unit, Bilateral & Regional Environmental Cooperation, DG Environment, European Commission

Moderated by Richard Damania, Chief Economist of Sustainable Development, World Bank



Green Industry Platform

**Sustainability and Circularity
in the Textiles Value Chain**

20 October 2020

- Emanuela Gregorio, Economist and Fashionomics Africa Coordinator, African Development Bank (AfDB)
- Bettina Heller, Programme Officer, Consumption and Production Unit, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Kehua Hu, Deputy Director, Office for Social Responsibility, China Textile and Apparel Industry Council
- Arizona Muse, Model, Sustainability Consultant and Activist
- Francois Souchet, Lead, Make Fashion Circular, Ellen MacArthur Foundation
- Elisa Tonda, Head, Consumption and Production Unit, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Rebecca Ugglä, Senior Adviser, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

Moderated by Laila Petrie, Textiles Expert, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); CEO, 2050; and Vice-Chair, UNFCCC Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action

**Preparing Green Investment Projects:
What works and what doesn't**

26 January 2021

- Mike Reddaway, Policy Manager, Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office of the United Kingdom
- Michael Franz, Team Leader, Get.Invest Programme, GIZ
- Francine Munyaneza, Chief Executive Officer, MUNYAX ECO

Moderated by Ghita Hananne, Morocco Country Officer, International Finance Corporation (IFC)

**Material Efficiency Strategies for Business:
Untapped climate solutions for buildings and mobility**

2 February 2021

- Kristina Church, Head of Sustainable Solutions, Lombard Odier Investment Managers
- Anirban Ghosh, Chief Sustainability Officer, Mahindra Group
- Edgar Hertwich, International Chair of Industrial Ecology, Norwegian University of Science and Technology and Executive Fellow at the Yale School of Environment
- Reid Lifset, Research Scholar and Resident Fellow in Industrial Ecology, Yale University, and Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Industrial Ecology
- Martin Pauli, Germany Foresight Advisory Lead, ARUP
- Christoph Wolff, Head of Shaping the Future of Mobility and Member of the Executive Committee, World Economic Forum

Moderated by Janez Potočnik, Co-Chair, International Resource Panel and Partner, SYSTEMIQ

**Designing High-performing
Eco-industrial Parks**

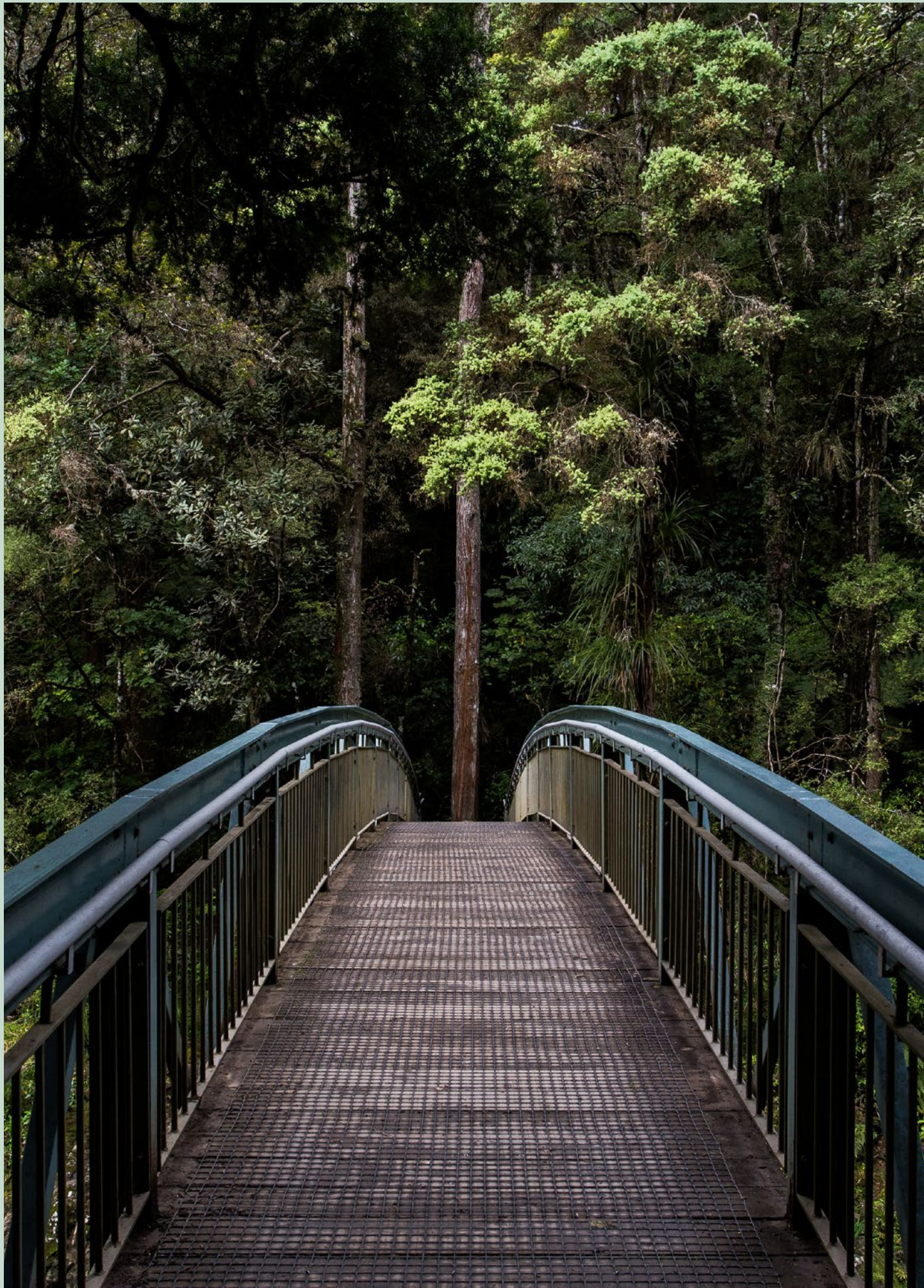
9 February 2021

- Mareike Boll, Coordinate of the GIZ Working Group on Sustainable Industrial Areas, GIZ
- Mary Ezzat, Industrial Park Manager of Engineering Square, Industrial Development Group (IDG), Egypt
- Bernd Oellermann, Director: Regional Industrial Development, Department of Trade and Industry of the Government of South Africa
- Dario Quaranta, Senior Advisor, Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation Global Practice, World Bank

Moderated by Klaus Tyrkko, Chief Technical Adviser, Global Eco-Industrial Parks Programme (GEIPP)

<p>Green Finance Platform</p>	<p>Scaling-up efforts towards Paris alignment and supporting the SDGs in the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership 30 June 2021</p>
<p>Fostering Economic Recovery through Green Finance Education 14 October 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Géraldine Ang, Senior Policy Analyst, Green Finance and Investment, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) • Helen Brand, Chief Executive, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) • Heidi Hautala, Vice-President, European Parliament • Mardi McBrien, Managing Director, Climate Disclosure Standards Board (CDSB) • Joseph Owolabi, Founder, Rubicola Consulting • Thomas Verheye, Principal Advisor, Green Finance & Investment, European Commission <p>Moderated by Jimmy Greer, Head of Sustainability, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen Brand, Chief Executive, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) • Mervyn E. King, Senior Counsel and former Judge of the Supreme Court of South Africa • Nicole Martens, Director, Martens Impact Advisory and Acting Head of Africa & Middle East, UN-supported Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) • Flora Mutahi, Member of the UN Global Compact Board, and Founder & CEO, Melvin Marsh International Limited • Musonda Mumba, Director for the Rome Centre for Sustainable Development, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) • Ndidi Nnoli Edozien, Co-Chair, Private Sector Advisory Group on SDGs/Chair, Circular Economy Innovation Partnership Africa • Domenico Rosa, Head of Unit, Strategic Partnerships with Africa and with the ACP, European Commission • Omobolanle Victor-Laniyan, Head of Sustainability, Access Bank, Nigeria • Alta Prinsloo, Chief Executive Officer, Pan African Federation of Accountants (PAFA)





GGKP Expert Group on Natural Capital

Measuring Nature’s Contribution: How natural capital will transform the economic recovery
6 October 2020

- Anthony Cox, Deputy Director, Environment Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Paul Ekins, Professor of Resources and Environmental Policy, University College London (UCL) Institute for Sustainable Resources
- Kumi Kitamori, Head of Division, Green Growth & Global Relations, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- John J. Maughan, Research Programme Manager, Green Growth Knowledge Partnership (GGKP)
- Anil Markandya, Distinguished Ikerbasque Professor, Basque Centre for Climate Change (BC3) and Honorary Professor of Economics, University of Bath
- Rosimeiry Portela, Senior Director, Conservation International (CI)

Moderated by Joe Grice, Chairman, UK Office for National Statistics Economic Experts

Closing the Financing Gap: Investing in Natural Capital to Achieve the SDGs
6 July 2021

- Janez Potočnik, former European Commissioner for the Environment and Co-Chair of the International Resource Panel and Partner, SYSTEMIQ
- Elizabeth M. White, Principal Strategist-Sustainability, Sector Economics and Development Impact, International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- Simon Zadek, Chair, Finance for Biodiversity (F4B) and Director, Migrant Nation
- Ivo Mulder, Head, Climate Finance Unit, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Anil Markandya, Ikerbasque Professor, Basque Centre for Climate Change (BC3)

Moderated by Megan Rowling, Climate Correspondent, Thomson Reuters Foundation

Activating the Green Recovery Action Plans in Africa through Natural Capital Approaches
8 December 2021

- Mohamed Awer, CEO, WWF Kenya
- Margaret M. Barihaihi, Regional Manager Africa (Anglo and Lusophone), NDC Partnership Support Unit, NDC Partnership
- John J. Maughan, Research Programme Manager, Green Growth Knowledge Partnership (GGKP) and Co-Chair, NC4-ADF Programme
- Leah Wanambwa Naess, Senior Policy Officer, Directorate of Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy, Africa Union Commission (AUC)
- Suriya Mues, Regional Lead, UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre, Kampala
- Vanessa Ushie, Manager, Policy Analysis Division, African Natural Resources Centre, AfDB, and Co-Chair, NC4-ADF Programme

SDGs Erosion: How terrestrial natural capital will save the 2030 Agenda
10 November 2020

- Gitika Goswami, Programme Director, Development Alternatives (DA)
- Peter Katanisa, Coordinator, Environment, Natural Resources & Blue Economy World Bank and Coordinator, Natural Capital Accounting Community of Practice Africa
- Nazira Kerimalieva, Head of Sustainable Development and Environmental Statistics Department, National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic
- John J. Maughan, Research Programme Manager, Green Growth Knowledge Partnership (GGKP)
- Anil Markandya, Distinguished Ikerbasque Professor, Basque Centre for Climate Change (BC3) and Honorary Professor of Economics, University of Bath
- Mark Schauer, ELD Secretariat Coordinator, Economics of Land Degradation (ELD)

Moderated by Robert Costanza, Vice-Chancellor’s Chair in Public Policy, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University

Green jobs and a just transition:
Country perspectives

18 November 2020

- Ruth Halle, Technical Advisor, Technical and Vocational Education and Training, GIZ
- Mactavish Makwarela, Director of Mitigation, South Africa's Department of Climate, Change, Air Quality and Sustainable Development
- Mike Mulcahy, CEO, GreenCape
- Pablo Somoza, General Confederation of Labor, Argentina
- Rodrigo Rodriguez Tornquist, Secretary of Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Innovation, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development Argentina

Moderated by Moustapha Kamal Gueye, Coordinator, Green Jobs Programme, International Labour Organization (ILO)

How Green Bonds Are Financing Sustainable Development

30 September 2021

- Maia Colodenco, Head of the International Affairs Unit, Working Group on Sustainable Finance, Ministry of Economy Argentina
- Florencia Puch Genolet, Assistant Manager of Corporate Governance, National Securities Commission of Argentina
- Peter Head, Chair, Resilience Brokers
- Monene J. Mathiba, Specialist Financial Analyst, Office of the CFO, Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality
- Joko Tri Haryantom, Senior Researcher, Fiscal Policy Agency for Climate Change Financing and Multilateral Policy, Ministry of Finance of Indonesia
- Christelle van Vuuren, Associate Director, Africa – Carbon Trust

Moderated by Arthur Wood, Founding Partner, TOTAL Impact Capital

Sustainable Public Procurement:
The sleeping giant

2 March 2021

- Kakha Demetrashvili, Deputy Chairperson, State Procurement Agency of Georgia
- Helene Hoggen, Senior Adviser/Project Manager hos Direktoratet for forvaltning og økonomistyring (Norway)
- Kubat Kanimetov, Director, NGO Promotion and Development Center, Kyrgyzstan
- Rosemary Kumwenda, Coordinator, UN informal Interagency Task Team on Sustainable Procurement in the Health Sector, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Lilia Lakhtionova, Director of the Public Procurement Department, Ministry of Development of Economy, Trade and Agriculture of Ukraine

Moderated by Farid Yaker, Programme Officer, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

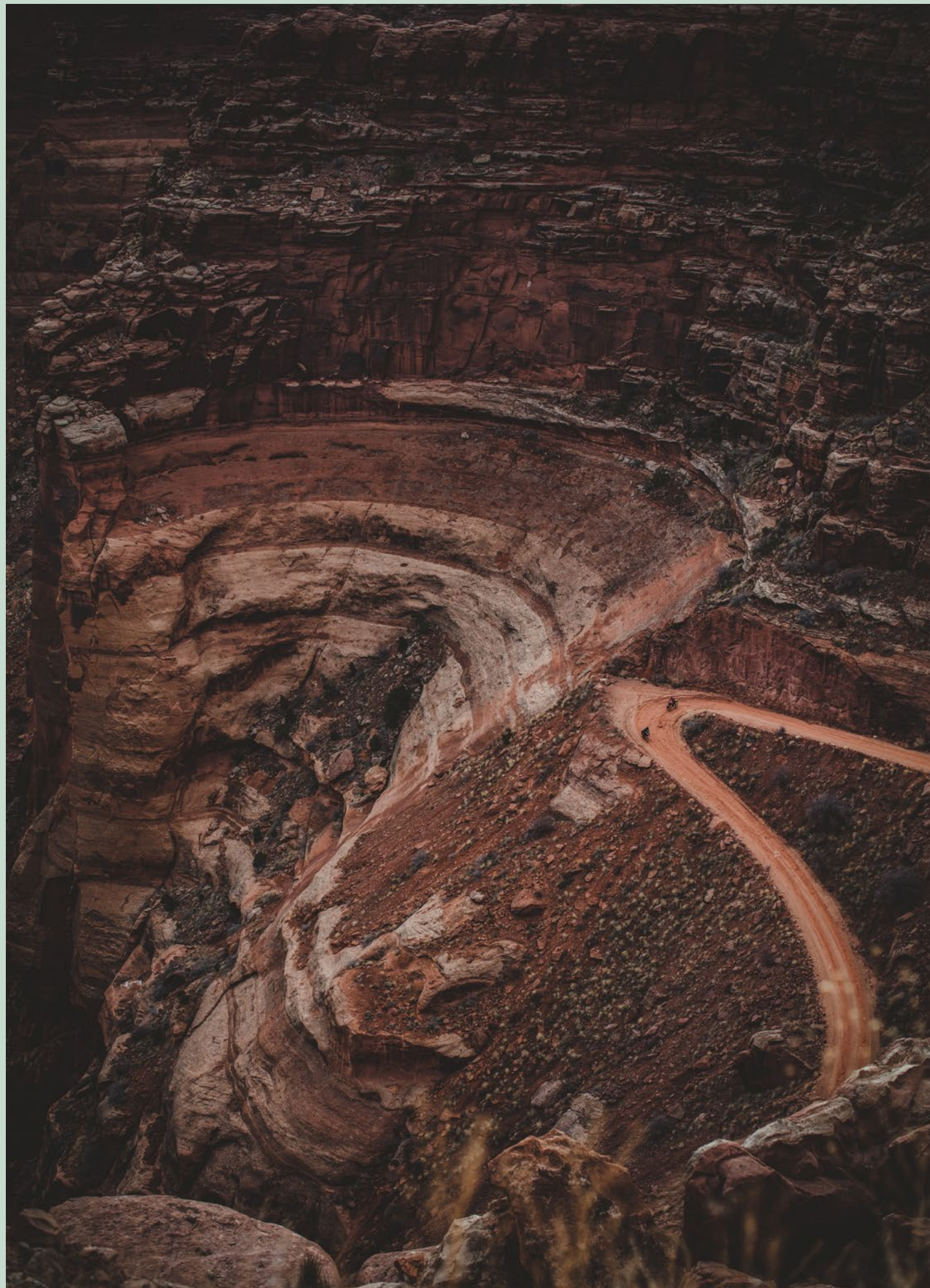
Eco-labels: How can they be scaled up, streamlined and used to drive sustainable consumption and production?

23 March 2021

- Kuanysh Baltabayev, Executive Director, ECOJER (Kazakhstan)
- Eugenia Kuznetsova, Head of Certification Body, Ecological Union (Russian Federation)
- Iordanca-Rodica Iordanov, Executive Director, EcoContact (Moldova)
- Giulnara Jusupjanova, Chairman of the NGO “For Quality” (Kyrgyzstan)
- Ulf Jaeckel, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany (in charge of the Blue Angel ecolabel)
- Lesya Nikolayeva, UNDA SPP project
- Björn-Erik Lönn, Chairman of Global Ecolabelling Network (GEN)
- Kateryna Shor, Project Manager, Green Dossier Information Center (Ukraine)

Moderated by Nils Heuer, Associate Programme Officer, Consumption and Production Unit, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)





UNEA-4 Mineral Resource Governance Resolution

How to strengthen mineral resource governance in 2021

19 January 2021

- Aidan Davy, Chief Operating Officer and Director, Environment Programme, International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM)
- Daniel Franks, Professor, Sustainable Minerals Institute, The University of Queensland
- Louise Gallagher, Environmental Governance Lead, UNEP/GRID-Geneva Global Sand Observatory Initiative
- Franziska Hirsch, Secretary to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- Antonio Pedro, Director, Sub-regional Office for Central Africa, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
- Martine Rohn-Brossard, Head of Section Europe, Trade and Development/Deputy Head International Division, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN)

Moderated by Ligia Noronha, Director, Economy Division, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

**Other GGKP events
2020-2021**

In 2020-2021, the GGKP hosted eight events in collaboration with partners, bringing together a total of over 5,300 registrants and approximately 2,400 participants.

**ONLINE EXCHANGE:
African Forum on Green Economy**
13 April – 3 July 2020

A three-month online exchange on how African countries are leading the way to greener, fairer economies organized by Economics for Nature (E4N) partners. The GGKP Expert Group on Natural Capital organized two sessions on infrastructure ([3 June 2020](#)) and development finance ([10 June 2020](#)), featuring senior voices from the [African Development Institute](#), [World Bank](#), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), [KenGen](#) and African Institute for Development Policy (AFIDEP).

HLPF 2020 SIDE EVENT
Recovering better: Global opportunities for jumpstarting the real economy #GOforSDGs
16 July 2020

An official side event of the 2020 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF 2020), this event introduced the [Global Opportunities for SDGs](#) (GO4SDGs) [Menu of Services](#), showcasing tools offered by GO4SDGs partners at the regional and national level to support countries to green their recovery packages and orient to the real economy. It was organized jointly by [SEED](#) and the United Nations Environment Programme, with support from the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety of Germany (BMU) and GGKP.

UNEA-5 SIDE EVENT: Green Forum Global Launch – Pursuing Collaboration at Scale
18 February 2021

The launch event for the [Green Forum](#) at the Fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-5) brought together a high-level panel to imagine how the Green Forum can support the implementation of UNEA decisions and achievement of the SDGs. Discussions focused on the role of global networks, knowledge exchange and collaboration in a green recovery from [COVID-19](#), key barriers to strong collaboration on the 2030 Agenda and how a more collaborative future can be encouraged.

**ESWG SEMINAR:
Dasgupta Report: Recommendations
for revised economic accounting**
30 March 2021

The first session in a series of [Economic Statistics Working Group](#) (ESWG) seminars on the “missing capitals” – assets such as natural, human and social capital which traditionally receive less attention in economic analysis – featuring Sir Partha Dasgupta, [whose landmark report on biodiversity](#) calls for improvements to economic accounting to recognize and measure natural assets and progressively move towards measuring inclusive wealth.

HLPF 2021 Side Event
#GO4SDGs Presents: Innovative solutions for MSMEs in a green recovery
13 July 2021

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HLPF 2021 Side Event
Towards Sustainable, Inclusive and Responsible Mineral Resources Governance Post COVID-19
15 July 2021

Held on the margins of HLPF 2021, this event presented the findings of a series of [consultations](#) undertaken by the UN Environment to implement the [UNEA-4/19 Resolution on Mineral Resource Governance](#) in the context of a green and inclusive recovery and contribution to the SDGs. Experts spotlighted priority action areas for more sustainable and responsible mineral resources governance.

LAUNCH: Natural Capital for African Development Finance (NC4-ADF) Programme
9 September 2021

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**WORKSHOP: In Africa for Africa:
Weaving solutions for textile circularity challenges**
12 October 2021

Organized by the Green Industry Platform in collaboration with GO4SDGs, this workshop explored how to bridge the communication gap between brands/retailers and SMEs in their supply chains involved with textile, yarn, fabric and fibre production. It was part of the circular economy conference track of the World Resources Forum 2021 ([WRF2021](#)).

Project Support 2020-2021

The GGKP offers projects, initiatives and UNEA resolutions with the opportunity to host knowledge on a dedicated GGKP +Platform as well as through the GGKP Knowledge Update newsletter, #GGKPwebinars and jointly organized events. In 2020-2021, the GGKP supported a number of projects, initiatives and UNEA resolutions, including:

Green Economy Transformation (GET)

The International Climate Initiative (IKI) project “[Green Economy Transformation](#): Synergies between low-emission development paths and SDGs” uses green economy approaches to strengthen capacity to implement SDGs and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Climate Agreement more systematically. The project is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection ([BMUZ](#)) and implemented by [GIZ](#) in cooperation with the Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) and GGKP. The GGKP organized two webinars under the GET project in 2020-2021, building on a series that started in 2019.

Global Opportunities for SDGs (GO4SDGs)

GO4SDGs works to accelerate the shift to inclusive green economies and sustainable production and consumption patterns by sharing best practices for replication and upscaling across regions. In 2020-2021, the GGKP hosted one webinar and two events in collaboration with GO4SDGs, including an HLPF Side Event to launch the GO4SDGs’ Menu of Services.

Global Sand Observatory

The Global Sand Observatory is a new UNEP/GRID-Geneva initiative that generates targeted knowledge and provides decision-making support on sustainable sand extraction and use. In 2020-2021, the GGKP organized one webinar in collaboration with UNEP/GRID and one webinar in collaboration with UNEP/GRID and the UNEA-4 Mineral Resource Governance Resolution.

UNEA-4 Mineral Resource Governance Resolution

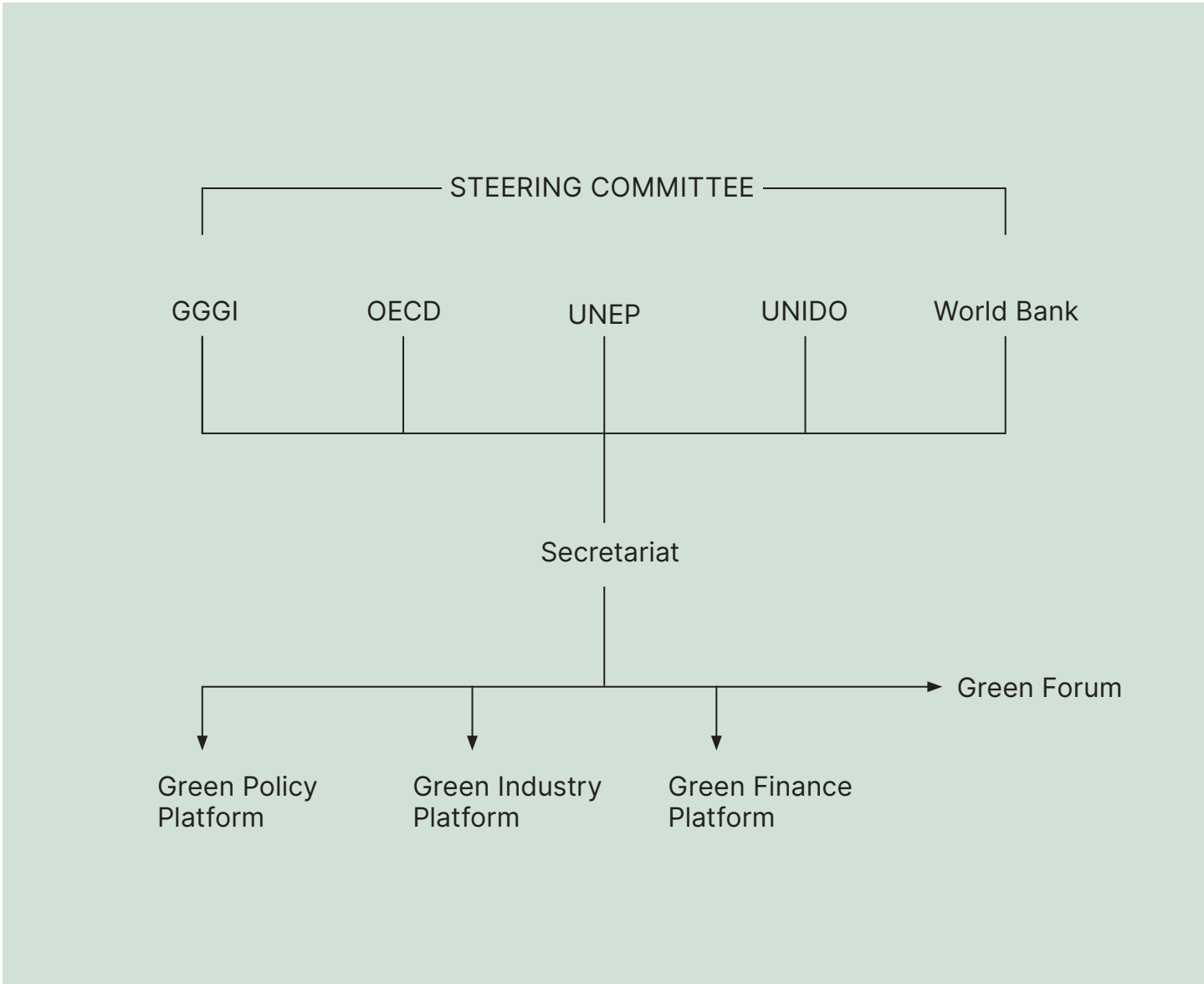
The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) leads an initiative to support implementation of UNEA-5 Resolution on sustainable Mineral Resource Governance ([UNEP/EA.4/L.19](#)). The GGKP hosts a +Platform dedicated to this initiative and in 2020-2021 hosted one webinar and one event supporting implementation of the resolution in collaboration with UNEP.

United Nations Development Account project on Sustainable Public Procurement

The United Nations Development Account project “Enhancing sustainable public procurement for the regional transition to inclusive green economy in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia” (UNDA EECCA) aims to strengthen the capacity of countries and businesses to respond to public tenders with sustainability criteria. It is led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) with support from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the GGKP. In 2020-2021, the GGKP jointly organized two webinars with UNDA EECCA.



Governance



The GGKP was founded in 2012 by the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and World Bank. In 2018, the GGKP welcomed the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in joining the four founding organizations of the GGKP Steering Committee – the partnership’s governing and decision-making body.

Operations are carried out by the GGKP Secretariat, jointly hosted by GGGI in Seoul, Republic of Korea, and UNEP in Geneva, Switzerland. Both organizations provide dedicated personnel to support the initiative. Each of the partnership’s founding organizations provide in-kind support through the designation of a GGKP coordinator, charged with supporting the implementation of GGKP activities. Coordinators ensure close and constant communication between the GGKP Secretariat and its founding organizations.

Finances

GGKP Steering Committee members support the partnership and provide in-kind contributions through their participation on the steering committee and in GGKP expert groups. Each steering committee member also appoints a staff member (“GGKP coordinator”), based at their respective institutions, to contribute to GGKP operations.

The following table provides an informal summary of the GGKP’s donor funding as well as the expenses accrued against each contribution (excluding in-kind contributions). Its contents are unaudited and are provided for information.

	Contributions		Expenses		Balance
	Balance Pre-2020	2020-2021	2020	2021	
All amounts in USD					
UNEP Managed Funds					
Germany (GLZ)	68,646.00	428,026.53	68,646.00	124,300.93	303,725.60
Germany (GO4SDG)	–	113,000.00	74,580.00	39,482.20	[1,062.20]
Germany (PAGE Multi-Party Trust Fund)	1,209,039.00	–	795,094.30	286,529.00	127,415.70
MAVA Foundation	701,578.00	1,069,735.00	426,405.40	1,002,411.60	342,496.00
Netherlands	29,036.00	–	–	29,036.00	–
Norway	–	200,000.00	–	157,798.80	42,201.20
Switzerland	297,394.00	215,222.96	78,625.21	173,144.84	260,846.91
GEF	–	1,225,975.00	–	161,046.00	1,064,929.00
GGGI (core funds)	–	322,378.00	113,986.00	208,392.00	–
Grand Total	2,305,693.00	3,574,337.49	1,557,336.91	2,182,141.37	2,140,552.21

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