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LETTER FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Economic development is a powerful instrument for reducing poverty and improving well-being. However, growth has come at a high cost to planetary health—the climate and biodiversity warnings over the last years are alarming, with new reports documenting the increasing impacts of weather and climate events on socio-economic development, human health, migration and displacement and food security, as well as a dangerous decline in nature.

The Green Growth Knowledge Partnership (GGKP) was created with a common commitment to pursue an economic transition that provides economic opportunities and social inclusion in balance with nature. In other words, we want to avoid undermining the health of our planet on which our future prosperity relies.

Achieving this economic transformation is integral to delivering on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement. It requires commitment and well-planned action from everyone. The GGKP plays and will continue

to play an essential role as the leading source of practical knowledge on green growth and the largest global network of organizations and experts dedicated to working together to mobilize a sustainable economy.

In 2019, to support the private and financial sectors to deliver on their sustainability commitments, the GGKP launched the Green Finance Platform and the new Green Industry Platform at the 2019 UN High-Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development. Building on the success of the policy-focused Green Growth Knowledge Platform established in 2014, these new platforms empower banks, investors, insurers, and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to initiate, accelerate and deliver on a more sustainable economy.

We are committed to ensuring the GGKP's continued success and look forward to our continued collaboration and engagement among the expanding partnership to stimulate forward thinking, open dialogue and collaborative action.



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LETTER FROM THE SECRETARIAT

I am pleased to invite you to review the Green Growth Knowledge Partnership's 2018–2019 Biennium Report, which sets out the GGKP's activities and achievements over the last two years. The partnership has witnessed tremendous growth through the creation of the Green Finance Platform, the relaunch of the Green Industry Platform and the expansion of the policy-oriented Green Growth Knowledge Platform.

Importantly, in this biennium we tested a new model of collaboration focused on the mainstreaming and application of knowledge with partners directly engaging governments. In 2018, we worked with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) to develop the Green Growth Policy Review in Indonesia, and in 2019 we supported the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) in developing a "three returns model" for sustainable landscapes and economic growth in Myanmar.

The GGKP is committed to further scaling these actions in order to support, empower and encourage experts and institutions from the policy, industry and finance communities to collaborate in driving forward a sustainable economy.

As a first effort, the GGKP will establish an interactive online community space for green growth experts that draws on the knowledge foundation created by the GGKP's three platforms. Within this space, experts and institutions from the policy, industry and finance communities will have the ability to create public and private groups based on community demand. In the public groups, green economy practitioners will be able to share and discuss insights on specific sectors,

themes and issues. In the private groups, the community will collaborate on specific challenges or projects. With individuals from around the world sharing knowledge and working together, we hope the community space will transform how individuals and institutions approach the green economy transition.

In recognition that universities and training institutes have a key role to play in equipping leaders with the knowledge and tools they need to design and implement green economy solutions, the GGKP, in collaboration with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), is establishing a Green Learning Network to improve existing education and training opportunities and facilitate the creation of new courses, programmes and learning resources for current and future decision-makers.

Over the next two years, the GGKP will also collaborate with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in the delivery of the Global Opportunities for SDGs (GO for SDGs) initiative, a multi-year effort focused on facilitating regional dialogue and exchange among practitioners.

We are on the cusp of what has been referred to as the "decade of action" or "decade of delivery" – the 10 years before the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement commitments must be met. Through our global partnership focused on collaboration, the GGKP is uniquely positioned to help governments, business and experts deliver on these commitments. We look forward to working with you on this effort.



BEN SIMMONS

Head, Green Growth Knowledge Partnership Secretariat

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

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.

TO ACHIEVE ITS IMPACT, THE GGKP ENGAGES IN THREE WORKSTREAMS:

Knowledge management – The GGKP platforms host the world's largest repository of knowledge products designed to support green economic growth.

Knowledge generation – The GGKP establishes and facilitates collaborative, inter-institutional expert working groups to identify and prioritize green growth knowledge gaps, catalyse coordinated responses and develop joint knowledge products.

Knowledge sharing – The GGKP delivers the latest knowledge for greener policy, business and finance to a growing global community in real time. In-person and online events provide space for debate and discussion on critical and emerging issues.

The GGKP's three knowledge platforms—Green Growth Knowledge Platform, Green Industry Platform and Green Finance Platform—offer quick and easy access to the latest research, case studies, toolkits, learning products, principles and protocols to empower policymakers and advisers, small and medium-sized enterprises, and banks, insurance and investment firms to make evidence-based decisions about how to green their operations. The platforms offer everything from global-scale assessments to highly specialized guidance notes. Users can browse by sectors, 193 country pages, regions, or cross-cutting themes, such as climate change, gender, jobs, circular economy and natural capital.

Established in January 2012, the GGKP is led by a steering committee comprised of senior representatives from the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and World Bank.



“GGKP continues to build and foster one of the largest professional networks dedicated to greening industries and societies on the ground. This community of experts plays a fundamental role in developing, refining, and implementing transformational action-oriented solutions that will enable the delivery of the SDGs.”

Stephan Contius, Commissioner for the SDGs and Head of the Division for the UN Developing Countries and Emerging Economies, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

OUR PARTNERS



MILLESTONES



“These are especially exciting times for the Green Growth Knowledge Partnership, already the world’s largest dedicated repository of green growth resources, case studies, and national documents”

Ban Ki-moon, President and Chair of the Global Green Growth Institute and eighth Secretary-General of the United Nations

GREEN GROWTH KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM REACHES NEW HEIGHTS

Since our last biennial report (2016–2017), the platform's user base has almost tripled, from 118,270 visitors in 2017 to 211,796 in 2018 and 314,147 in 2019. In addition, the knowledge base has grown by over 60%, and the number of resource downloads has increased twentyfold, with a total

of 124,040 resource downloads in 2018–2019. This data provides a strong indication that the knowledge featured on the platform is relevant to practitioners that are working to drive green growth on the ground.



NEW KNOWLEDGE (2018–2019)

KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS	LEARNING RESOURCES	CASE STUDIES	NATIONAL DOCUMENTS
+60% 4989	+110% 620	+104% 386	New! 282

WEBSITE USAGE (2018–2019)

PAGE VIEWS	WEB VISITS	USERS	DOWNLOADS
+189% 1mil	+130% 526k	+150% 390k	+2000% 124k

WHAT CAN YOU FIND ON THE GREEN GROWTH KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM?

The **largest collection of research papers and publications for a greener economy** from leading institutions and experts.

Almost **400 case studies** with lessons learned from over 90 countries across six continents.

Almost **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).

Country data for 20 green growth indicators that chart patterns and trends from 1960 to the present day.

NEW GREEN NATIONAL DOCUMENTS DATABASE

In 2018, the GGKP created the Green National Documents Database on the Green Growth Knowledge Platform. It provides direct access to 280 official national documents from 40 countries that outline plans, policies and programmes to advance inclusive green economic development.



“The Green Growth National Documents Database demonstrates that countries around the world are not waiting for greener economies—they’re taking action.”

Frank Rijsberman, Director-General of the Global Green Growth Institute

“The green economy offers tremendous opportunity for businesses, financial institutions, governments and people—it is the economy of the future. Quick and easy access to the latest knowledge and innovation is critical to ensuring we are able to build on good practices that already exist and ensure even greater benefits for nature and people.”

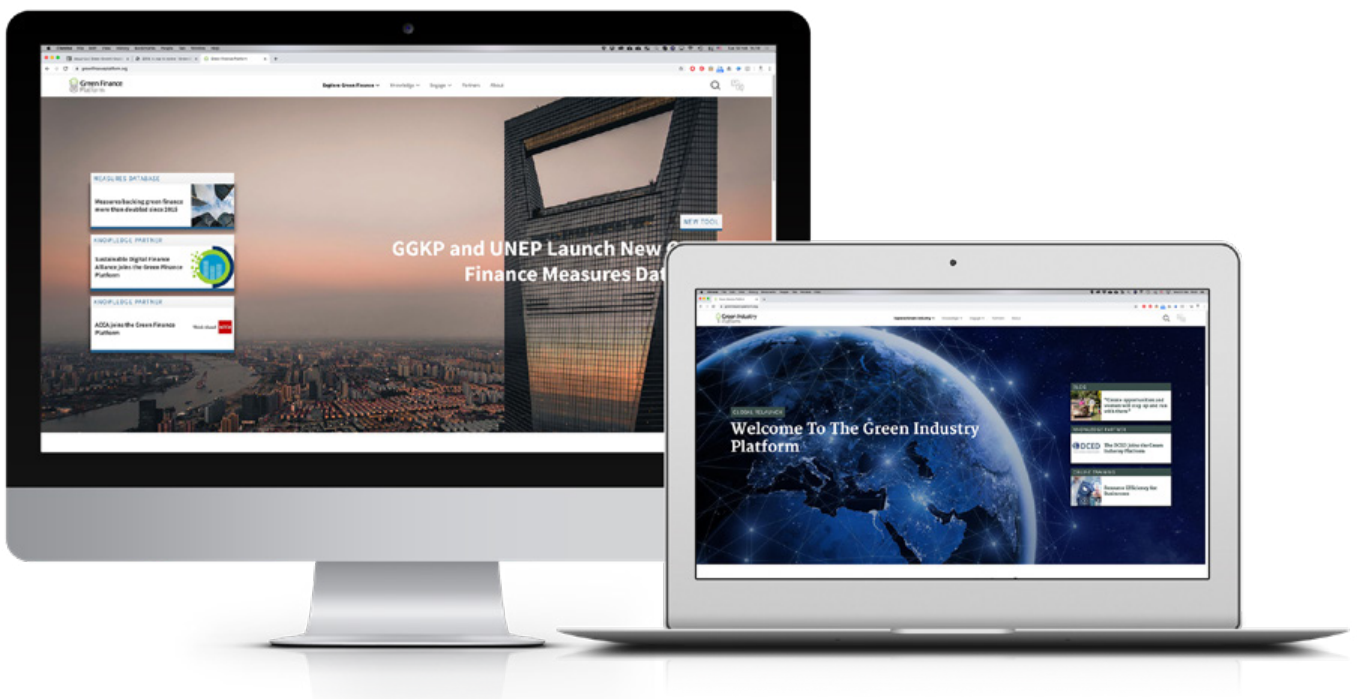
Inger Andersen,
Executive Director, United Nations
Environment Programme



TWO NEW PLATFORMS OFFER LATEST ON GREEN FINANCE AND GREEN BUSINESS

The GGKP launched two new knowledge platforms in July 2019 at the High-level Political Forum for Sustainable Development (HLPF) in New York: the **Green Industry Platform** and the **Green Finance Platform**. These platforms provide the financial and private sectors with the latest research, data, guidance and tools from leading experts and institutions to help green their operations.

The platforms have been developed and launched in close collaboration with the Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) and with support from the German Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU).



"At every stage of a green economy transition, countries, businesses and financial institutions require specialized, time-tested and locally relevant knowledge to inform the development of policies and business strategies. The Partnership for Action on Green Economy is proud of its joint efforts with the GGKP to provide this knowledge and advisory services to accelerate a global green transformation."

Asad Naqvi, Head of Secretariat, Partnership for Action on Green Economy



GREEN INDUSTRY PLATFORM

The Green Industry Platform empowers small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with technical knowledge to green their input materials, end products and operations, and provides evidence that this will improve their bottom lines.

The platform was originally created by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in 2012. The GGKP relaunched the platform in 2019.



“The Green Industry Platform is evolving to become a critical tool for SMEs to engage in global efforts towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development. The platform will equip SMEs with the sector- and region-specific information, guidance and tools to grow their businesses by greening their operations or to explore new green business models in emerging green industries.”

Li Yong, Director-General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization



At the end of 2019, the **platform featured 393 resources, 110 learning resources, 46 case studies and 27 Insights blog posts** featuring the latest thinking from business community experts on:

- How to save money by becoming more resource and energy efficient
 - How to “turn waste into gold”
 - New green business models
 - How to identify and develop the right green skills for your industry
 - Financing options available for green technologies or processes
 - Industry-specific standards and certifications
 - New green technologies and innovation that can help streamline business processes
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THE GREEN INDUSTRY PLATFORM HOSTED TWO WEBINARS IN 2019:

Managing Metals and Minerals: Key Takeaways from the 2019 OECD Green Growth and Sustainable Development (GGSD) Forum (5 December 2019), which provided a first-hand account of the GGSD Forum for those that were unable to attend. It also supported the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-4) resolution on mineral resource governance and underlined the need to share knowledge and experience for the sustainable management of metal and mineral resources worldwide.

Climate Expert: Helping SMEs Develop Strong Climate Adaptation Strategies (4 September 2019), which introduced Climate Expert, a tool that supports SMEs to anticipate climate risks and helps design strong adaptation strategies for their local context.

GREEN FINANCE PLATFORM

The Green Finance Platform is a library of market, policy and regulatory innovations driving the green transformation. It equips banks, insurance and investment firms with the latest knowledge on how to align the financial system with sustain-

able development; tools that enable businesses and investors to assess natural capital risks and opportunities, and guiding principles on responsible banking, insurance and finance.



“Policy and regulatory action is a critical driver of the transition to green and sustainable finance. With this database, we are able to map the ways in which policymakers and regulators are influencing market practice. This type of analysis can help public authorities learn from others’ experiences, raise ambition and strengthen understanding of how their actions are leading to positive changes.”

Jeremy McDaniels, Sustainable Finance Programme Lead, UNEP Inquiry into the Design of a Sustainable Financial System



At the end of 2019, the platform featured **739 resources**, **118 learning resources**, **65 case studies** and **60 Insights blog posts** featuring the latest thinking from finance industry experts on:

- Environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors for investing and lending
- Green bonds, including landscape bonds
- Natural capital
- Impact investment
- Low-carbon investment and lending
- Climate-related risks and opportunities for banks, investors and insurers
- Sustainable and responsible finance

GREEN FINANCIAL MEASURES DATABASE:

The GGKP and the UNEP Inquiry into the Design of a Sustainable Financial System launched the Green Finance Measures Database at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP25) in Madrid, Spain. The database maps almost 400 national and sub-national policy and regulatory measures on green finance around the world, going beyond previous databases that focus on a specific issue area, industry theme or industry sector.



COMMUNITY & OUTREACH



“Over the years, the GGKP has provided invaluable outreach on IISD’s work on greener economies to practitioners in government, business and finance. A highlight has been showcasing IISD’s growing track record on infrastructure investment advice delivered through SAVi – the Sustainable Asset Valuation.”

Richard Florizone, President and CEO of the International Institute for Sustainable Development

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

The **GGKP’s flagship annual conferences** provide space for innovative thinking, exchange and discussion on the most critical and relevant green economy issues ranging from integrated approaches to clean energy infrastructure to green transition in a post-truth world. In 2018 and 2019, the GGKP held its sixth and seventh annual conference, generating 58 new research papers and bringing together a total of 400 global green growth practitioners.

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.

Through the monthly **Green Growth Knowledge Update newsletter**, the GGKP delivers the most recent research and lessons from the field from leading organizations to over 8,000 subscribers—a 44% increase in readership since our 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 reflection relevant to the green growth community. In 2018 and 2019, Insights had over 80 new contributors covering themes from comprehensive wealth accounting to real-world incentives for investors to go green.

A GROWING DIGITAL COMMUNITY



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SUBSCRIBERS

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TWITTER
FOLLOWERS

+70%
 **2743**
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341
THOUGHT PIECES
ON THE GGKP
INSIGHTS BLOG

THE GREEN ECONOMY TRANSFORMATION PROJECT

From 2018–2021, the GGKP is holding a series of five webinars under the International Climate Initiative (IKI) project, *Green Economy Transformation (GET) in cooperation with the Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) – Synergies between low-emission pathways and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*. The project aims to help strengthen the capacities of key actors for the coherent implementation of

the SDGs and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Climate Agreement in the context of green economy approaches. A key project objective is to strengthen knowledge sharing and communicate lessons learned at the international, regional and local level, spotlighting best practices as models for other countries to follow.

In 2018 and 2019, the GGKP held two webinars under the GET project:

Measuring What Matters: A new methodology for collecting and reporting data on fossil fuel subsidies (2 October 2019), which introduced a new methodology for collecting and reporting data on fossil fuel subsidies developed jointly by UNEP, the OECD and IISD's Global Subsidies Initiative.

We're Here to Help: Free policy advisory services for a greener economy (29 May 2019), which presented a number of advisory services that are available free of charge to policymakers, policy advisers, and international organizations and development institutes to support the transition to an inclusive green economy, including how they can be accessed and utilized.

The project is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) through its International Climate Initiative, and is implemented jointly by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and UNEP.



#NATCAPWEEK 2018

In the spirit of collaboration, leading organizations geared towards sustainability convened in Paris, France, in November 2018 to debate and discuss the best ways to achieve a greener future in three key areas: green growth, natural capital and green finance.

The GGKP convened three events that formed a major part of the week: The Sixth GGKP Annual Conference (27–29 November 2018), the Second Global Forum on Green Economy Learning (26–27 November 2018) and a meeting of the GGKP Expert Working Group on Natural Capital and Green Growth. The GGKP played a key role in supporting the outreach of other events that week, including the Natural Capital Policy Forum, Natural Capital Coalition Collaboration Day and UNEP Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) Global Roundtable.



EXPERT WORKING GROUPS

The GGKP is a leading engine for inter-institutional collaboration. The partnership establishes and facilitates collaborative expert working groups to identify and prioritize green growth knowledge gaps on key green growth themes, catalyse coordinated responses and develop joint knowledge products.

The GGKP expert working groups have been extremely active in 2018 and 2019, with real-world impacts around mainstreaming natural capital in decision-making and improving benchmarks and indicators for progress towards green growth.

GIVING NATURE A VOICE IN GREEN ECONOMY PLANNING

Over the past two years, the GGKP's Expert Working Group on Natural Capital has made major strides towards mainstreaming natural capital in green growth. The group supported the **OECD's first-ever national Green Growth Policy Review with a major focus on natural capital**, which included key policy recommendations adopted by four Indonesian ministries in consultation with the OECD Secretariat and member states.

The group also produced **a report that assessed a rich set of over 300 natural capital policy case studies**, deriving lessons for robust natural capital interventions and supporting a call for the development of new nature-based success stories in green growth. It was presented to the UN Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (UNCEEA), the leading inter-governmental body in the field of environmental-economic accounting.

The group developed a **Natural Capital Indicators Framework (NCIF)** that was presented at the 2019 Forum of Experts on SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting, and created **a new methodology for assessing natural capital gaps to achieve the SDGs**. With support from the Economics of Land Degradation (ELD) Initiative, the GGKP working group began three pilot projects **applying the methodology to SDG targets in African and Asian countries**.

The GGKP's Expert Working Group on Natural Capital convened five workshops in 2018 and 2019, in Stanford, USA; Gothenburg, Sweden; Paris, France; Geneva, Switzerland; and Cambridge, UK.

The group was established in 2017 in the context of the Economics for Nature (E4N) project, a unique six-year collaborative effort to integrate natural capital approaches into national green economy planning funded by the MAVA Foundation.



“The GGKP as an integral part of the MAVA Foundation’s Economics for Nature team has made major strides towards mainstreaming natural capital approaches in global green growth. We look forward to further work with the GGKP to put nature at the heart of sustainable development in 2020 and beyond.”

Lynda Mansson, Director General of the MAVA Foundation



MEASURING PROGRESS TOWARDS GREEN GROWTH

The GGKP's Expert Working Group on Metrics and Indicators was established to identify and address knowledge gaps in the measurement of green growth. Over the past two years, the group has convened a series of workshops exploring knowledge gaps and solutions for measuring economic opportunities from the green transition.

In July 2018, the GGKP and GGGI hosted a workshop, Measuring Green Growth Opportunities and Country Performance, where working group members were invited to advance their efforts for measuring green economic opportunities. These experts also joined GGGI in a critical review of the Green

Growth Index and Simulation Tool, which offers policymakers, particularly in developing countries, with direct guideposts for achieving green growth objectives.

The GGKP's Expert Working Group on Metrics and Indicators convened again in November 2018 where four task forces developed a document outlining the taxonomy, measurement and application of metrics and indicators for green economic opportunities in four areas: employment, trade, investment and innovation. In 2019, the group continued to hone this work, which is expected to be published in 2020.



NEW WORKING PAPER ON BEHAVIOURAL INSIGHTS

The GGKP Expert Working Group on Behavioural Insights released the working paper, *Changing Behaviours, Changing Policy: Evidence on Behavioural Insights for Green Growth*, in April 2018. The paper reviewed some of the key behavioural drivers and policy leverage points for encouraging green growth and recommended steps that decision-makers can take to ensure effective planning of behavioural interventions for green growth.

THE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE OF GOING GREEN

In June 2018, the GGKP, Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) and GIZ held a conference on the theme of "Green Transformation and Competitive Advantage: Evidence from Developing Countries" to explore how the adoption of green policies and practices affect competitiveness in developing and emerging countries, and whether a green transformation can enable countries to leapfrog into new competitive industries. Papers were presented from top-ranked universities and research centres.

"The conference helped shed light on how going green can have positive outcomes for competitiveness and jobs in developing countries. To what extent such co-benefits materialize strongly hinges upon policy design. More research is needed to understand the synergies and trade-offs between greening and economic development in specific country contexts. The GGKP has an important role in stimulating such research."

Tilman Altenburg, Head of the Sustainable Economic and Social Development Department at the Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik

EVENTS

Since its launch in 2012, the GGKP has held a total of 73 in-person and online events, including its flagship annual conferences, webinars, expert workshops, roundtable discussions and high-level media debates attended by over 5,000 participants.



Fast, Fair and Green

Transformative Partnerships for an Inclusive Green Economy

 16 July 2019 13:15–14:30

UN High-level Political
Forum on Sustainable
Development

#FastFairGreen #HLPF2019



The GGKP and a group of institutions leading the transition to a green economy jointly organized Fast, Fair and Green, the official UNEP side event at the 2019 UN High-level Political Forum for Sustainable Development (HLPF). The event challenged global leaders to think through how to create an economic transition fast, fair and green enough to achieve the SDGs.

The event also marked the launch of the Five Principles of Green Economy, which provide a valuable compass in the transition to sustainability, and the launch of the Green Industry Platform and the Green Finance Platform, which equip businesses and financial institutions with the knowledge guidance, data and tools they need to equitably green their operations.

The panel featured **Ola Elvestuen**, President of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) and Minister of Climate and Environment, Norway; **Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter**, Parliamentary State Secretary, Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany; **Gabriel Quijandría**, Vice-Minister of Environment, Peru; **Elizabeth Thompson**, Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations, New York; **Astrid Schomaker**, Director, Global Sustainable Development, Directorate General for the Environment, European Commission; **Inger Andersen**, Executive Director, UNEP; and **Guy Rider**, Executive Director, International Labour Organization. It was moderated by **Jo Confino**, Executive Editor of Impact & Innovation at The Huffington Post.



SIXTH GGKP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Sixth GGKP Annual Conference (#GGKP6) aimed to create a new narrative around green growth and national competitiveness, focusing on the theme of “Inclusive Solutions for the Green Transition”. It explored examples of successful transition management strategies through a series of panel discussions and side sessions on competitiveness, employment and the distributional impacts of green policies, as well as the role of SMEs in this context. A total of

30 papers were presented by leading green growth practitioners and academics from around the world. The conference was held on 27–28 November 2018, in conjunction with the OECD Green Growth and Sustainable Development Forum in Paris, France.

All papers, presentations, photos and videos from the conference can be found at: www.ggkp.org/event/GGKP6



GLOBAL FORUM FOR GREEN ECONOMY LEARNING

The 2nd Global Forum on Green Economy Learning focused on the theme of “Green Economy: New Challenges, New Skills”. It explored how to build a critical mass of professionals that understand the risks and opportunities of the green transition, targeting education and training institutions geared towards public officials that are interested in engaging in green economy policymaking.

The forum was jointly organized by the GGKP, UNITAR, PAGE, OECD, Environment for Development (EfD), GGGI and the Green Economy Coalition (GEC). It took place from 26–27 November 2018 at the OECD headquarters in Paris, France.

“It is important that we meet to share our thoughts on what makes training and skills development for the green economy work well. We know that there are many success stories in the work that we do, and I am delighted that the GGKP and partners have collaborated to organize this forum to make sure that what works well can be replicated.”

Angus Mackay, Director of the Division for Planet, United Nations Institute for Training and Research



SEVENTH GGKP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Seventh GGKP Annual Conference (#GGKP7) brought together energy sector experts, practitioners and academics to explore new approaches to modernizing energy systems that will accelerate and diversify economies, create green jobs, increase productivity and competitiveness, and reduce poverty. A total of 28 papers were presented by energy sector experts, particularly from developing countries. The conference took place in Seoul, Republic of Korea, on 21–22 October 2019, as part of the Global Green Growth Week (GGGW) 2019.

All papers, presentations, photos and videos from the conference can be found at: www.ggkp.org/event/GGKP7



HIGH-LEVEL MEDIA DEBATE AT THE 2019 PAGE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE: “WHAT IS WEALTH?”

On the eve of the 2019 Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) Ministerial Conference, the GGKP and partners convened thought leaders from government, business, academia and civil society for a high-level media debate centred on the question, “What makes your country wealthy?” The panel called for new approaches to national wealth accounting that quantify natural and social capital in addition to productivity. The debate was broadcast live on CNBC Africa.

The panel featured **Kumi Naidoo**, Secretary-General of Amnesty International; **Nozipho January-Bardill**, Chairperson

of the UN Global Compact Local Network SA and Non-Executive Director of AngloGold Ashanti, Credit Suisse Securities, and Mercedes Benz SA; **Cameron Hepburn**, Director of the Smith School at the University of Oxford; and **Mary Goretti Kitutu**, Minister for Environment of Uganda. Moderator **Nozipho Mbanjwa**, Anchor of CNBC Africa Financial and Fellow of the African Leadership Institute, asked panellists thought-provoking questions, including, perhaps, the most pressing question: “If not GDP, then what?” The debate took place on 23 January 2019 in Cape Town, South Africa.



Green Growth Knowledge Platform @GGKPlatform · Dec 26, 2018
Has national 'wealth' has been miscalculated for decades? How can we move [#BeyondGDP](#) to account for [#NaturalCapital](#) & [#HumanCapital](#)?

LIVE DEBATE @cnbcafrica | 9 January 5:00 PM CET | ggkp.org/Zis

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The [#BeyondGDP](#) discussion continued at the [#WEF19](#) in Davos, following on the heels of our debates this last month on [#WhatsisWealth](#).

Watch the latest panel: ggkp.org/MorethanGDP

Catch up on our past debates:

ggkp.org/ZiN
ggkp.org/Z53



World Economic Forum and 9 others



OTHER GGKP EVENTS IN 2018–2019



Exploring Blockchain Technology and Environmental Sustainability – A dialogue organized with UNEP brought together 60 representatives from governments, businesses and start-ups, think tanks, consulting firms, and non-profit and international organizations to explore the risks and opportunities of using blockchain technology for sustainability. Participants found that their value is most evident in the context of sustainable value chains, smart energy systems, inclusive and green finance and improved environmental monitoring, reporting and verification. www.ggkp.org/event/Blockchain



The 2019 Batumi Talk Show: Greening the Economy and Cleaning the Air – At this event, co-hosted by Rodolfo Lacy, Director of the OECD Environment Directorate, and Benjamin Simmons, Head of the GGKP Secretariat, countries reported on progress achieved towards their commitments to the Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E) and the Batumi Action for Cleaner Air (BACA) initiative since both were launched in Batumi, Georgia, in 2016. www.ggkp.org/event/BatumiTalkShow2019



Savvy and Smart: SAVi Makes the Case for Sustainable Infrastructure – This event, organized with IISD, UNEP, MAVA Foundation and Sustainable Finance Geneva, examined early experiences with the Sustainable Asset Valuation (SAVi) tool, which enables investors to capture and quantify positive and negative externalities in investment projects. It took place in the wake of the fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-4), where a resolution supporting sustainable infrastructure was adopted.



Clean Energy in Africa – Organized with the Graduate Institute Geneva (IHEID) - Centre for International Environmental Studies (CIES) and IHEID Africa Summit, this briefing highlighted how Africa can best harness the clean energy transition while meeting the energy needs and growth aspirations of its people.

WIN-WIN SOLUTIONS FOR CLEAN ENERGY, SANITATION, SMART AGRICULTURE AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES (20 FEB 2018)

Moderated by **Sandy Bisaro**, Institutional Economist and Researcher, Global Climate Forum

David Tàbara, Associate Senior Researcher, Autonomous University of Barcelona
Gina Ziervogel, Associate Professor, University of Cape Town

Lauren Hermanus, Project Manager, African Climate and Development Initiative
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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 United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) joined the four founding organizations on the GGKP Steering Committee, the principal GGKP governing and decision-making body.

The day-to-day operations of the GGKP are carried out by its Secretariat, jointly hosted by GGGI and UNEP in Geneva, Switzerland, and Seoul, Republic of Korea. Both of these organizations provide dedicated personnel to support the initiative. In addition, each of the GGKP's founding organizations provide in-kind support through the designation of a GGKP coordinator, charged with supporting the implementation of the partnership's activities. The coordinators ensure close and constant communication between the GGKP Secretariat and its founding organizations.

GGKP WELCOMES UNIDO TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

The GGKP officially welcomed the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) as a new member of the GGKP Steering Committee at a signing ceremony hosted by the OECD in November 2018, alongside the GGGI, OECD, UNEP and World Bank.

Under this enhanced partnership, the GGKP relaunched the Green Industry Platform in July 2019 to provide leading innovative, practical and pragmatic insights and knowledge to help green existing businesses and sectors, and to develop and grow new green sectors and enterprises.



“UNIDO looks forward to working with the GGKP to broaden the network of partners in green growth by facilitating the connection with our industry and private sector partners. Together, we can bridge the gap between the research, policy, and industry communities, and provide guidance and incentives for greener industrial practices.”

Stephan Sicars, Director, Department of Environment

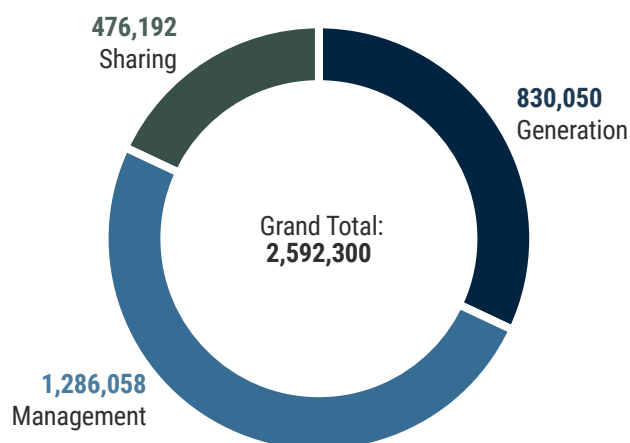
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The GGKP Steering Committee members support the GGKP's efforts and provide in-kind contributions through their participation on the steering committee and expert working groups. Each steering committee member also appoints a staff member ("GGKP Coordinator"), based at their respective institutions, to contribute to the GGKP operations.

The following charts and tables provide 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 purposes only.

	CONTRIBUTIONS		EXPENSES		BALANCE
	Pre-2018 Balance	2018-2019	2018	2019	
All amounts in USD					
UNEP Managed Funds					
UNEP (core funds)	0	32,431	0	32,431	0
Switzerland - Federal Office for the Environment; Ministry of Foreign Affairs	345,384	99,000	97,225	49,765	297,394
MAVA Foundation	294,464	1,213,733	461,241	345,378	701,578
Germany (PAGE Multi-Party Trust Fund)	160,102	1,926,000	311,982	565,081	1,209,039
Germany (GIZ)	0	215,171	427	85,160	129,584
Netherlands - Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment	1,835	29,036	1,600	235	29,036
Norway	135,142	0	34,366	100,776	0
Sweden	36,288	0	36,288	0	0
UN Development Assistance Funds	0	30,000	0	0	30,000
UNEP Financial Inquiry Project	0	100,000	0	0	100,000
Global Green Growth Institute Managed Funds					
GGGI (core funds)	0	344,681	175,761	168,920	0
Green-Win Project	67,898	0	67,898	0	0
OECD	0	46,000	38,000	8,000	0
World Bank	0	8,004	8,004	0	0
UNIDO	0	3,762	0	3,762	0
Grand Total	1,041,113	4,015,387	1,232,792	1,359,508	2,496,631

Expenses by work area (USD)





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