



Green Growth means...

...clean water for all, safe waste disposal, a cleaner country

Farmer Adamsia Conteh collects water from a nearby well to water her vegetable garden outside of Makeni, northern Sierra Leone. Green Growth envisions better maintenance of water systems and access to clean water for all.



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Green Growth means...



...better catches, improved fish products, more jobs

The fishing industry accounts for almost 10% of GDP in Sierra Leone and is an age-old livelihood for over 200,000 Sierra Leoneans. Here at the Tombo Fish Processing Center, one of 5 centres financed by AfDB, smoking and preparing fish for market is hygienic and efficient.

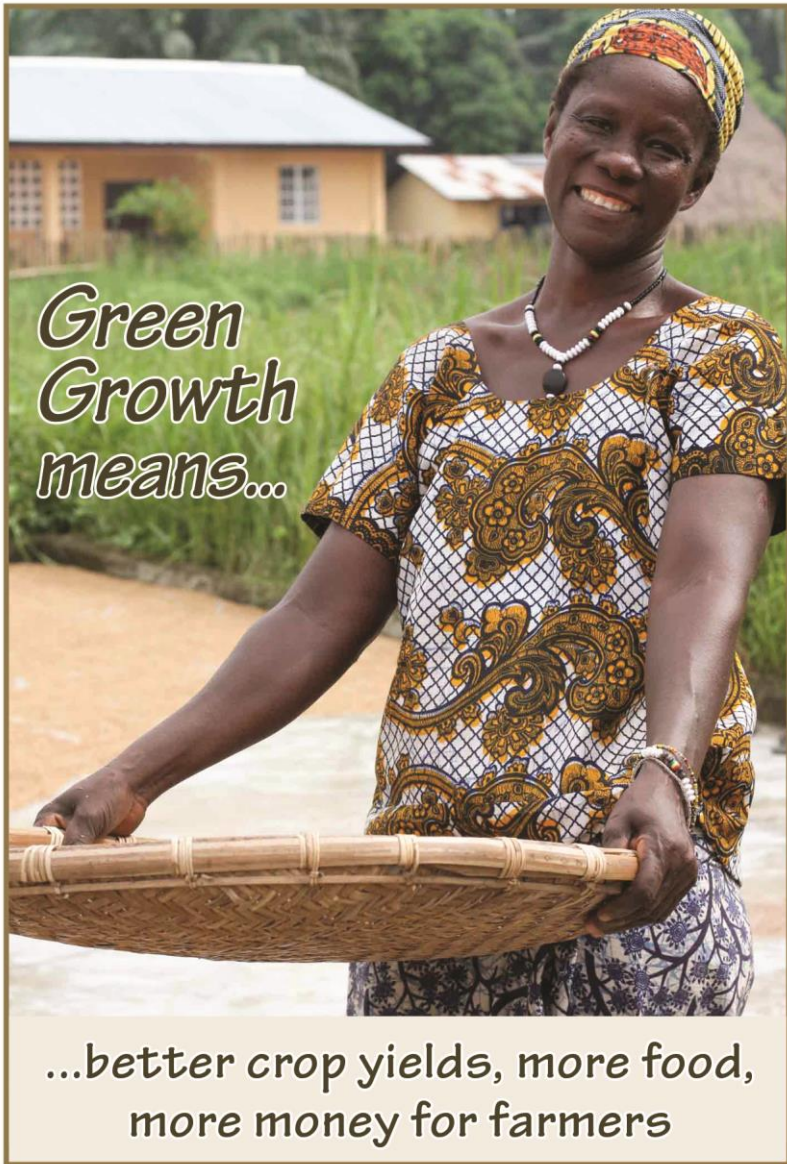


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*...better crop yields, more food,
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Green Growth means...



... safe and faster transport for people and goods

Sierra Leone has some of the highest rainfall on the continent and so it is critical to design climate resilient roads and ensure regular maintenance if investments are to be sustained. With roads that cater to different types of transport and include pedestrian walkways, transport is more efficient and safe. Green Growth envisions safe, climate-resilient and reliable transport systems opening up markets for accelerated growth.

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*Green Growth
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...better jobs and new business opportunities

Addax Bio Energy Ltd. has brought a major investment to Sierra Leone, producing biofuels for export and green energy for local consumption. The project has raised incomes significantly in the area through employment and investment. Green Growth envisions “green” business opportunities that create more jobs for Sierra Leoneans.

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...more access to better health care for all

Sierra Leone launched its Free Healthcare Initiative for pregnant women and children under five in 2010. Here, Fatmata Turay brings her two-week old son for a check up at a maternal health clinic. Green Growth envisions revenue from natural resources management contributing to health services for all Sierra Leoneans.



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*Green Growth
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...building skills now for a better future tomorrow

Secondary school students walk on a good quality tarmac road to school. Green Growth envisions a hopeful future where well-educated children become the greatest resource for economic growth, sustainable prosperity and peace in the country.



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Green Growth means...



...new business opportunities

Agriculture investments are expanding Sierra Leone's economy but must also ensure environmental preservation, sustain livelihoods and improve food security. This oil palm nursery at a bio-fuel plantation brought a major investment to a remote chiefdom in Southern Sierra Leone. Green Growth envisions a Sierra Leone where investments create jobs and attract additional financing.

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Green Growth means...



...clean energy to power schools, clinics, businesses across the country

The Bumbuna hydroelectric dam produces 50MW of electricity. Hydroelectric energy is a clean, renewable form of power, harnessing existing natural resources to power a growing nation, without polluting it. Green Growth envisions improving energy efficiency and developing the renewable energy potential of the country (hydroelectricity, solar, biomass, etc.), while also exploring other clean energy options such as gas. Green Growth supports modern energy services and electric power for all Sierra Leoneans.

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Green Growth means...



...managing natural resources sustainably for the future

Mining investments are expanding Sierra Leone's economy but must also ensure environmental preservation and sustain livelihoods. Here dredging machinery at Sierra Rutile's site is a key part of operations. Green Growth envisions a Sierra Leone where revenues from these and other sources are evenly distributed and contribute to the sustainable development of the country.

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*Green Growth
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...promoting rapid growth while preserving natural resources

Freetown's Cotton Tree is a remarkable national treasure and symbol of the founding of Sierra Leone's capital city in 1792. Hundreds of years old, it is a testament to nature's endurance as human development and ingenuity grows around it. Green Growth envisions progress and modernisation moving hand in hand with preservation of natural resources.

Even when the cotton tree falls down, it's higher than the grass. [Krio proverb]

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Green Growth means...



...clean beaches for everybody, more jobs in sustainable tourism

Sierra Leone is home to the some of the world's most spectacular untouched beaches. Here at River No. 2 beach just south of Freetown, locals and international visitors enjoy pristine white sand and crystal clear waters. Green Growth envisions a tourism trade that provides good local jobs, generates revenues for the local economy, preserves natural resources and invites the world to experience Sierra Leone's natural beauty.

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