PAGE: Partnership for Action on
GREEN economy

From Rio+20 outcome to action
UN, New York 18 September 2013
Rationale: Why is an Inclusive Green Economy needed?

• A business-as-usual approach is no longer feasible: planetary boundaries constrain economic growth as traditionally conceived.

• Science tells us we are approaching and crossing bio-physical tipping points: environmental degradation threatens to undermine our collective well being.

• Threat exacerbated by a mounting social crisis, with growing unemployment, working poverty and a daunting challenge to provide for new jobs and income opportunities, especially for youth.

• This calls for bold action to find new pathways for creating prosperity, decent work and income within a resource-constrained world.
Response to Rio+20

The Rio+20 Outcome Document, *The Future We Want*, declares the green economy is “an important tool for achieving sustainable development”

- Paragraph 59 encourages “the implementation of green economy policies by countries that seek to apply them for the transition towards sustainable development as a common undertaking;”

- Paragraph 64 notes the “positive experiences in some countries, including in developing countries, in adopting green economy policies...and welcome(s) the voluntary exchange of experiences as well as capacity building;”

- Paragraph 66 requests the UN to work in cooperation with relevant donors and international organizations to support countries in their transition to greener economies
International Labour Conference 2013: Sustainable Development, Decent Work and Green Jobs

• General discussion 1 year after Rio+20 UN Conference on Sustainable Development

• Guidance formulated by World of Work (tripartite conclusions: Governments, Employers, Trade Unions)

• ‘Just transition for workforce’ (Rio+20 outcome, UNFCCC Cancun + Durban)
Requested Support: Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Colombia, Cote d’Ivoire, Ethiopia, Gabon, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nigeria, Pakistan, Tunisia, Uganda
Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE)

Vision
Accelerate and improve the transition to socially inclusive, resource efficient, low-carbon economies

Objectives
• **Strengthen the capacity** of Governments and other stakeholders to manage the transition to socially inclusive, resource efficient, low carbon economies

• **Provide a springboard for action** on commitments made at Rio+20

• **Foster cooperation**, pool resources, and ensure coherence between the activities of various stakeholders while drawing upon the best of their respective expertise and political leverage
PAGE Founding Partners

• International Labour Organization (ILO)
• United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
• United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
• United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)
The PAGE Partnership

Green Economy

- UNIDO
- ILO
- UNITAR
- UNEP

Green Industries

Green Jobs

Green Economy

Competencies and skills for green economy
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4 Components

1. **Generate national capacity** for evidence-based policy making;

2. Provide **country-driven advisory services** consisting of assessment of options, policy advice, technical assistance and applied capacity development of “learning by doing”

3. Accelerate political momentum for a shift to inclusive green economies through **policy dialogues** to drive a green economy transition;

4. Fill knowledge gaps through **new research** addressing key policy questions on the drivers of green growth and greening economies;
PAGE – Highlights from Q1 and Q2 2013

Launch of PAGE at Governing Council
- Launch at the ED’s lunchtime dialogue on green economy attended by Ministers and Head of Delegations
- A letter of Agreement among the PAGE Partners signed

Decision 27/8: Green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication
- Invites countries to implement green economy policies and requests UNEP ED to collect initiatives, experiences and practices on different GE approaches and visions

Donor Agreement with Korea signed; new pledges from Finland, Sweden and Switzerland
- Korea becomes first donor to PAGE Trust Fund on May 9th
-- Finland pledges at GC; Sweden in May; discussions underway with Switzerland/SECO
Inter-agency synergy and complementarity in action: Example of Kenya

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**ILO: Green Jobs Assessment and Skills Development** – Assessing the potential for green job creation, identifying skill gaps and supporting green entrepreneurship and job creation

**UNIDO-UNEP: Resource Efficiency and Cleaner Production** – Through Kenya National Cleaner Production Centre, support to enterprises in improving resource and energy efficiency at company level

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**All agencies: Green Economy Roadmap** – Support to the formulation of a green economy roadmap, in conjunction with the development of Kenya’s Medium Term Plan (2013-2017)
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Proposed agency contribution to supporting Kenya’s green economy roadmap

- Ecological footprint: WWF
- Skills for green jobs and youth employment: ILO
- Policies and institutions: UNEP
- Financing green growth: AfDB
- National technical institution: KIPPRA
- Capacity building and governance: UNDP
- Training and knowledge building: UNITAR
- Improving efficiency in productive sectors: UNIDO
Inter-agency synergy and complementarity in action:
Example of the Green Economy Assessment in Mexico

UNEP Green Economy Initiative
- Seed funding (USD 40,000)
- Mexican government through INECC, Tecnológico de Monterrey, ILO, CI, UNIDO and IDB.
- Total budget = USD 500,000.
- Additionally, Chamber of Industry (CANACINTRA) committed more than USD 100,000 for dissemination of study within Mexico.

Conservation International
- Supporting the development of Natural Capital chapter of the GEA.

UNIDO Mexico
- Contributing to GEA by leading research on manufacturing sector, exploring changes required for the country to switch to more efficient and low carbon technologies.

SEMARNAT and UNEP
- Launched Green Economy Assessment of Mexico in January 2012: examines existing efforts for SD, proposing policy mixes to encourage green investment in select key sectors.

National Institute of Ecology and Climate Change (INECC) from SEMARNAT
- Leads the process.

UNEP Mexico office from ROLAC
- Coordinates UNEP interventions and liaises with host of other UN agencies and potential partners.

ILO Mexico
- Supporting research on Green Jobs, looking at potential for green job creation, identifying skill gaps and supporting green entrepreneurship and job creation.

Technical Validation
- UNEP Green Economy Initiative follows technical development of the study, including peer review process (International experts & other organizations).

National consultations/validation
- Steering Committee on Green Economy involving Government, Private Sector, NGOs, Labor organizations, and Academia.

Moving forward: Proposed contributions to support Mexico’s green economy roadmap.

Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT) and UNEP signed MOU in September 2011 to facilitate country’s transition towards a green economy.
New Requests: Angola, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Colombia, Comoros, D.R. Congo, Dominican Republic, Kazakhstan, Mauritius, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Peru, Seychelles, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia, Ukraine
Priority PAGE Countries

A) Mauritius, Mongolia, Pakistan, China (at provincial level), Peru, Bhutan, Mozambique, Burkina Faso, Trinidad and Tobago (output 1; new engagement)

B) Ghana, Kenya, Philippines (output 1, existing engagement)

C) Mexico, Barbados, South Africa, Vietnam (output 2)
1. Current Green Economy Engagement
2. New Requests
3. Priority PAGE Countries (yellow dots are for New Requests)
4. Friends of PAGE (Sweden, Switzerland, Germany, Finland, Norway, S.Korea, UAE, EC)
Next Steps

- Making PAGE Operational
- Delivering on first commitments

Specifically:

• Implement approved 6 month operating plan – focus on Mongolia and Peru

• Develop global research and training modules – focus on practitioners’ guides (assessments, modelling, indicators)

• Complete recruitment of team and secure additional resources

• First Global meeting of PAGE Partners and Friends in UAE - 2014