Green Jobs for Sustainable Development: Myth or Reality?

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Many countries are becoming interested in investment and development strategies that stimulate growth, create jobs and enhance social inclusion in a green economy. Recognizing this growing trend, the Rio+20 Outcome Document "The Future We Want", devoted a full section on promoting full and productive employment, decent work for all, and social protection. It encouraged each country to consider the implementation of green economy policies in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, in a manner that endeavours to drive sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth and job creation, particularly for women, youth and the poor.

However, a number of questions remain to be answered: **What is the evidence that greener economies create more and better jobs? Which economic sectors offer greatest opportunities? What are the needs for skills and human capacity? What are the trade-offs and which transitional arrangements are needed in labour markets?**

This event, hosted by the Geneva Environment Network, will present and discuss national experiences from developed and developing countries in promoting employment in sectors that reduce energy and materiel consumption; minimise waste and pollution; limit greenhouse gas emissions and climate change impact; or protect and restore ecosystems – in other words, green and decent jobs.

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Fairtrade coffee will be available from 9.45 am

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