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Workshop on the Green Economy Report 28, 29 and 30 April 2009

In October 2008, UNEP launched a Green Economy Initiative (GEI). The focus has since been on promoting a Global Green New Deal (GGND) in response to the financial and economic crisis.

After developing an independent report and a policy brief to show the incentives for a GGND, another major product under the GEI is the Green Economy Report (GER), which will include in-depth analysis of the potential of investing in selected green sectors for sustainable economic growth, decent job creation, and poverty reduction. The report will also provide guidance on the creation of enabling conditions, including policy and institutional reforms that are needed in support of green investments.

The workshop will gather key actors likely to be involved in developing the GER to present, discuss, and reach consensus on the outlines for the different chapters and sections of the GER, establish inter-linkages between the different sectoral and thematic areas, and agree on ways of ensuring consistency across the report.

The discussions held during this three days workshop should also lead to the production of a short technical paper describing the methodological approaches used to develop the Green Economy report. The aim of such a document will be to provide guidance to stakeholders interested in developing similar green economy initiatives in their respective fields of work. The meeting will last three days, on the 28, 29 and 30 April 2009 and will be held in Geneva.

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Tuesday 28 April 2009

FOCUS OF THE DAY: INTRODUCTION TO WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES AND PARALLEL WORKING SESSIONS

Welcome

09:00 -09:15 SHENG Fulai, Senior Economist, Economics and Trade Branch (ETB), Division of Technology, Industry and Economics, UNEP

09:15 -10:15 **Workshop objectives and structure of the Green Economy Report**

During this session participants will be briefed on the objectives of the workshop and organization of work for the three days. The structure of the Green Economy Report will be presented.

The prospective report 'writing teams' (authors, contributors and UNEP staff) will be invited to briefly introduce themselves and the GE report sections and chapters on which they will be working. UNEP will be overseeing the preparation of the report through teams composed of one chapter coordinator and several experts/focal points from various services of the organisation. Participants will be invited to introduce themselves per field of contribution to the report.

10:15 – 10:30 *Coffee Break*

10:30 -12:30 **Parallel working group sessions**

This session will consist of discussion under break-out groups focusing on the various chapters making up the Green Economy Report. Participants will be invited to gather with their teams and review the proposed terms of reference for each chapter, consider the proposed team of authors and contributors, discuss the methodology to be used, and agree on an outline for the chapter. Discussions will be led by the chapters' coordinating author and moderated by UNEP staff.

Parallel group discussions will be held on the following subjects:

- *Sustainable Transport*
- *Sustainable Agriculture*

Meeting room number provided on site.

12:30 -13:30 *Lunch*

Parallel working group sessions (continued)

Parallel group discussions will be held on the following subjects:

- 13:30-15:30
- *Renewable Energy / Clean Technology and Resource Efficiency*
 - *Sustainable cities and buildings*
 - *Waste management and recycling*
 - *Water as an ecological infrastructure*

Meeting room number provided on site.

15:30 -15:45 *Coffee Break*

Cross-cutting issues (plenary discussions)

- 15:45 -18:30
- *Enabling conditions*
 - *Modeling approaches*



Wednesday 29 April 2009

FOCUS OF THE DAY: PLENARY DISCUSSION ON SECTORAL CHAPTERS

During this second day of the workshop, participants will be invited to present the outcomes of the sectoral discussions held during the previous day and define a strategy for creating inter-linkages between the sectors both on substance and process.

09:00 – 11:00 ***Presentation of Sectoral Approaches (about 1 hour for each sector including both presentation and discussion)***

- *Sustainable cities and buildings*
- *Sustainable transport*

11:00 – 11:15 *Coffee Break*

11:15 – 13:15 ***Presentation of Sectoral Approaches (continued)***

- *Sustainable agriculture*
- *Water as an ecological infrastructure*

13:15 -14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 16:00 ***Presentation of Sectoral Approaches (continued)***

- *Renewable energy*
- *Waste management and recycling*

16:00 – 16:15 *Coffee Break*

16:15 –17:15 ***Presentation of cross-cutting issues***

The “enabling conditions” team and the modelling team will present a summary of how they intend to interact with the sectoral teams and structure their respective activities. A full discussion on these issues will be conducted on the following day.

The different chapter teams are encouraged to meet during the evening to fine-tune their approaches to the different chapters in light of the two previous days’ discussions.

Thursday 30 April 2009

FOCUS OF THE DAY: METHODOLOGIES

09:00 – 13:00 **Detailed descriptions and discussions of analytical approaches and steps**

Experts will provide a substantive description – in layman’s term as far as possible – the methodological approaches, tools, and steps to be deployed in conducting the respective sectoral analyses and the analysis of enabling conditions. The purpose is to provide guidance for various interested parties to use these methodologies in designing and implementing green economy initiatives in their respective areas of work.

13:00 -14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 **Modelling approaches**

During this session, the potential macroeconomic modelling tools will be explained in layman’s terms as much as possible and their interface with sectoral models will be elucidated. Alternative modelling tools will be compared if possible to form a judgement on how best to combine the strengths of different modelling tools.

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee Break

16:00– 16:30 **Presentation of UNEP writing and editorial guidebook**

The session will present and discuss the UNEP writing and editorial guidebook, which will guide the drafting, editing and formatting of the Green Economy Report.

17:00 – 17:15 **Closing remarks**

UNEP staff will conclude the meeting by summarising the key decisions that were taken and the follow-up actions decided upon.