



UNDESA - ESCAP - ILO - UNEP

Expert Group Meeting on

GREEN GROWTH AND GREEN JOBS FOR YOUTH

12-13 December 2012

UN Conference Centre, Bangkok

Tentative Programme

12 December 2012

8:30 – 8:45 **Registration at UNCC**

8:45 – 9:15 **Welcome and opening remarks**

UNDESA

Anis Chowdhury, Director, Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division, ESCAP

Director (or Deputy Director), ILO ROAP

Dechen Tsering, Deputy Director, UNEP ROAP

09:15 – 10:45 **Session 1: Creating an enabling environment for a job centred inclusive growth and green economy**

This session aims to develop a better understanding of linkages between green jobs and a green economy and the means to promote investment to support job creation for youth.

Chair: Rae Kwon Chung, Director, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP

Presentations

- Japan Government

- Sukti Dasgupta, Head of Regional Economic and Social Analysis Unit, ROAP ILO
- Janet Salem, Programme Officer, UNEP
- Clovis Freire, MPDD, and Lorenzo Santucci, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP

Open Discussion

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break and Group Photo

11:00 – 12:30 Session 2: Opportunities and challenges for promoting green jobs for youth

This session will highlight the existing relevant UN Agencies programmes in the Asia and the Pacific region.

Chair: UNDESA

Presentations:

- Patrick Anderson, Chief, Social Integration Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP
- Vincent Jugault, Senior specialist in Environment and Decent Work, ILO ROAP
- Satwant Kaur, Information Officer, UNEP – Youth for a green economy
- Dr. Rene van BERKEL, Chief, Cleaner Production Unit, UNIDO

Open Discussion

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break

13.30 – 15:00 Session 3: Education and skills for green jobs

Prioritizing education, job training and skills development to prepare young people for a green economy

Chair: Maurizio Bussi, Director, DWT-Bangkok, ILO

Presentations:

- Vaijira Perera, Director, TVEC, Sri Lanka
- Olga Streitska-Ilina, Senior Skills Specialist, ILO
- UNESCO (tbc)

Open Discussion

15:00 – 15:15 **Coffee Break**

15:15 – 17:00 **Session 4: Good practices and initiatives on innovative financing**

This session will introduce innovative financial initiatives and tools to support green production and green consumption with green jobs.

Chair: Feisal Hussain, UNCDF

Presentations:

- Santoso Wibowo, Deputy Head, Central Bank of Indonesia
- Laksami Dhewanthi, Assistant Deputy Minister for Environmental Economics, Indonesia
- International Development Bank (tbc)

Open Discussion

17:00 – 17:15 **Wrap up for the day**

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8:30 – 8:45 **Transfer from UNCC to School of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Suan Dusit Rajabhat University**

9:00 – 10:00 **Session 5: Study Tour**

10:00 – 10:15 **Coffee Break**

10:15 – 12:00 **Session 6: Promoting green youth entrepreneurship and small and medium-sized enterprises for green jobs**

This session will explore the challenges, opportunities and priorities.

Chair: Stefanos Fotiou, UNEP ROAP

Presentations:

- TIAN Feng, MOHRSS, China Green Entrepreneurship program
- Professor Janina León, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú
- John Wali Musau, Executive Director, Junior Achievement Kenya
- Rajan Gandhi, President, "Society in Action Group"

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch Break**

13:00 – 14:00 Session 7: Panel discussion with youth representatives

Providing an opportunity to youth representatives from the region to discuss issues of youth employment and green economy

Moderator: Matthieu Cognac, Youth Employment Specialist, ILO

Panelists:

- Pebbles Sanchez, Planning Officer, Climate Change Commission Philippines
- Mohamed Husni, International Climate Champion 2010/11, Sri Lanka
- 1 Youth representative from the School of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Bangkok
- Dean of School of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Suan Dusit Rajabhat University, Thailand

Open Discussion

14:00 – 14:45 Closing session

Synthesis of key messages and policy recommendations with concluding remarks

14:45 – 15:00 Coffee Break

15:00 - 15:15 Return to the UNCC