

A Global Green Growth Agenda

A rapid, large-scale transition is needed if global economic growth is to continue while simultaneously building resilient and sustainable societies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, adapt societies to climate change and promote a sustainable use of resources. This transition has the potential to unlock new growth engines and spur global economic growth.

Green growth in Africa

The African region holds enormous green growth potential. Low carbon strategies, increased financing, policies and frameworks promoting sustainability as well as new mind-sets and lifestyles create new opportunities for an African transition to a green economy. A green transition will meet many of the current challenges such as land degradation and unsustainable use of natural resources. It will improve access to energy, make water management more efficient and promote sustainable use of natural capital.

3GF Africa Regional Conference

On 13-14 May 2015, the Global Green Growth Forum (3GF), UNEP and the Government of Kenya will co-host an African Regional 3GF Conference in Nairobi. By providing a global-regional platform, 3GF will contribute to building consensus on how to turn challenges on sustainable development and climate change into opportunities for green growth and improved livelihoods for all.

The conference will address key African green growth visions and aspirations for inclusive green growth, and cover 3GF cross-cutting themes on financing for green growth, cities as drivers of green growth and creation of the right framework conditions for sustainable lifestyles. Through these themes tendencies such as increasing urbanisation rates, the growing middle class and needs for investment funds for green growth will be discussed. African specific issues such as green industrial development and access to energy/energy efficiency and energy- water-food connections will be explored.

The conference will look at the connection between public-private collaborative partnerships and contributions to delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals. Global 3GF partnerships focusing on improving water management, access to renewable energy, food loss and waste, sustainable waste management, land restoration and industrial symbiosis will be brought to the meeting to link with African priorities and actors. By bringing existing 3GF partnerships into the regional context, 3GF aims to develop and strengthen the regional and national engagement in the partnerships and seek to implement and test partnership solutions. In addition new partnership ideas based on regional needs will be explored.

The conference will include both high-level deliberations and informal partnership sessions and address four overall areas:

- **The State of the World** – bringing global discussions on green growth into a regional context
- **The State of the Region** – bringing regional discussions on green growth into a global context
- **Global 3GF partnerships** – how can actors from countries in the region engage in the 3GF partnerships
- **Ideas labs** – bringing new partnership ideas based on regional needs to the 3GF platform

By bringing international and regional discussions, best practice and actors together the conference will provide new perspectives for scaling global green growth.

3GF global process

The Africa regional conference is one of a series of regional conferences and activities in the African, Asian and Latin American regions throughout 2015. By engaging high-level partners from all regions of the world, and from both public and private spheres, 3GF seeks to show that green solutions are at hand - scalable to the global level and spurring economic growth. Moreover, the findings and outcomes of the regional conferences will feed into the next 3GF global Summit which will take place in Copenhagen 20 – 21 April 2016, hosted by the Prime Minister of Denmark. For partnerships demonstrating innovation and potential for scale and preparing for the 3GF Summit, a preparatory meeting will be organized in Copenhagen on 20-21 October 2015.

3GF intends to closely align with relevant climate and sustainable development goals and is an innovative and action-oriented platform for implementing and enhancing concrete solutions in support of these global goals.

3GF – The Global Green Growth Forum

3GF was initiated by the Danish Government in 2011 in collaboration with Korea and Mexico. In 2012 China, Kenya and Qatar joined the partnership. In 2014 Ethiopia became the 7th government partner. 3GF Advisory Board members include: ABB, Alstom, Banco Nacional de Mexico (Banamex), Bidco Group & Kenya Private Sector Alliance and East African Business Council, Danfoss, Hyundai Motors, McKinsey & Company, Novozymes, Samsung C&T Corporation, Siemens, Trina Solar, Vestas, OECD, the International Energy Agency (IEA), UN Global Compact, International Finance Corporation (IFC), Climate Policy Initiative, Global Green Growth Institute, Inter-American Development Bank, World Resources Institute and Centro Mario Molina.

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