

Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E)

Actions by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Organization: United Nations Environment Programme

Title:

Supporting countries to transition towards inclusive green economy through Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) - assessment, strategic planning, capacity building.

Objective 2: Enhanced economic progress

Description of the action: UNEP has been actively engaging a vast range of research institutions, non-governmental organizations, civil society, business and UN partners to support its research base and skill-set in supporting the Inclusive Green Economy. The Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE), is a joint initiative among five UN agencies, namely UNEP, ILO, UNDP, UNIDO and UNITAR, combining their expertise and resources to support 20 countries until 2020 in building green economy strategies that will generate new jobs and skills, promote clean technologies, and reduce environmental risks and poverty. PAGE thereby constitutes a UN-wide mechanism to coordinate action on green economy and assist countries in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular SDG 8.

PAGE's main objective is to enable countries to reframe economic policies around sustainability and put in place enabling policy conditions, reforms, incentives, business models and partnerships. PAGE works by bringing together the networks of the five PAGE agencies and building capacity of government agencies, civil society as well as private sector stakeholders. It also informs the policy process through technical support and analysis at both the macro-economic and sectoral levels. More specifically, PAGE offers support for

- i) assessments for evidence-based policy proposals around economic growth, employment creation, greening of industry, poverty reduction and skill development;
- ii) multistakeholder policy consultations and adoption of national green economy plans (including sector-specific policy reforms);
- iii) policy implementation and mobilization of finance, and global training and knowledge sharing.

In doing above, PAGE supports countries to build national consensus, ownership and commitment towards reforms that advance clean technologies, resource-efficient infrastructure, well-functioning ecosystems, green skilled labour and good governance.

In addition to technical assistance, PAGE provides a platform for South-South-North learning and exchange of experiences and lessons learned in the area of achieving sustainable development through use of economic policy and market instruments. PAGE partner countries from Europe include Kyrgyz Republic, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland, and Finland. Through PAGE support for Kyrgyz Republic, a dialogue with other countries in the region, and sharing of experiences and best practices can be further advanced.

Time frame/milestones, for the action, as appropriate: Until 2020

Type of action: Overarching actions

Economic sectors: economy-wide

Reference instruments and

sources: <http://www.un-page.org/>

<http://web.unep.org/greeneconomy/>

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome:

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement: 8, 9, 12, 13 and 17.

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:

Partners: UNEP, ILO, UNDP, UNIDO and UNITAR

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