



The Donor Committee for Enterprise Development

## **Green Growth Working Group (GGWG)**

Minutes of Meeting - Teleconference, 29 March 2019

10 April 2019

### **Participants**

- Alexandra Oppermann – Chair (GIZ)
- Steffen Felix (GIZ)
- Philipp Ischer (SECO)
- Annsophie Aronsson (Sida)
- Jim Tanburn (DCED Secretariat)
- Lucrecia Bertelli (DCED Secretariat)

### **Apologies**

- Tim Scott (UNDP)
- Yara van Heugten (Netherlands)
- Sarwat Chowdhury (UNDP)
- Annegret Brauss (ITC)

### **Agency updates**

- Annsophie Aronsson (Sida) works for the Sida's Africa Department (particularly in Somalia, Ethiopia and Sudan) with a focus on environmental mainstreaming, green growth and climate change. Annsophie shared that, at the beginning of 2019, they had an OECD DAC peer learning exercise on environmental mainstreaming (jointly with the European Commission and Canada). During that exercise, Sida identified possible ways to improving their current work. Sida's work on environmental mainstreaming is briefly explained [here](#).
- Philipp Ischer (SECO) focuses in two areas of work: resource efficiency in SMEs and industrial parks, and CO<sub>2</sub> pricing (jointly with the World Bank and donors). SECO recently started, together with UNIDO, a programme on Eco-industrial Parks. They are also launching the second phase of the 'Recycling Industries Programme' with [EMPA](#), the Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Science and Technology, part of the ETH system in Switzerland.
- Steffen Felix (GIZ) focuses his work on green economy and structural transformation. GIZ has been working on a tool called '[Climate Expert](#)', a programme for businesses' adaptation to climate change. The tool has now been used to assist several businesses and trainings have taken place. The [next training](#) will be in October. A guide to apply the Climate Expert in industrial parks has now been published on the climate expert website. Steffen mentioned an upcoming [Conference on Sustainable Industrial Areas](#) that might be of interest for GGWG members. Also, GIZ has been commissioned to implement a programme to enhance the macroeconomic modelling capacity of Georgia, Vietnam and Kazakhstan to help these governments take into account the impact of climate change on the economy. Lastly, they have started to analyse how to respond to the need for a 'Just Transition' as countries move from fossil fuels to a greener economy.

## **Work item on Green Growth in Fragile States**

This work item looks at understanding how green growth and PSD approaches can be effectively designed for conflict-affected settings. The scoping paper “Supporting Green Growth in Fragile and Conflict-affected settings” has been formatted and published (on DCED website and also taken up by the Green Growth Knowledge Platform).

The GGWG is interested in circulating the scoping paper to broader audiences. GGWG members talked about different possible initiatives. One possibility is to approach GGKP and ask, if the topic can be taken up as one of the GGKP webinars.

Another way forward is to continue looking at specific context and see what approaches need to be taken to support a shift towards a greener economy. Another setting that seemed interesting to the group would be to focus on resource-based economies and how these type of economies can be supported in becoming greener- In order to be taken up as task for the next annual work plan, three working group members would have to join in a task force.

**Action item: the GGWG members that participated in the meeting were interested in these two possible ways of moving forward with this item. Alexandra Oppermann (GIZ) will follow up this with other GGWG members and identify a possible task team (at least three organisations needed to be taken up).**

## **Work item on Circular Economy**

This work item (SIDA as lead agency) aims at investigating further the implications that a circular economy approach has for PSD. The Terms of Reference have been circulated within GGWG members and the task team started the consultants’ selection process. There are no updates yet. Depending on the selection outcome and timing, the task team might present the initial findings at the DCED Annual Meeting in Vienna (June 2019).

**Action item: Alexandra Oppermann (GIZ) will follow up this with IFC about the consultants’ bidding process.**

## **Work item on a Women Economic Empowerment and Green Growth**

The work plan of the working group suggests a joint work item with the WEE WG that looks at the possibilities to better include WEE in Green Growth projects and vice-versa.

The task team, conformed by UNIDO, UNDP, SECO and GIZ, has decided to develop a practical guidance paper. The ToRs were shared for comments with all working group members. GIZ is currently in the process of selecting a consultant. GIZ will be financing this item directly.

**Action item: Steffen Felix (GIZ) is the task manager and will be updating the group on the consultants’ selection process; the contracting process will be under GIZ. The task team plans to show initial findings at the DCED Annual Meeting.**

## **Work item on a Webinar series**

The purpose of this work item is to organise a series of webinars to explore existing approaches of member agencies on addressing climate change and enhancing sustainable development through a green growth lens.

The International Trade Centre (ITC) has expressed interest in sharing their experience with the Sustainable Trade Hubs initiative through a DCED webinar. Also, GIZ is interested in presenting the 'Climate Expert' tool. The working group requested support from the DCED Secretariat to organize these webinars.

**Action item: Alexandra Oppermann (GIZ) will liaise with the DCED Secretariat to contact GGWG members and explore possible webinar topics.**

### **Work Plan 2019-2020**

The GGWG should plan their activities for the next DCED Work Plan. The draft work plan submission should be done by mid-April 2019.

**Action item: Alexandra Oppermann (GIZ) will contact GGWG members to check if they have ideas on possible work items.**

### **AOB**

- Overall focus of the working group: for the next Work Plan, GGWG members would like to focus on agency updates.
- Chairs: Alexandra Oppermann (GIZ) will move to Mozambique this summer and she will not be able to continue being the GGWG chair. As the group has already lost a co-chair, there is now a need to select two new co-chairs. She has therefore asked GGWG members to consider volunteering for a co-chair role. Steffen Felix of GIZ has volunteered but more volunteers are needed for the two co-chair roles. A selection/election would then take place at the working group meeting in June. **Action item: GGWG members to consider volunteering for the co-chair role. Please contact Alexandra Oppermann in advance of the June meeting**
- DCED Annual Meeting: Alexandra Oppermann (GIZ), with the support of the DCED Secretariat, will send a Doodle poll to check who will be participating in the DCED Annual Meeting. Depending on this information, a physical meeting or a teleconference will be held.