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**21 November 2013**

UNEP and the Policy Research Center for Environment and Economy (PRCEE) will jointly release the report

## UAE to host first global conference on PAGE

To show its commitment to facilitating a global transformation to a green economy, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) announced at the Global South-South Development Expo that it will host the first

of "China's Green Long March"

## Green Economy in the News

1 November 2013

**Malta holds a public consultation entitled: Green Economy - Towards a strategy and action plan.**

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30 October 2013

**Greening the economy at the local level will bring jobs, prosperity, and help us out of the environmental challenges we're facing conclude Canadian ecological economists.**

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28 October 2013

**EU ministers call for ambitious action to cut emissions and drive progress toward a green economy.**

For the full article, [click here](#)

## About Us

UNEP's Green Economy Advisory Services consists of policy advice, technical assistance and capacity building, which are provided to governments in support of their national and regional initiatives to transform and revitalize their economies. The advisory services include:

- Fostering multi-stakeholder dialogue and consultation;
- Delivering comprehensive green economy assessments at country level;

global conference on the UN Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) from 4-5 March 2014.

The inaugural PAGE conference, under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, ruler of Dubai, demonstrates the UAE's commitment to support and promote the adoption of the Green Economy at the international level. At the national level, the UAE Government is also advancing its green economy plans through its Ministry of Environment and Water, which is developing a road map and policy recommendations for the UAE Green Growth Strategy announced on January 2012 under the slogan "Green Economy for Sustainable Development".

"I would like to thank the UAE for offering to host this important event. This week's Global South-South Development Expo has underlined the enthusiasm and the action by so many countries towards an inclusive green economy transformation," said Achim Steiner, UN Under-Secretary-General and UNEP Executive Director, said. "The conference next March in the UAE provides an opportunity for more nations to consider how joining the PAGE initiative can assist in their transition towards a low-carbon, resource-efficient, employment-generating economy."

Download the press release [here](#).

## Mongolia stake holder workshop on PAGE

A PAGE capacity development and planning workshop was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from 11-12 November to provide technical support for the Mongolian government on their Green Development Strategy. The training workshop brought together participants from across the Mongolian government, to gain support for the strategy, and learn how Mongolia can transition to a green economy.

A high Level forum on Green Development was also held on 13 November. The Forum was chaired by the Minister of Environment and Green Development and Member of Parliament- Oyun Sanjaasuren and was attended by 120 participants.

The two events resulted in better understanding and awareness of Green Economy and PAGE by partners as well as an action plan for the inception phase of PAGE in Mongolia.

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## UNEP hosts Global South-South Development Expo

- Assisting countries in creating indicators and measurement Frameworks;
- Identifying and facilitating policy and fiscal instruments that encourage investments in "greening" economic sectors;
- Enhancing local knowledge and building capacity;
- Mainstreaming green economy into national development strategies and UN Development Assistance Frameworks; and
- Forging partnerships and alliances with national, regional and global institutions.

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The Global South-South Development Expo (GSSD Expo2013) - hosted by UNEP in Nairobi, Kenya, from 28 October-1 November - harnessed the ever growing number of development solutions from developing countries that address both existing and emerging development challenges head-on.

For the first time, the Expo was held in the global South under the overarching theme 'Building Inclusive Green Economies: South-South Cooperation for Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication'.

Bringing together high-level policymakers, solution providers, solution seekers and solution supporters, the Expo was an occasion to demonstrate the global collective response to relevant provisions of the Rio+20 outcome and its capacity to facilitate South-South Cooperation and an exchange of experiences with green economies.

The five-day event included a Leadership Round Table - which was an interactive dialogue on critical themes of development - and a series of solutions exchange forums which cover the building of inclusive green economies, clean technology and green industry, agriculture and food security, sustainable development and decent work, environment, sustainable development and poverty eradication.

More information can be found on the [GSSDE website](#).

## Building Inclusive Green Economies: Policy Drivers and Best Practices from South-South Cooperation

Moderated by UNEP's Executive Director and Under-Secretary-General Achim Steiner, the Solution Exchange Forum, held in Nairobi on 29 October, presented innovative Southern projects that are contributing substantial and tangible benefits to the environment as well as to economic development, decent job creation and poverty eradication at the global, regional and national levels.

The forum emphasized the crucial role that environmental considerations, when embedded in an adequate policy framework, can play in the transition to an inclusive green economy. In addition, it showcased how South-South Cooperation in the area of the environment can spur lasting change in the social and economic pillars of sustainable development.

The solutions highlighted were selected from a diverse spectrum of environment-related areas, such as energy, chemicals, sustainable consumption and production, and integrated green economy policy assessment.

More information can be found on the [GSSDE website](#).

## Partnership Forum 1 - The Partnership for Action on Green Economy - Exploring avenues for South-South Cooperation

Moderated by Dr. Steven Stone, UNEP with welcoming remarks by Mr. Achim Steiner, the forum introduced the Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) and looked at ways that the initiative can stimulate South-South cooperation through building partnerships and creating a platform for PAGE partners to learn from and share their experiences. It also looked at how PAGE can further engage in South-South Cooperation and build awareness of the partnership to countries interested in joining.



The forum had several panelists from partnering organizations ILO, UNITAR, UNIDO as well as presentations from Mongolia, Peru and the UAE, which will hold the first PAGE conference in Dubai in 2014.

The full notes from the session can be seen [here](#).

## Success Stories from South-South Cooperation

This report, launched at the Global South-South Development Expo, highlights how the partnerships between countries in the South are contributing to a global paradigm shift. It provides a snapshot of numerous projects and activities that are sparking new concepts, financing, technology, standards and momentum for change.

The report shows how countries and other actors are pursuing initiatives to green key sectors of the economy - from agriculture and energy to manufacturing and waste - while sharing their knowledge and experiences with others, so they can also reap the benefits. More importantly, the experiences presented are being scaled-up and replicated, thus positioning other developing countries on a more sustainable development pathway.

The publication can be downloaded from the [Green Economy website](#).

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## Sharing National Pathways towards inclusive Green Economies

Four unique national initiatives are highlighted in this brochure - all taking place in countries in the South: Bolivia's Vivir Bien (Living Well), China's Ecological Civilization, South Africa's Green Economy and Thailand's Sufficiency Economy. A brief overview of each country's approach that guides its sustainable development initiatives and policy making is presented.

This brochure is the first publication from a new project, funded by the Chinese Government "Enhancing South-South Cooperation - Building the Capacity of Developing Countries to Promote Green Economies". The project provides a forum to share the South's various experiences and national-level initiatives for transitioning to resource efficient, low carbon and socially inclusive economies. The project also addresses the use of indicators for green economy policy making, implementation and evaluation.

The summaries of the different approaches have been prepared in close cooperation with the respective governments and entirely reflect their views.

The brochure can be downloaded [here](#).

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## Green Economy Week

The Green Economy Week, 4-7 November, Geneva, was designed to take stock of the major products generated by UNEP and its partners over the last year. The Week brought experts in related fields to advise UNEP and its partners on the strengths and weaknesses of its analytical approaches, how to improve delivery at the country level, and how to take major streams of work such as green economy indicators to the next level.

Three events took place during the Green Economy Week:

- An expert review of major green economy products;
- A workshop on an inclusive green economy index; and
- A briefing on Green Economy indices in China.

More information can be found on the Green Economy website.

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## LAC Regional Workshop for Inclusive Green Economies

As part of Green Economy Advisory Services, the Ministries of Environment of Germany and Uruguay, jointly with GIZ and UNEP, hosted 'Regional Exchange and Practitioners Workshop on Inclusive Green Economy in Latin America and the Caribbean' on October 17-18 in Montevideo, Uruguay.

Bringing together representatives from 15 countries in the region, including Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and a representative from China, the workshop provided an opportunity to exchange different approaches to a green economy, share experiences and challenges from applying green economy policies in the region and to reiterate the interest of the countries in a transition to green economy.

Representatives from the Ministries of Finance, Environment, Labor, Trade and Tourism, in addition to academic institutions were among the participants at the workshop. The participation from other regional organization such as the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) was also valued by participants and were invited to pursue further engagement with the Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP).



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# The African Ministerial Conference on the Environment - 5th special session



The Fifth Special Session of AMCEN took place in Gaborone, Botswana, 15-18 October. The AMCEN meetings provide guidance with respect to key regional policies and initiatives related to the environment.

The meeting focused on the upcoming climate change negotiations in Doha as well as the decision to develop and implement regional flagship environmental programmes. One such programme is expected to focus on a Green Economy.

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