



## **Green Economy in the Context of Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication Africa Regional Dialogue on National Experiences**

**Supported by The Netherlands**

**Monday, 14 May 2012**

**09:30 – 17:00**

**Dakar, Senegal**

### **Background**

This event, co-organised by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA), is part of a process of facilitating informal dialogue and exchange of views and perspectives among Member States on the theme of “Green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication” in the lead up to the Rio+20 Conference and beyond. It is one of a series of regional and international conferences co-organised jointly by UNEP, UNDP and UNDESA as a contribution to the Rio+20 process.

### **Objectives**

The objective of this dialogue is to offer Member States, in particular African countries, a space for sharing experiences and knowledge about how they are creating their own approaches and shaping their national agendas with regard to the concept of a green economy, including means of implementation that could support countries in their respective initiatives. It seeks to enhance the state of knowledge and awareness about different policy options and initiatives that are being implemented and tested from a variety of situations that promote employment, income and socially inclusive growth that optimizes country endowments of natural resources and positions them for prosperity in a resource constrained world. Discussions will be used to inform Rio+20 debates including the Africa Day. The event will also help identify areas where additional support is required at the country level post-Rio +20.

### **Format**

The event will include a series of moderated discussions with speakers from Member States and invited representatives of major groups as part of an active dialogue on green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication. The panels will include representatives of the following countries before an open and interactive dialogue among the following Netherlands partner countries (invited - TBC): Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Benin, Burundi, Ethiopia, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Mali, Mozambique, the Palestinian Territories, Rwanda, Sudan, Uganda and Yemen together with other countries in Africa being supported under a joint UNDP-UNDESA project on national preparations for Rio +20.

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## **DRAFT AGENDA**

### **09:00 – 09:30 Registration**

### **09:30 – 09:45 Welcoming Remarks and Introduction**

Representative of the host country

Representative of the Dutch Embassy in Dakar

Representatives of UNEP, UNDP, UNDESA

### **09:45 – 11:00 Interactive Dialogue on National Experiences on Frameworks for Action**

#### **Moderator: (TBD)**

This session will engage panelists and audience members in an active dialogue on issues related to the framework for action on the green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication. The panel will include the following country representatives (TBC): Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Morocco, Senegal, South Africa..... The session will be moderated around the following questions:

- What actions have you taken in your country to drive towards a socially inclusive, low carbon, resource efficient economy?
- What opportunities and challenges do you see for your country in pursuing poverty reduction strategies and social equity that can lead to a greener economy?

### **11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break**

### **11:15 – 12:30 Interactive Dialogue on National Experiences on Frameworks for Action (continued)**

### **12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break**

### **14:00 – 15:30 Green Economy, Sustainable Development, Poverty Eradication and Social Inclusion: Stakeholder Views and Perspectives**

Views and Perspectives from Civil Society: ENDA

Views and Perspectives of Women Groups

Views and Perspectives of Farmer Groups

Views and Perspectives from the Private Sector

### **15:30 – 15:45 Coffee Break**

### **15:45 – 16:45 Interactive Dialogue on Means of Implementation**

The session will be moderated around the following questions:

- What are your country capacity development and related needs and requirements for enhancing national actions to promote a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication?
- What kind of support from the UN system is needed to support your initiatives, to achieve a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication?
- What role can UN Country Teams play in mainstreaming green economy issues in UN Development Assistance Frameworks?

### **16:45 – 17:00 Summary and Closing**