Facilitating the Transition to Green Growth: An Overview of African Development Bank’s Scope of Activities

Inclusive growth and the transition to green growth represent the overarching objectives of the Bank’s Strategy for 2013 to 2022. Activities are organized around three work-streams focused on (i) conceptual framing, (ii) awareness raising and capacity building, and (iii) pilot activities in regional member countries. The Bank has released a set of publications and knowledge products including the Rio+20 Discussion Paper “Facilitating Green Growth in Africa: Perspectives from the African Development Bank”, “The African Ecological Footprint Report” (published jointly with WWF) and “the African Development Report: Towards Green Growth”.

In addition to internal and external awareness building efforts and an increasing engagement with inter-agency initiatives, such as a joint regional stakeholder workshop with OECD on green growth in Africa and joining the Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP) as knowledge partner, the Bank has engaged with several regional member countries in dialogue and technical assistance on mainstreaming green growth into development planning processes. Examples include Mozambique, where the Bank worked with the government and partner organizations on developing the Green Economy Roadmap and Action Plan. In Sierra Leone the Bank supported the Government in integrating green growth into the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper and Country Strategy Process (CSP), which led to several publications, including a stock-taking report on entry points for green growth, communications and investment briefs. In moving forward, the African Development Bank is seeking to work strategically with partners to strengthen awareness building, advance upstream diagnostic for identifying strategic entry points for action and improve coordinated investment planning and funding support. The aim is to identify tailored solutions that address Africa’s development needs, enable economic transformation and improve human welfare, while sustaining critical natural capital in a time of change and increasing inter-connectedness.

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AfDB publications related to Green Growth

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Inclusive growth and the transition to green growth represent the overarching objectives of the Bank’s Strategy for 2013 to 2022. To read it: http://bit.ly/1gRgzX6

Facilitating Green Growth in Africa: Perspectives from the AfDB (2012)

This paper presented at the Rio+20 conference provides a brief definition of green growth and explains why the concept is relevant to Africa. It also discusses how green growth can be achieved, highlighting some of the tools and focal areas that will have the greatest impacts. It shows how the AfDB has promoted green growth through its own initiatives and in its project portfolio. To read it: http://bit.ly/N62uum


This report takes stock of the health of Africa’s ecosystems, as well as trends in resources use patterns. It also lays out recommendations on implementing green development pathways for Africa. To read it: http://bit.ly/1gQXTqr


This report discusses the necessity and feasibility of transitioning towards green growth in Africa, and points out why it represents an important development paradigm for managing the challenges of the 21st century, such as environmental degradation, climate change, population growth, and the transformation of markets. To read it: http://bit.ly/1cNoKon

Sierra Leone - Transitioning towards Green Growth: Stocktaking and the Way Forward (2013)

This document was designed to assist the Sierra Leonean government and national stakeholders to consider key challenges and identify major opportunities for mainstreaming inclusive green growth into their 2013–2018 Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper, known as the “Agenda for Prosperity”. To read it: http://bit.ly/1g6sfoS


Aimed at donors and private sector investors alike, the 8-page booklet summarizes the green investment opportunities within Sierra Leone’s recently launched 2013-2018 Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper, known as the Agenda for Prosperity. To read it: http://bit.ly/1dpUrht