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27 - 29 November

Inclusive solutions for the green transition





Context

Global momentum toward sustainable development has been renewed by the success of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and Paris Agreement on climate change. However, a counter-trend has also developed, with some commentators calling for measures to increase national competitiveness, sometimes at the expense of environmental protection. Across the world people are concerned about lagging growth, inequality, jobs, and globalisation. Some fear that uneven environmental regulation in a globalised economy could further drive socioeconomic malaise. With the 2030 deadline for the SDGs on the horizon, it has never been more important to modify the old narrative that sets environmental protection against economic prosperity.

Objectives

While many countries are striving to advance on the green transition, there still remains resistance to ambitious environmental policies in certain sectors, firms, segments of society, regions, and countries. This is due to their real or perceived negative impacts on competitiveness, jobs and household budgets. Without addressing head-on such concerns, and devising more socially inclusive solutions, countries cannot make sufficient progress on the transition to a greener, low-carbon and circular economy.

The OECD will hold its 2018 Green Growth and Sustainable Development (GGSD) Forum on the theme of “Inclusive solutions for the green transition: Competitiveness, jobs/skills and social dimensions” (Paris, 27-29 November 2018). It will be held in conjunction with the Annual Conference of the Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP), global partnership established by the OECD, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), UN Environment and the World Bank. The conference will address the political economy of green and low-carbon policy reforms, identify their distributional impacts, and explore inclusive solutions for households, workers, sectors and regions that may otherwise be hit hard by the transition to help them contribute to a greener future. The Forum sessions will be developed around **competitiveness, employment and distributional impacts** of green policies.

The Forum is aimed at creating a new narrative around green growth and national competitiveness, and examining examples of “transition management strategies” towards green and inclusive growth. It will consist of panel discussions among policy makers, business, labour and civil society representatives and academia, as well as presentations of latest research and evidence base contributed by the OECD, other GGKP partners and beyond.

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