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Follow-up to the Green Growth & Sustainable Development (GG-SD) Forum

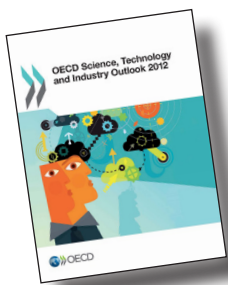
The first [GG-SD Forum](#) took place on 23 November at the OECD headquarters in Paris. It is a new initiative aiming at strengthening the coherence of approaches to green growth and sustainable development across the work of the Organisation. It enables delegates, experts, businesses and civil society to meet and exchange experiences, to identify key knowledge gaps, as well as policy tools and best practices that respond to specific national circumstances.

This year the focus was on *Encouraging the efficient and sustainable use of natural resources*. The documentation and presentations are [available here](#). The Forum will continue to operate as a series of annual conferences or workshops, focusing each year on a different issue of relevance to several OECD Committee. Next year's topic is *Encouraging and leveraging private investment for green infrastructure and technologies, including through innovation policies*.



Back-to-back with the GG-SD Forum, a joint OECD-GGGI (Global Green Growth Institute) workshop took place, entitled '[Green growth development paths for a better future](#)'. During this one-day event, experts and policy makers from developing economies shared individual country's experience in the design of green-growth policies and frameworks, and laid out key implementation challenges.

Focus on science & technology



Reducing global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and protecting environmental assets (clean air, water, biodiversity) call for innovation and the large-scale adoption of green technologies. Otherwise, it will be very difficult and very costly to sustain growth trajectories of the past decades while not depleting humanity's "green capital".

Chapter 2 of this year's [Science, Technology and Industry Outlook](#) looks at *Transitioning to green innovation and technology*, arguing that it will require not just supply-side innovation policies, but also demand-side innovation policies such as public procurement as well as careful organisational and institutional changes. OECD governments and emerging economies therefore view R&D activities and incentives for the diffusion and adoption of green technologies as a priority.

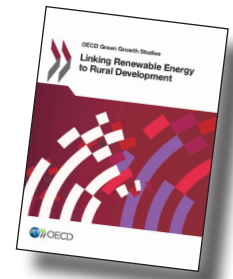
Green Growth Knowledge Platform annual conference 4-5 April 2013 : Mark your calendar!

The [GGKP's second annual conference](#) will be held at the OECD headquarters in Paris on 4-5 April 2013. The conference will focus on private sector implementation aspects of green growth in areas of mutual interest to advanced, emerging and developing countries. The two days discussions will be framed around the following headline themes: **Greening global value chains and Measurement and reporting for green growth.**



Green Growth Studies: Linking renewable energy to rural development

Renewable energy (RE) is being championed in many places as a significant source of new jobs and rural growth in many countries, and as a means of addressing environmental and energy security concerns. Governments have invested large amounts of public money to support RE development and are requiring significant quantities of RE to be sold by energy providers. But what are the economic impacts of these policies and investments? Can RE really help to develop rural economies? These are some of the questions explored by this [publication](#), which presents the results of a two-year study.



Recent events



The [UN Conference \(COP 18\)](#) was held in Doha, Qatar from 26 November to 7 December 2012. The OECD official high-level side event highlighted OECD work on scaling-up private finance to support climate action as well as work on tracking finance flows and ensuring the efficient use of bilateral funds. Other OECD events showcased our latest analysis on carbon market mechanisms, highlighting how domestic mechanisms are relevant to the UNFCCC and vice versa. .

The [2nd Global Green Growth Forum](#) took place on 8-9 October, bringing together 250 business, public and civil society leaders committed to advancing inclusive green growth. The discussion focused on concrete actions to contribute to the implementation of the UN outcome document "The Future we want" and Angel Gurría, OECD Secretary-General, delivered a speech on "[Measuring the potential of local green growth: An analysis of Greater Copenhagen](#)". The full report from the 3GF2012 is [available here](#). It focuses on concrete steps forward in particular with regard to the PPP-tracks.



UNEP held an Indicators workshop on the 4-6 December entitled "[Measuring the future we want](#)". Here, the OECD brought its expertise to this domain, which lies at the heart of policy evaluation, and it was an occasion to present country applications of the green growth indicators. Please see our [green growth and countries page](#) for recent Slovak and German applications of the OECD green growth indicators (currently in their respective languages only).

Recent publications



- 23/11/2012: [Material Resources, Productivity and the Environment: Key Findings](#)
- 20/11/2012: [Energy and Climate Policy Bending the Technological Trajectory](#)
- 13/11/2012: [Development Co-operation Report 2012](#)
- 17/10/2012: [Sustainable Materials Management](#) (and [policy brief](#)).
- 11/10/2012: [Linking Renewable Energy to Rural Development \(Green Growth Study series\)](#)
- 08/10/2012: [Measuring the potential of local green growth: An analysis of Greater Copenhagen - Highlights](#)
- 13/09/2012: [OECD Science, Technology and Industry Outlook](#) (Chapter on "Transitioning to green innovation and technology")
- 01/09/2012: [Market Development for Green Cars \(Green Growth Paper series\)](#)

>> [Further reading](#)

Upcoming events

9-10 January: [OECD Mexico Forum](#): Public Policies for Inclusive Development.

15-17 January: [International Water Summit](#) and [World Future Energy Summit](#). Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

23-27 January: [World Economic Forum](#), Davos, Switzerland

4-5 April: [Green Growth Knowledge Platform](#), OECD, Paris

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