



## **DRAFT AGENDA AS OF 10 SEPTEMBER 2014**

The 2014 Green Growth and Sustainable Development Forum (GGSD Forum) will address the social implications of implementing green growth strategies. The aim is to explore the potential impacts of green growth policies on labour markets, income and households, how governments might best design policy frameworks to address distributional consequences, and relevant indicators for measuring progress.

Day 1 will focus on principal distributional challenges associated with green growth, through two plenary sessions. Session 1 will examine household implications of green growth policies and potential policy responses from the perspective of energy sector reform. Session 2 will examine opportunities and challenges for labour markets when it comes to the transition to green growth. Two parallel sessions on Day 2 will provide an opportunity to address aspects of these issues in greater detail, with a focus on policy responses and solutions, knowledge gaps and priorities for future work.

The GGSD Forum is an OECD initiative aimed at providing a dedicated space for multi-disciplinary dialogue on green growth and sustainable development. It brings together experts from different policy fields and disciplines and provides them with an interactive platform to encourage discussion, facilitate the exchange of knowledge and ease the exploitation of potential synergies. By specifically addressing the horizontal, multi-disciplinary aspects of green growth and sustainable development, the GGSD Forum constitutes a valuable supplement to the work undertaken in individual government ministries and OECD Committees.

At each annual GGSD Forum, policy makers and experts from OECD and partner countries are able to meet and exchange experiences, and to identify policy tools and best practices that respond to their specific national circumstances. The GGSD Forum also enables knowledge gaps to be detected, to facilitate the design of new works streams to address them.



**DAY 1 – THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2014**

**9:00-09:30** Coffee

9:30-09:45 **Opening remarks**

- *Simon Upton*, Director, Environment Directorate, OECD

**09:45-10:45** **SCENE SETTING SESSION: Going for inclusive green growth in an increasingly unequal world**

**Growth and income inequality, multi-dimensional living standards and inclusive growth, and the role of green growth policies in an inclusive growth framework**

- *Stefano Scarpetta*, Director, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD
- *Martine Durand*, Director, Statistics Directorate, OECD
- *Christian Kastrop*, Director, Economics Department, OECD

**Making the links between social justice and the environment**

- *Patricia Crifo*, École Polytechnique, Paris

**Taking inclusiveness as the starting point for green growth: Brazil's Bolsa Verde Programme**

- *Márcia Muchagata*, Advisor, Ministers Cabinet, Ministry of Social Development and Fight Against Hunger

**10:45-11:00** Coffee

**11:00-13:00** **SESSION 1: Joint session with the International Energy Agency: Social implications of green growth: energy sector reform and its impact on households**

**Chair:** *Jane Nishida*, Acting Assistant Administrator, US Environmental Protection Agency

11:05-12:30 **Panel discussion**

**The impact of energy sector reform on households, potential regressive effects and policy responses to help alleviate negative impacts**

- *Peter Heindl*, Researcher, Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW)

**Climate policy and energy pricing in the United Kingdom**

- *Andrew Leicester*, Manager, Public Policy, Frontier Economics

**Germany's *Energiewende*: addressing socio-economic impacts of the energy transition**

- *Karston Neuhoff*, Head of Department of Climate Policy, DIW Berlin

**Fossil-fuel subsidy reform in Mexico**

- *Pedro Luna Tovar*, General Director for Non-Tax Policy, Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, Mexico

**The clean energy transition and energy poverty**

- *Laura Cozzi*, Head of the Energy Modelling Unit, Directorate of Global Energy Economics, International Energy Agency

**OECD work on distributional impacts of environmental policy at household level: energy subsidy reform in Indonesia**

- *Shardul Agrawala*, Head of Division, Environment and Economic Integration Division, Environment Directorate, OECD

12:30-13:00 **Moderated plenary discussion**



Concern over possible negative or inequitable consequences of green growth policies on specific household groups can erode support for reform and limit its ambition. The impacts of environmental policies on households can vary significantly, including due to consumption patterns and differentiated impacts of policy-related price increases for household goods and services. Appropriate revenue-recycling schemes targeted to specific groups or improved transfer schemes can offset or even eliminate losses incurred by most-affected households.

This session will focus on distributional impacts of energy sector reform, including impacts associated with fossil fuel subsidy reform, carbon pricing and government incentives for investment in low-carbon and energy efficient technologies, and lessons to be learnt from efforts to assess and address social implications of reform to date.

**Discussion points:**

- How will different households be affected by greening the energy sector and can these impacts be quantified?
- Will greening the economy raise energy prices and increase energy poverty?
- How can governments make sure reforms are fair and do not penalise vulnerable groups?
- What has government experience been with response measures to alleviate negative impacts on poorest households to date, including notable successes and failures? Which mechanisms seem to be most effective?

**Background material:**

- 2014 GGSD Forum Issue Note: *Social Implications of Green Growth: Energy Sector Reform and its Impact on Households*.
- IEA World Energy Outlook 2014 Special Report on Africa (forthcoming).
- IEA World Energy Outlook 2013, Chapter 2: [Modern Energy for All](#).

**13:00-14:30 Lunch**

**14:30-18:00 SESSION 2: Joint session with the Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Committee (ELSAC) and the Committee on Local Economic and Employment Development (LEED): Inclusive labour markets for green growth, national and local perspectives**

**Chair:** *Robert Strauss*, Head of Unit, Employment Analysis, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission; ELSAC and LEED Delegate

**14:35-14:50 Keynote presentation: South Africa's "working for" programmes**

- *Guy Preston*, Deputy Director-General: Environmental Programmes, Department of Environmental Affairs

**14:50-15:30 Panel discussion**

**Opportunities and challenges for labour markets in the green growth transition**

- *Alex Bowen*, Principal Research Fellow, Grantham Research Institute, London School of Economics

**Impact on employment: the case of France**

- *Frédéric Gonand*, Associate Professor of Economics, Université Paris-Dauphine

**The local challenge: flexible local employment and training systems for green growth**

- *Francesca Froy*, Senior Policy Analyst, Local Economic and Employment Development Division, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs and Local Development, OECD

**15:30-16:00 Moderated plenary discussion**

**16:00-16:30 Coffee**

16:30-17:00 **The skills challenge: anticipating and responding to skills demands associated with the transition**

- **Peter Poschen**, Director Job Creation and Enterprise Development Department, International Labour Organization

**The investment challenge: investing in alternative job opportunities**

- **Michael Renner**, Senior Researcher, Worldwatch Institute

**The challenge of creating an integrated approach to green growth**

- **Kathy Kossick**, Executive Director, Sacramento Employment and Training Agency, United States (TBC)

17:00-17:45 **Moderated plenary discussion**

17:45-18:00 **Session wrap-up:**

- **Ann Van den Cruyce**, Head, Division of Employment, Department of Work and Social Economy, Flemish Government, LEED Vice-Chair

OECD analysis shows that transition to a low carbon economy will imply only limited jobs reallocations for the workforce as a whole, but very significant flows of workers across a few sectors (such as renewable electricity, fossil fuel extraction etc). These changes in the sectoral composition of employment and the diffusion of green technologies and work practices across the economy will require new skills of workers. These labour market adjustments may also have important income effects, raising concerns that the gains and losses be distributed in an equitable manner.

Beyond these challenges, governments must also address the fact that jobs will not be automatically created in the same places they are lost. Policy is required to encourage investment in alternative job opportunities at a local level, to facilitate the transition from carbon and resource-intensive production to green activities.

**Discussion points:**

- To what extent will green growth policies generate structural adjustment pressures on labour markets? How can countries best manage them?
- What are the main opportunities and risks ahead e.g. skills gaps, workforce inequalities, challenging labour market transitions and new sources of jobs growth?
- How can the labour market actions of different levels of government, unions and employers best be coordinated to address these challenges and opportunities, especially taking into account that jobs will not automatically be created in the same places they are lost?

**Background material:**

- 2014 GGSD Forum Issue Note: [*Inclusive labour markets for green growth*].
- OECD (2014), *2014 Skills Outlook*, forthcoming.
- OECD (2012), [The jobs potential of a shift towards a low-carbon economy](#).
- OECD, *Job Creation and Local Economic Development*, forthcoming (2014)

**18:00-19:30 Cocktail Reception**



**DAY 2 – FRIDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2014**

**09:00-09:30 Coffee**

**09:30-10:15 PLENARY SESSION: Addressing the social implications of green growth: policy responses and solutions**

**Discussion leaders:** *Annabella Rosemberg*, Policy Officer, Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC) and *Russel Mills*, Global Director of Energy and Climate Change Policy, The Dow Chemical Company; Chair, Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD (BIAC) Environment Committee

**Panel:**

- *Peter Poschen*, Director, Job Creation and Enterprise Development Department, International Labour Organization OR *Kees van der Ree*, Coordinator, Green Jobs Programme, International Labour Organization
- *Colin Brown*, Chair, Working Party No. 2 on Tax Policy Analysis and Tax Statistics, OECD Committee on Fiscal Affairs

**10:15-12:15 PARALLEL SESSIONS**

**GROUP 1: Joint session with the International Labour Organization (ILO): Open discussion: active labour market and skills policies for green growth**

**Discussion leader:** *Peter Poschen*, Director, Job Creation and Enterprise Development Department, International Labour Organization OR *Kees van der Ree*, Coordinator, Green Jobs Programme, International Labour Organization

**Scene-setting panellists:**

- *Ulrike Lehr*, Partner, Institute of Economic Structures Research (GWS), Germany (TBC)
- *Janet Asherson*, Adviser Environment, Health and Safety, International Organisation of Employers
- *[TBD]*, [Position], [Tunisia Environment Ministry and Labour Ministry]
- *Bernard Saincy*, President, Innovation Sociale Conseil, Paris (TBC)

**Rapporteur:** *[TBD]*, [Position], [Affiliation]

**GROUP 2: Open discussion: social protection and redistribution policies for green growth**

**Discussion leader:** *Colin Brown*, Chair, Working Party No. 2 on Tax Policy Analysis and Tax Statistics, OECD Committee on Fiscal Affairs

**Scene-setting panellists:**

- *Stefan Speck*, Project Manager, Integrated Environmental Assessments Programme, European Environment Agency
- *Eiko Kauffmann*, Economic Policy Advisor, Sustainable Economic Development, GIZ (TBC)
- *Leida Rijnhout*, Director, Global Policies and Sustainability Unit, European Environmental Bureau

**Rapporteur:** *Christian Valenduc*, Senior adviser, Belgian Ministry of Finance

**12:15-13:00 CLOSING SESSION**

12:15-12:45 **Chair:** *Simon Upton*, Director, Environment Directorate, OECD

- Reporting back from the parallel sessions by *rapporteurs*
- Conference outcomes

12:45-13:00 **Closing remarks**

- *Rintaro Tamaki*, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD

**13:00:14:30 Green Growth Knowledge Platform lunch**