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  - Ministry of Youth and Sports (MoYS),
  - National Planning Agency (BAPPENAS),
  - Employers’ and Workers’ Organizations, academia

- **Donor**
  - Government of Korea

- **Duration**
  - 2012-2014

- **Target beneficiaries**
  - ILO constituents, start-up green entrepreneurs and employees in particular young women and men, local communities in urban and rural areas, in six economic sectors – creative industry, renewable energy, tourism, waste management, food and agriculture

- **Geographical focus**
  - Indonesia: West Java, East Java, South Sulawesi, Central Kalimantan

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**MAIN ACTIVITIES**

- Developing and implementing an Indonesia-based “Start Your Green Business” (SYGB) toolkit and training scheme for green entrepreneurship. These training kit and programme assist aspiring micro-/small-scale green entrepreneurs in starting and running their own green business, drawing on the “Start and Improve Your Business” methodology and integrated with the “Green Business Option” training materials developed in China.

- Increasing awareness of the positive economic, social and environmental values of green entrepreneurship among stakeholders through university incubators/business development services (BDS) on green entrepreneurship, and direct support to institutions. National and provincial capacity building activities, seminars and workshops to socialize green entrepreneurship and enhance the capacity of ILO constituents and other key national partners and stakeholders have been conducted.

- Promoting an enabling environment with key institutions and national/international partners through the launch of an Indonesian Green Entrepreneurship Forum to build a tripartite dialogue on green entrepreneurship. The IGEP pilot phase has initiated and coordinated the first session of this forum on 8 May 2013, hosted by BoI, and strongly supported by national partners. 40 participants met to share experiences and discuss potential options on the way forward. The next forum is hosted by BAPPENAS in 2014.

**PROJECT OUTCOMES**

**IGEP SYGB toolkit and training programme are developed in Bahasa and English and implemented**

- Developed and tested one universal training module, five sector-based training modules, one module for trainers, 50 international business cases and two additional SYGB training kits – “Start-up” (completed), “Take-off” (drafted and to be completed by June 2014) and “Expand” (to be completed by December 2014).

- Trained 180 green entrepreneurs and 40 green entrepreneurship trainers.

**Service providers’ capacity built**

- ILO constituents and national partners have significantly enhanced their knowledge on both technical and policy related aspects of green entrepreneurship, through various events such as a green entrepreneurship seminar, a technical green entrepreneurship workshop, and a green entrepreneurship lecture.

**An encouraging environment for tripartite dialogue on green entrepreneurship created**

- The first session of the Indonesian Green Entrepreneurship Forum (May 2013) has set the bases of a platform for dialogue, experience sharing, collaboration, building synergies and mainstreaming IGEP lessons and strategies into national policies and programmes. Policy and technical recommendations were agreed for the future of green entrepreneurship in Indonesia.

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