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Expert Group Meeting on

GREEN GROWTH AND GREEN JOBS FOR YOUTH

12-13 December 2012

UN Conference Centre, Bangkok

Tentative Programme

Presentations, background papers and participant list are available online at:
<http://www.unescap.org/pdd/calendar/EGM-Greengrowth-Greenjobs>
<http://apgreenjobs.ilo.org/green-jobs-team/green-growth-and-green-jobs-for-youth>
http://www.ilo.org/asia/whatwedo/events/WCMS_193861/lang--en/index.htm

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8:30 – 8:45 **Registration (Conference Room 4, First Floor, UNCC)**

8:45 – 9:15 **Welcome and opening remarks**

Anis Chowdhury, Director, Macroeconomic Policy and Development
Division, ESCAP

Alcestis A. Mangahas, Deputy Regional Director, Policy and Programmes,
ILO ROAP

Wenyan Yang, Chief, Social Perspective on Development Branch, Division for
Social Policy and Development, UNDESA

09:15 –10.45 **Session 1: Creating an enabling environment for a job centred inclusive
growth and green economy**

This session will set the stage for subsequent discussions on youth, education and skills, entrepreneurship and innovative financing by asking the basic question: How can we transition to a greener economy, and this, in a manner that creates work opportunities? What types of policies are needed? UNEP will start by speaking on the green economy, including sustainable consumption and production, followed by ILO on work opportunities in a green economy, citing examples from sectors such as renewable energy. ESCAP will speak on how macroeconomic policies could facilitate the creation of more productive job opportunities that are also associated with lower carbon footprint. As a concrete example, Japan will introduce its Rebirth of Japan strategy, how it aims to achieve 'green', 'jobs' and 'growth' together. In all of these discussions, the role of policy will be highlighted.

Chair: Aynul Hasan, Chief, Development Policy Section,
Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division, ESCAP

Presentations

- Janet Salem, Programme Officer, UNEP
- Sukti Dasgupta, Head, Regional Economic and Social Analysis Unit, ILO ROAP
- Clovis Freire, Economic Affairs Officer, Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division, ESCAP – **Strategies for facilitating the emergence of more productive and greener jobs**
- Kenichi Sannabe, Deputy Counsellor, Cabinet Secretariat of Japan – **Rebirth of Japan program**

Open Discussion

10:45 – 11:00 **Coffee Break and Group Photo**

11:00 – 12:30 **Session 2: Opportunities and challenges for promoting green jobs for youth**

This session will zoom into the situation of youth in the region, including demographic, education and employment trends, as well as overall integration into the society, before highlighting some of the key UN initiatives on youth. ESCAP will provide the broad picture and introduce the links between youth and sustainable development. ILO will speak on the youth unemployment challenge, and various ILO projects and activities to promote youth employment. UNEP will speak on how it is engaging and involving young people in environmental issues.

Chair: Wenyan Yang, Chief, Social Perspective on Development Branch,
Division for Social Policy and Development, UNDESA

Presentations:

- Ermina Sokou, Social Affairs Officer, Social Integration Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP – **Opportunities for social integration of youth in Asia and the Pacific**
- Vincent Jugault, Senior Specialist in Environment and Decent Work, ILO ROAP – **Green Jobs for Youth - Working towards social equity**
- Satwant Kaur, Information Officer, UNEP – **UNEP initiatives**

Open Discussion

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch Break**

13.30 – 15:00 **Session 3: Education and skills for green jobs**

This session will discuss how youth could be better prepared for the coming transition to a green economy, what kind of education and skills would be required and what changes are needed to avoid mismatch. ILO will provide the broad picture and lay out the key issues, particularly in the region's context. Lawrence Surendra will present the view from academia. Vajjira Perera will present the view from the government. ESCAP will introduce online learning tools on green growth.

Chair: Maurizio Bussi, Director, Decent Work Team-Bangkok, ILO

Presentations:

- Olga Streitska-Ilina, Senior Skills Specialist, ILO
- Lawrence Surendra, Professor, The Sustainability Platform National

- Design Research Forum, India
- Vaijira Perera, Director, TVEC, Sri Lanka
- Aneta Nikolova, Environmental Affairs Officer, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP – **e-learning facility on green growth**

Open Discussion

15:00 – 15:15 **Coffee Break**

15:15 – 17:00 **Session 4: Good practices and initiatives on innovative financing**

This session will introduce innovative financial initiatives and tools to support green production and green consumption with green jobs. UNCDF will provide an overview, focusing more at the micro level. Indonesia (environment ministry) will introduce government plans and efforts to promote 'green' and 'jobs.' Indonesia (central bank) will also introduce its programmes on rural and MSME sector financing. Grameen Bank will share the lessons learned from its experiences.

Chair: Feisal Hussain, Senior Regional Technical Advisor, Inclusive Finance, UNCDF

Presentations:

- Laksmi Dhewanthi, Assistant Deputy Minister for Environmental Economics, Ministry of Environment, Indonesia
- Santoso Wibowo, Deputy Head of Rural Bank and MSME Development, Central Bank of Indonesia
- Yunus Centre, Asian Institute of Technology (tbc)
- Kampol Taruneeterakul, Vice President-Power Sector, Kasikorn Bank

Open Discussion

17:00 – 17:30 **Wrap up on Day 1 discussions and briefing on Day 2 study tour**

- UNDESA
- Pornchanit Kaew-Nate, Dean of School of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Suan Dusit Rajabhat University

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8:15 **Meet at UNCC**

8:30 – 8:45 **Transfer from UNCC to School of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Suan Dusit Rajabhat University**

9:00 – 10:00 **Session 5: Study Tour**

10:00 – 10:15 **Coffee Break**

10:15 – 12:00 **Session 6: Promoting green youth entrepreneurship and small and medium-sized enterprises for green jobs**

This session will explore the challenges, opportunities and priorities in youth entrepreneurship and SMEs for green jobs. As entrepreneurship is central to boosting economic activity and creating jobs, green entrepreneurship is central to creating green jobs. Youth can benefit from

and also contribute to this. UNEP will provide an overview, followed by country experiences from China and India.

Chair: Stefanos Fotiou, Regional Coordinator for Resource Efficiency, UNEP
ROAP

Presentations:

- Janti Gunawan, Indonesian Green Entrepreneurship program
- Janina Leon, Professor of Economics, Departamento de Economía, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú
- John Wali, Executive Director, Junior Achievement Kenya
- Rajan Gandhi, President, "Society in Action Group"

Open Discussion

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch Break

13:00 – 13:15 Video

13:15 – 14:15 Session 7: Panel discussion with youth representatives

This dynamic panel discussion will provide an opportunity for youth representatives from the region, including the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand and Sri Lanka, to provide their perspectives on issues of youth employment and green economy.

Moderator: Matthieu Cognac, Youth Employment Specialist, ILO

Panelists:

- Pebbles Sanchez, Planning Officer, Climate Change Commission Philippines
- Mohamed Husni, International Climate Champion 2010/11, Sri Lanka
- Choy Kim Lee, Malaysian youth representative
- Pornchanit Kaew-Nate, Dean of School of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Suan Dusit Rajabhat University

Open Discussion

14:15 – 15:00 Closing session

Synthesis of key messages and policy recommendations with concluding remarks

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee Break

15:15 – 15:30 Return to the UNCC