

GREEN JOBS

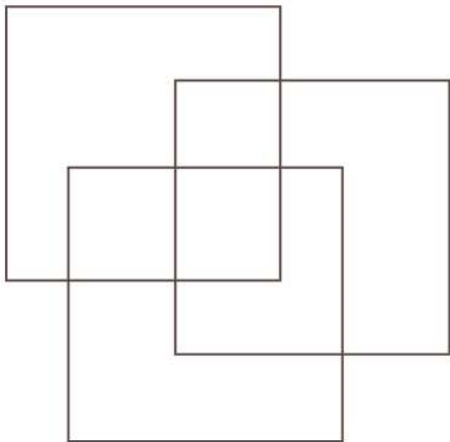
Jobs are green when they help reduce negative environmental impact and ultimately lead to environmentally, economically and socially sustainable enterprises and economies. Green jobs are decent jobs that reduce consumption of energy and raw materials, limit greenhouse gas emissions, minimize waste and pollution, and protect and restore ecosystems.

RESOURCES

Green Jobs in Asia Project
www.decentwork.asia

ILO Community of Practice on Green Jobs
<http://greenjobs-ap.ilobkk.or.th>

ILO Green Jobs Programme
<http://www.ilo.org/empent/units/green-jobs-programme/lang--en/index.htm>



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DECENT WORK

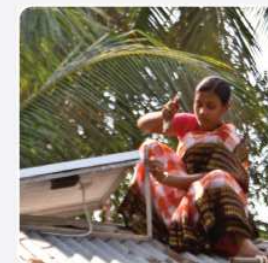
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Green jobs: A future of environmentally sustainable decent work in Asia and the Pacific

In order to further the ILO's mandate of decent work and social justice, the Green Jobs in Asia project promotes sustainable enterprises and economies which are efficient, socially just and environmentally sound. Through analysis and policy guidance, the project is contributing to the development of a fairer and more sustainable system of globalization.

The advent of green jobs illustrates the strong interdependence between the need for social and economic development, and the urgency to act on environmental challenges, including climate change. Countries are increasingly developing policies and implementing strategies to reduce emissions, develop more efficient energy industries and improve water and waste management. This has far reaching consequences for employment and the overall functioning of labour markets. Transitioning towards an environmentally sustainable, low carbon development path will trigger shifts in labour markets across the region. On the one hand, this will create demand for new skills and programmes. However it will also be necessary to ensure social protection and financial schemes are in place to assist workers and businesses in the most affected sectors.

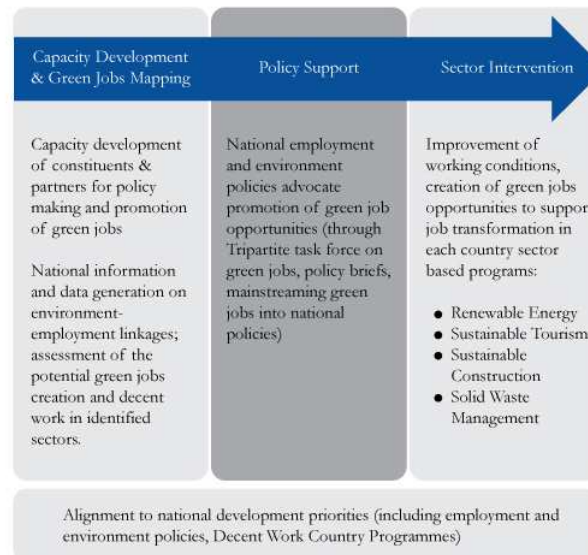
The Green Jobs in Asia project works with and through regional and local green economy initiatives developed by constituents. It provides a comprehensive repository of knowledge and tools for applying practical approaches to sustainable development. The result is that a broader policy agenda is now emerging that combines climate-resilient strategies with poverty reduction and sustainable growth.

OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGY

Under the Australian Government – ILO Partnership Agreement (2010 – 2015), the Green Jobs in Asia project aims to deepen ILO constituents' understanding and commitments for the promotion of gendersensitive, green jobs opportunities and a just transition for workers and employers toward low-carbon, climate resilient, environmentally friendly development.

The immediate objectives of the project are:

- to promote the capacity of ILO constituents to engage in dialogue on green jobs through increased access to reliable sources of data and information on green jobs and training, including on the employment impacts of environment-related policies and good practices on green jobs;
- that the concept of Green jobs is mainstreamed in national labour and social policies in all participating countries;
- Green jobs demonstration projects which respond to the different needs of women and men are implemented in key sectors selected on the basis of research and consultations in four of the project countries.



ACTIVITIES BY SECTOR

The Green Jobs in Asia project is being implemented in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nepal, the Philippines and Sri Lanka from August 2010 – June 2012.

Capacity development, green jobs mapping and policy support provide a framework for the promotion of green jobs. This framework is complemented by interventions in a variety of sectors designed to demonstrate opportunities for poverty reduction through the creation of green jobs. The interventions take place in four countries.

Bangladesh: Green jobs creation in the **renewable energy** sector with a focus on solar home systems;

Indonesia: Green jobs in **sustainable tourism**, with a focus on green accommodation and ecotourism;

Philippines: Green jobs in **social housing** with a focus on sustainable construction through modified concrete hollow blocks and coco coir erosion control systems;

Sri Lanka: Green jobs in the **solid waste management** sector with a focus on composting and plastic recycling.

The expected results at the end of the project include:

- Green jobs employment models developed and tested with measurable improvement of working conditions and green jobs opportunities. These are country and sector-specific, and entail components of policy support, capacity building, technical and entrepreneurial skills upgrading and access to finance;
- National conferences convened, trainings conducted and data generated on green jobs that will help ILO constituents develop their capacity to participate actively in national discussions on the development of socially sustainable climate change policies, and to propose required changes;
- Green jobs integrated in national employment policies, and employment and decent work are addressed in the national climate change action plans of participating countries.