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Green Industrial Policy: Concept, Policies, Country Experiences

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Venue: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), Bonn
Tulpenfeld 6, 53113 Bonn/Germany

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The German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) and the Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE), a joint initiative of UN Environment, UNIDO, UNDP, ILO and UNITAR, invite you to discuss their upcoming report „Green Industrial Policy: Concept, Policies, Country Experiences”

Economic development has so far been achieved at the cost of severe overexploitation of natural resources. Humanity is approaching various ecological tipping points beyond which abrupt and irreversible environmental change at large geographical scales is likely to happen. Hence, all countries need to fundamentally rethink their development pathways and switch to sustainable practices. At the same time, there is – in poor countries in particular – the need to foster structural change in ways that increase productivity and create wealth for the population.

The upcoming report looks at these two challenges in conjunction. How can countries at different levels of socio-economic development manage the structural transformation towards ‘green’, environmentally sustainable economies in ways that also improve the material well-being of people? Can poor countries in particular achieve both objectives in tandem, and how can they deal with potential trade-offs? To what extent do lessons from industrial policymaking still hold and where are fundamentally different policies needed? The report, which will be published in November, discusses the conceptual foundations of ‘Green Industrial Policy’, presents specific policy reforms that may help to balance environmental sustainability and wealth creation and offers case studies of successful application of green industrial policies in Morocco, Brazil, China and Germany. The report builds on the expertise of two dozen authors including internationally leading researchers as well as policymakers from all over the world.
At the meeting we will summarise highlights of the report and then delve into one reform area in an exemplary way: Environmental Tax Reform and how they can be adapted to different country contexts and made compatible with the pursuit of national competitiveness.

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| Key Note: The need for a green transformation and the nexus of green industrial policy and energy policy | Mark Radka  
UN Environment, Chief of the Energy and Cities Branch                | 9.00  |
| Green Industrial Policy: Concept, policies, country cases: Highlights of the report | Tilman Altenburg  
Head of Department “Economic and Social Development” at DIE and co-editor of the report | 9:15  |
| A glimpse of the Report: The Chapter on Environmental Tax Reform | Kai Schlegelmilch  
Green Budget Germany and Green Budget Europe                               | 9.35  |
| Open discussion                                             |                                                                         | 9.50  |
| Finger food                                                 |                                                                         | 10.30 |

The event is an official side event as a part of the 2017 Interconnections Zone during COP 23 at the DIE. No COP 23 accreditation is needed to visit the venue.

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