

**The Third PAGE Ministerial Conference is a unique opportunity for PAGE member states to:**

- Reinforce their commitment to the transition to an inclusive and green economy.
- Implement tools and strategies to accelerate, scale up and sustain the momentum on deepening green economy principles.

**Agenda highlights**

- Keynote conversations
- Parallel sessions
- High level panel sessions
- One to one sessions
- Exhibitions

**Media debate**

On the eve of the conference, a media debate will take place on the theme “What makes a country rich? Rethinking wealth and prosperity”.

**Registration**

Complete your on-line registration at:  
<https://oarf2.itcilo.org/SHN/A9511592/en>

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In order to participate in the conference, a confirmation letter from the Conference secretariat is required.



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# ADVANCING INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIES

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10-11 JANUARY 2019**

Hosted by the Department of Environmental Affairs of South Africa and organized by the Partnership for Action on Green Economy



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## The challenge

How can we lift millions out of poverty, create 600+ million jobs, reduce inequalities, protect the environment and grow the economy?

## Where we stand

We have a plan for propelling the world towards a future where human and environmental health are protected, where poverty and hunger are alleviated, where peace and prosperity can flourish. It has been three years since the adoption of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, and it is time now to take these aspirational words and turn them into real changes in the lives of people and nations. It's time for action.

## How we can do it

1. We can radically **rethink** the ways we consume and produce. Taking a full-life, design approach to the things we make and use on a day-to-day basis can revitalize economies and take pressure off our natural resources. Micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) are already leading the way in entrepreneurship and innovation driving the new circular economy.
2. We can **plan** for the future of work. We can already see the trends in how advances in technology and automation are accelerating, and how demographics are changing across societies. We have an unprecedented opportunity

to unleash the potential these changes present us for better, higher-skilled, fairer jobs.

3. We can **restructure** our economic and financial systems to respond to social and environmental risks. We can empower the private sector, and in particular micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises, to drive the changes we need to generate good jobs, to be inclusive to all, and to protect our natural world.

## Rallying the leaders

To turn these plans into a reality, and to accelerate the change, we need to get the smartest people in the same room and learn from their experiences. So, the Partnership for Action on Green

Economy (PAGE) is gathering around 500 innovators and leaders from governments, civil society, private sector, development organizations, media and the general public. We will showcase the experiences and creativity of first-movers, widen partnerships and engage in an open debate about what it is going to take to for us to have a **just transition** to economies and societies that are more inclusive, stable and sustainable.

Hosted by the Department of Environmental Affairs of South Africa, the third PAGE Ministerial Conference will highlight and celebrate innovation, entrepreneurship and inclusivity as drivers of green industries, and as the bedrock for a better and more sustainable future for all.

## Who

South Africa has been at the forefront of championing green economy and the third PAGE Ministerial Conference will provide an opportunity for South Africa along with other PAGE member states to reinforce the commitment to transition to a green and sustainable economy.

Since 2013, The Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) has grown into an increasingly prominent alliance of UN Agencies, international partner organizations and governments. The partnership is recognized as an innovative and efficient model of excellence for delivering on the 2030 Agenda. Drawing on the expertise of five UN Agencies – UN Environment, the

International Labour Organization, the UN Development Programme, the UN Industrial Development Organization, and the UN Institute for Training and Research – PAGE challenges business-as-usual growth and business models, and places sustainability at the heart of economic systems. At the global level, we partner with the donor community, the wider UN system, governments, civil society and the private sector to amplify and accelerate transitions to greener, more inclusive development, and to support future.



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## The themes

  
GREEN FINANCE:  
HOW DO WE  
UNLOCK GREEN  
FINANCE?

  
STRATEGIES AND  
POLICIES FOR A  
GREEN ECONOMY

  
ECONOMIC  
AND SOCIAL  
INCLUSION

  
SUSTAINABLE  
CONSUMPTION  
AND PRODUCTION –  
CIRCULAR ECONOMY

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