



**PAGE** PARTNERSHIP FOR ACTION  
ON GREEN ECONOMY

## APPLICATION FORM 2016



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## 1. Introduction

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This document provides information about the application process and guidance for countries interested in becoming a PAGE partner country. A separate document *Planning and Implementing a National PAGE Partnership: Guidance for PAGE Partner Countries* [available on PAGE website](#)<sup>1</sup> provides detailed information on planning and implementing PAGE at the national level. Countries join PAGE through a demand-driven and criteria-based selection process. The sections and annexes below provide details about the information to be included in the application.

PAGE brings together the expertise and broad convening power of five UN agencies – United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), International Labour Organization (ILO), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) – to provide a comprehensive and coordinated package of technical assistance and capacity building services.

## 2. PAGE Support to Countries

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The Partnership supports nations and regions in reframing economic policies and practices around sustainability to foster economic growth, create income and jobs, reduce poverty and inequality, and strengthen the ecological foundations of their economies. PAGE represents a key means for advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) as committed in the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. Building on evidence-based analysis, the work in selected PAGE partner countries is targeted towards key sectors or thematic policy areas with high potential to drive a green economy transition. PAGE aims to support up to 20 countries by 2020.

The aim for each PAGE country is to closely link with existing structures and processes in the countries, bringing in expertise of relevant government ministries and other public and private sector actors to create the basis for long-term sustainability.

### PAGE Impact

Countries are transforming their economies to eradicate poverty, increase jobs and social equity, strengthen livelihoods and environmental stewardship, and sustain growth in line with the Sustainable Development Goals

Recognizing that each country must develop its own pathway to sustainable development based on its national priorities and resources, PAGE provides a platform for exchanging experience, technical information and knowledge as well as exploring the advantages of new partnerships between governments, the private sector, civil society and development agencies.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.un-page.org/guidancepagepartnercountries>

### 3. Criteria for Country Selection

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The criteria for selecting countries for PAGE engagement are the following:

- Demonstrated high-level support and commitment of key ministries, evidence of inter-ministerial coordination, a written expression of interest, and a clear demand for technical assistance;
- Identified linkages between potential national activities to be carried out through PAGE and relevant national planning processes such as for the SDGs and NDCs, as well as the United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAFs);
- Presence and/or existing activities of the five PAGE agencies in the country and agencies' capacity to respond, including through complementary programming such as PEI;
- Regional balance and inclusion of both larger and smaller economies.

Given that a limited number of countries can be selected in any given application cycle, not all countries meeting the minimum criteria may be accepted. These countries will be considered for selection in the next application cycle without needing to reapply unless country circumstances change significantly.

### 4. Components of Application Dossier

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The application form (included in the Annex) comprises four sections to be completed by the applicant countries taking into account their national situation and governance structure. Supporting letters and documents must be enclosed in the application dossier.

#### ***Section A: Government Ministries***

Transition to inclusive green economy is a country-driven process and involves key ministries at the national level. It is expected that the application process will be supported by a lead coordination body (e.g. Cabinets Office, Office of the President etc.). It is also possible that the application process is supported by an inter-ministerial committee dealing with national planning processes as well as other key ministries.

#### ***Section B: Institutions and Organizations Participating in the Process***

Since transitioning to green economy is a multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder process, participation of other ministries, relevant government institutions, private sector, academic and research institutes, civil society and other stakeholders is important. The list of these stakeholders and their expected roles needs to be provided in the application form and the Statement of Interest (Section C).

#### ***Section C: Statement of Interest***

Interested countries should prepare, through multi-sector and multi-stakeholder collaboration, a Statement of Interest, including, inter alia, the following information:

- Background information/rationale for advancing Green Economy
- Interest in participating in PAGE and expected benefits of a partnership with PAGE
- Initial priority sectors targeted for policy reform and action
- Linkages to national development planning, UNDAFs, SDGs, NDCs, and other relevant major UN/IFI programmes (e.g. identification of ongoing or planned policy processes that can include PAGE elements)
- Proposed inter-ministerial coordination to support policy reform and PAGE implementation
- Perspective on active involvement of stakeholders (industry, labour, civil society, etc.)

#### ***Section D: Supporting Letters***

The applications are submitted through a cover letter signed by a high level official from a government institution with lead coordination functions (e.g. Cabinets Office, Office of the President, Ministry of Planning, etc.). The application should include supporting letters from other ministries and preferably from other national entities as listed below:

- Key Government Ministries (Environment, Labor, Industry, Finance, Development Planning, etc.)
- The Ministry of Finance/Planning must provide a supporting letter if they are not already submitting the cover letter
- Private Sector (desired but optional)
- Organized Labour (desired but optional)
- Civil Society (desired but optional)

## **5. Review and Selection Process**

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Based on the country selection criteria, all the country applications will be reviewed by the PAGE Management Board. Countries can submit their applications in the call for expressions of interest up to 31 December 2016. The process comprises the following steps:

- Interested countries contact the PAGE Secretariat to express initial interest and seek guidance on the preparation of their application;
- Interested countries submit their application;
- The application is screened by the Secretariat to determine if it meets the selection criteria;
- The PAGE Technical Team reviews the application and seeks formal advice from the UN Resident Coordinator, as well as relevant regional and country offices. It seeks the advice of the PAGE Donor Steering Committee. It then makes a recommendation to the PAGE Management Board.
- The PAGE Management Board reviews the application and makes a final decision;
- The final decision is communicated to the applicant country by the Secretariat.

## 6. Application Submission

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The complete application package should be submitted to PAGE Secretariat at the following address:

PAGE Secretariat  
Economics and Trade Branch  
UN Environment  
15, Chemin des Anémones  
1219 Chatelaine - Geneva, Switzerland

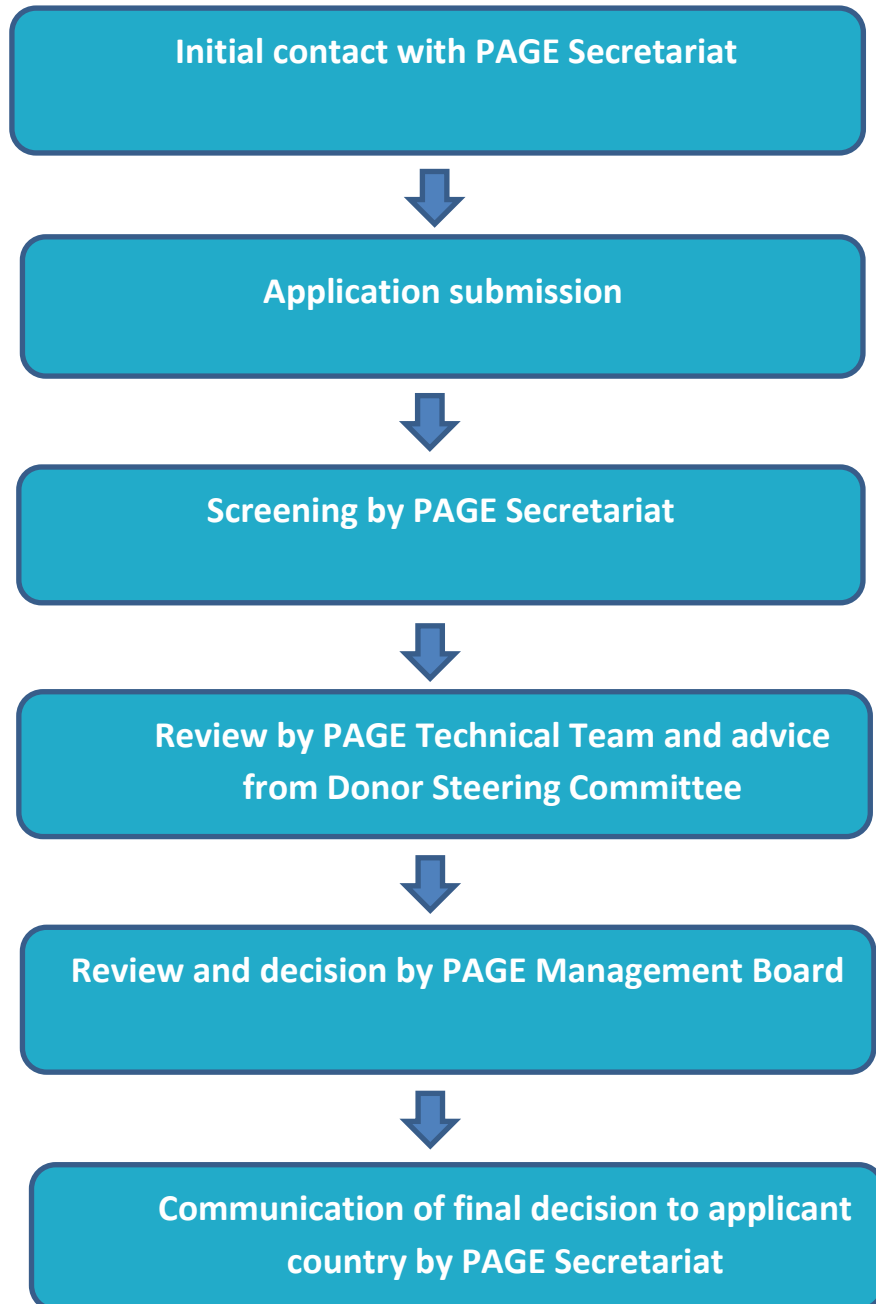
An electronic copy of the application package including the completed Application Form, supporting documents and letters should also be sent via email to:

Page@unep.org

### Application Check-List

	Completed Application Form
	Cover letter from a government institution/ministry with lead coordination functions (e.g. Cabinets Office, Office of the President, Ministry of Planning, etc.)
	Supporting letter from Ministry of Finance/Planning if they are not already submitting the cover letter
	Supporting letters from other ministries (e.g. Environment, Labor, Industry, etc.)
	Letters of support from private sector, organized labour and civil society (desired but optional)
	Completed Statement of Interest

## Application Process Flow Chart



## Annex I – Application Form

### Section A: Government Ministries

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1. Country Name:

2. Lead Ministry /Agency Coordinating the Application

Ministry/Agency	
Department	
Address	
Contact Person	
Title	
Phone	
Fax	
Email	

3. Signature

Name and Title	Date
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## Section B: Institutions and Organizations Participating in the Process

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### 1. Other Ministries/Agencies Involved in the Application Process

Ministry/Agency <sup>2</sup>	Name and Title of Contact Person	Phone, Fax and Email
Finance		
Planning and Development		
Energy		
Industry		
Water		
Forestry		
Social Protection/labour		
Others		

### 2. Academic /Research Institutes

Organisation	Name and Title of Contact Person	Phone, Fax and Email

### 3. Private Sector

Organisation	Name and Title of Contact Person	Phone, Fax and Email

### 4. Civil Society/NGOs and Networks

Organisation	Name and Title of Contact Person	Phone, Fax and Email

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<sup>2</sup> This is an indicative list. Depending on the national governance structure, additional sectors and ministries can be added.



## Section C: Statement of Interest

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1. Background Information/Rationale
2. Expected Benefits of Partnership with PAGE
3. Priority Sectors for Policy Reform
4. Linkages to National Development Planning/UNDAFs

(please include other relevant major UN/IFI programmes e.g. identification of ongoing or planned policy processes that can include PAGE elements)

5. Inter-ministerial Coordination for Policy Reform and Implementation (e.g. indication of formation of a GE Steering Committee with membership from key ministries, inclusion of other key actors, political support and an official status/notification)
6. Engagement of Stakeholders (industry, labor, civil society, etc.)

## Section D: Letters of Support

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- Cover letter signed by a high level official (e.g. Cabinets Office, Office of the President, Ministry of Planning, etc.) demonstrating interest and commitment
- Letters from key government ministries (e.g. Environment, Labor, Industry, Finance, Development Planning) signed at a senior level
- Other supporting letters from private sector, organized labour and civil society (desired but optional)

**Note:** Documents for Sections C and D can be combined in a single letter of interest with multiple signatories.