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# PARTNERSHIP FOR ACTION ON GREEN ECONOMY

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### Peru

- On 11<sup>th</sup> July, a **meeting held between PAGE Peru and PAGE donors** discussed the progress that PAGE Peru has been undergoing. The meeting concluded with the agreement to continue its communication on Peru's Action Plan that is planned to be developed until June 2018. In addition, it was proposed to hold another meeting with the donors in the third quarter of 2017 or beginning 2018 to set future perspectives of PAGE activities in the country. Mr. Martin Peter, Head of Swiss Cooperation - SECO, chaired the meeting and was attended by representatives from the National Officer of Programs of the Swiss Cooperation, Public Relations at the Embassy of United Arab Emirates in Peru, and the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Peru.
- On 12<sup>th</sup> July, the **Integrated Green Economy Modelling Framework (IGEM)** and the **Model T21** has been presented in a workshop organized by PAGE Peru in coordination with UN Environment, and the Ministry of Environment. More than 70 professional participants from civil service (Ministry of Economy and Finance, National Center for Strategic Planning, National Institute of Statistics, Ministry of Labor, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Agriculture, National Department of Meteorology and Hydrology of Peru), international agencies (GiZ, SECO) the private sector and civil society who are involved with sustainable development and green development. The workshop fulfilled the expectations of strengthening Peruvian professionals' capacities on green economy modelling for short, medium and long terms. The workshop was attended by 35 male participants and 33 female participants.
- **Bilateral meetings** have been held between PAGE Peru and three the Ministry of Environment, National Center for Strategic Planning and National Institute of Statistics to begin the process of institutionalizing both the IGEM.
- On 14<sup>th</sup> July, PAGE Peru participated in a Seminar on Environmental management in the **Energy Mining Sector**, as well as in the Forum on "Generation of Wind Energy".
- The Ministry of Economy and Finance of Peru, with the support of PAGE Peru, presented the mechanism of 'budget support'. This mechanism could be used for new modalities of **international cooperation** between Peru and other countries, especially for the activation of REDD+ resources.
- PAGE Peru, is working to integrate the Green Jobs sectoral strategy (under the Ministry of Labour and PAGE Peru) with the National Strategy on Green Growth, currently being developed by the Ministry of Economy and Finance and Ministry of Environment. The major objective is to include Green Jobs into both a national and a green growth framework.
- Peru is liaising with *Corresponsables* in order to provide mutual support in the promotion of green growth and social responsibility in both public and private sector.
- Peru PAGE National Coordinator travelled on 13 July to Motevideo to share lessons learned from the Peruvian experience and to feed in to the discussion on national priorities in Uruguay and possible collaboration on work at the regional level.

- Several donors were invited to take part in the workshop on the IGEM including representatives from the Swiss Cooperation, the Embassy of United Arab Emirates, Embassy of Republic of Korea, EU, Finland, Sweden and representatives from GIZ and GGGI.
- Last **interagency call** took place on 11<sup>th</sup> July, to coordinate activities at the inter-agency level following the technical committee meeting held on June 16, 2017.
- In September, it is planned to discuss the **mapping of SDGs implementation** aiming to acknowledge the enforcement of the SDGs at national level and the stakeholders involved in it as well as the upcoming challenges to be faced. As a result, potential scenarios and recommendations can be elaborated.
- On Thursday, July 13, 2017 the National Coordinator of PAGE Peru, participated in a panel on “Forum on Solutions for Labour Rights”, organized by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).
- PAGE Peru Events were featured on: <http://pageperu.org.pe/v2/recursos/noticias/>

### South Africa

- The **Report on [Green Economy Inventory for South Africa](#)** has been published online with the involvement of ILO, UN Environment and the Department of Environmental Affairs of South Africa. The Report can support green economy planning and investment processes.
- Task team for the **South Africa Green Economy Industry and Trade Assessment** met on 27 July to discuss the final report, Phase II of the Assessment, and contracting a national institution to work on UN Environment-led PAGE activity, Leveraging Trade in Organic and Biodiversity-based Agricultural Products through South African Value Chains.
- On 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> July, UNITAR has conducted **IGE training** focused on [‘How to design, develop and evaluate effective e-learning?’](#) Participants (11 males, 13 females) reported high overall satisfaction with the event, whereby 100%

stated the event was completely or mostly useful.

- National Stakeholder Engagement Workshop on 25<sup>th</sup> July, South Africa Green Economy E-Learning (GEEL) Stakeholder Workshop and Training Needs Analysis.
- **Green Economy Learning Assessment** for South Africa available on the PAGE and Department of Environmental Affairs websites.
- South African Minister of Environmental Affairs of South Africa, Edna Molewa, participated in [PAGE Side Event at the High-Level Political Forum](#) which took place on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 in New York.

### Senegal

- Last **interagency call** took place on 10th July, in which the activities developed in Senegal were reviewed.

### Brazil (Mato Grosso)

- The **National Steering Committee** has established the priority actions for the period July 2017-June 2018, aiming to send to the Management Board a budget for the mentioned period. The meeting was held on 17 July 2017.
- Last **interagency call** occurred on 6<sup>th</sup> July, which discussed to continue the activities in Mato Grosso.

### Mauritius

- A **strategic plan on Integrated Waste Management** for creation of sustainable green businesses is being prepared with the involvement of The Solid Waste Management Division of the Ministry of Environment as the implementing agency, and Agence Francaise de Developpement, as the major funding agency. This strategic plan can support

efficient waste management and diversion of waste from landfill.

At the beginning of July, and with the implication of SWITCH Africa Green, a **report on Green Business Opportunities** has been finalized and is ready for dissemination. This report will help to support green business development in Mauritius and other SAG countries.

- A concept note on Technical Assistance by PAGE-UNEP FI has been submitted to the Stock Exchange of Mauritius for review and comments in order to develop a **Green Bonds Programme in Mauritius**.
- A concept note on creating **green business opportunities in Mauritius** is being finalized for submission to the Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives and private sector organizations.
- Inception phase of **collaboration** with the Mechanical & Production Engineering Department of the University of Mauritius to explore possibilities of collaborative research with the Commission for Environment in Rodrigues to find sustainable packaging solutions.

A representative of **UN Global Compact Initiative** had a call with the Resident Coordinator and private sector representatives. Future collaboration with this initiative is considered to be explored.

- Last **interagency call** occurred on 4<sup>th</sup> July, which reviewed the latest developments in national planning process in Mauritius, the current work plan and it was discussed the work planning for the period mid-2017- mid-2018.

## China

- In August-September 2017, a **first Chinese draft report of measuring the green economy progress** (using UN Environment Green Economy Progress (GEP) framework) in Jiangsu province will be finalized with the involvement of Nanjing University research team and UN Environment. This is a significant effort to apply and adapt UN Environment Green Economy Progress framework in a sub-national level for measuring progress toward green economy. A synthesis report in English will be prepared and shared on the UN Environment website.
- In July, a report on UNIDO's Green Industry Index and preliminary assessment of 18 provinces in China is ready and under internal review by UNIDO team.
- Last **interagency call** occurred in July, in which all agencies discussed updated on work plans and activities.

## Ghana

- A **manual for Mainstreaming SDGs and NDCs in Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies (MMDAs) development plans** is being elaborated and it is envisaged to be developed by end August, with the involvement of Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI), National Development Planning Commission (NDPC), Regional Coordinating Councils (RCCs), Ghana Statistical Services (GSS). Development plans will help to reflect how SDGs and GH-NDCs at

the local levels contribute to Ghana's transition towards an Inclusive and Green Economy. A new consultant will be on board for the development of the manual by 15<sup>th</sup> August and training of Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies officials will commence early September.

- The **National Steering Committee** has been reconstituted and it comprises members from PAGE Steering Committee and SWITCH Africa Green National Technical Coordination Committee (NTCC). The meeting will be held on 16th and 17th August 2017. New programme areas for the 2017-2018 work programme will be discussed and areas of collaboration with stakeholders, such as the Switzerland Embassy, will be explored and deepened.

- PAGE is working in **collaboration with the GCF Readiness Programme** being implemented by the Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI) and UNDP Ghana. In this regard, PAGE and the GCF project will synergize their activities on developing the manual for mainstreaming SDGs and Gh-NDCs in the development plans at the decentralized level.
- Initial **consultations and discussions** have been started concerning firming up key activities for the various work streams ranging from foundation training/learning for key government personnel, fiscal to financing for green economy.
- It is planned to update the UNDP Ghana and UN Ghana **websites** with the latest information from PAGE activities.
- Last **interagency call** occurred on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2017 in preparation for the PAGE Steering Committee meeting.