PAGE Action Plan Agreed for Advancing a Green Economy in Mongolia

11-13 November 2013, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia -- After the announcement in June that Mongolia would be the first country to join the UN Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE), a series of meetings were held here this month to develop an action plan on the way forward.

A two-day National Capacity Development and PAGE Planning Workshop to Advance Green Economy in Mongolia was held from 11-12 November, with participation from at least 12 ministries, including the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development, Industry and Agriculture, Social Welfare, Culture, Sports and Tourism, Education and Science, Urban Development and the Ministry of Labour. Representatives from five states, and several non-governmental organizations and international development agencies also attended.

The event provided insight on the possible focus and scope of the PAGE work in Mongolia, engaging stakeholders in discussions on what activities to include in the PAGE inception phase. It also identified knowledge gaps and opportunities for learning and direct action.

Then, on 13 November, a high-level Forum on Green Development brought together key members of the parliament, where the findings of the two-day learning and planning event were presented. Chaired by the Minister of Environment and Green Development Oyun Sanjaasuren, the forum enhanced awareness among decision-makers and stakeholders on green economy. It also provided a platform for representatives from business, academia and development partners to share their perspectives.

Following the forum, a Development Partners and Government Discussion was held with representatives from the Asian Development Bank, GIZ, Global Green Growth Institute, Mercy Corp and World Bank, among others, to share their work relating to the environment and advancement of the green economy in Mongolia.

The events resulted in better understanding and awareness of Green Economy and PAGE by partners, as well as an action plan for the inception phase of PAGE in Mongolia.