PAGE Announces First Recipients of Green Recovery Funds

Thanks to a strong partnership and support from the Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of Germany, PAGE is announcing the first wave of green recovery funds for five partner countries - Senegal, Argentina, Brazil (Mato Grosso), South Africa and Thailand.

With funding support first announced in June at the High Level Political Forum, PAGE has since engaged across its five UN agencies along with UN Resident Coordinators and government ministries to develop country-specific proposals for additional support - with all proposals targeting actions that will fuel green
and inclusive recoveries from the impacts of COVID-19. Thanks to this coordinated effort, these targeted green recovery funds will be disbursed by the end of the year.

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Country Spotlight: Senegal

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PAGE Senegal is among one of the first PAGE partner countries and also one of the first partners to submit a proposal for a green economic recovery program. Joining PAGE in 2014, Senegal has had numerous achievements in its sustainable development journey including the “Plan Senegal Emergent” (PSE) in 2014 and its five-year Priority Action Plan (PAP 2014-2018) as well as the country's National Strategy for Sustainable Development.

Beyond supporting the integration of Inclusive Green Economy (IGE) into national policies, PAGE also assisted in shaping sectoral and thematic reforms across green jobs, sustainable construction, waste management, green industry and sustainable use of revenues from oil and gas - fostering ingenuity and entrepreneurship to support green growth.
In particular, the waste management sector has strong potential for economic and sustainable development. This is one key theme in Senegal's proposal to support green economic recovery in the country. Continue reading for an interview with National Coordinator Seynabou Diouf to learn about recovery efforts and the integral engagements during the process for putting this proposal together.

PAGE Peru Holds Closing Ceremony for Five-Years of Progress

PAGE Peru held a webinar on 13 October to celebrate the culmination of the country's five year engagement within the partnership, 2014-2019. The event saw representation from the UN Resident Coordinator in Peru, the ILO Director in Lima, four national ministries, the PAGE Secretariat and all PAGE agencies.

Among discussions of successes in the country, sustainability plans for the phase out process were also presented - including the ongoing application of PAGE’s Integrated Green Economy modeling tool for assessing NDC policy in Peru, supported by the European Commission.

"What gives me peace of mind at this moment is knowing about the
enormous amount of work that already exists; and while I was listening, I was thinking how this could be linked to this framework (UN framework for the immediate socio-economic response to COVID-19) that has been entrusted to us - all over the world."

"For me, looking at my colleagues from the UNDP, UNIDO, ILO, etc. here, all of them well-connected with each of the ministries is a source of great satisfaction ... I have seen here a relationship of trust, work, and respect between the professionals of the ministries and my UN colleagues. It is a great baseline to move forward."

**UN Resident Coordinator in Peru,**

**Igor Garafuli**

Watch the recording [here](#).

Read more about this event and download materials [here](#).

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**Uruguay Holds 2nd Annual Circularity Awards**

First launched in 2019, the second edition of the "Uruguay
Circular Towards a New Economy awards were held on October 28th. The first of its kind in Latin America, the program recognizes achievements across areas such as the use of renewable energies and materials, reuse and repair and improving product efficiency among others.

Beyond giving visibility and recognition to companies, entrepreneurs, communities and educational institutions making advances in circular economy, Uruguay Circular supports events and learning throughout the year on topics such as eco-design, repair, reuse, rental markets.

Watch the video launch here.

Learn more

PAGE, with UNITAR and the Civil Service College Mauritius (CSCM), held a workshop in Rodrigues gathering teachers, NGOs and education authorities to develop capacity for green economy integration into classrooms. Enhancing foundational learning among primary and secondary students, the workshop - “Integrating Climate Change and Green Economy in the Classroom” - consolidated best practices and techniques, as well as learning
The training stems from key findings in a green economy learning assessment, from which a set of short-, medium and long-term recommendations were developed to build capacity in implementing green economy measures within the country. Forty-six participants including 36 Teachers from primary and secondary educational institutions, were in attendance.

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More Updates from PAGE Partner Countries

**Guyana**

*Guyana, as Chair of the G-77 and China, hosted a flagship event on October 29th*, "Maintaining a Low Carbon Development Path Towards the 2030 Agenda in the Era of COVID-19". PAGE Guyana supported the development of the event, which included addresses from Guyanese President Irfaan Ali, UNSG Antonio Guterres, Patricia Espinoza, Alicia Barcena, Achim Steiner, and ministers from Jamaica, Ecuador and Argentina.

**Barbados**

Through the Throne Speech, Barbados has reconfirmed its commitment to Greening of the Economy, and to greening across sectors, including tourism and Agriculture. Notably, under the heading of The Green and Blue Economy, the Government has recognized and articulated: "The threat of climate change and the fragility of our ecosystems as an island, require us to move to a nature-based solutions and long term green growth
and development strategy.” PAGE collaborated on the Ministry of Environments’ contribution and submission to the Speech.

> Read more about partner countries [here](#).

Join Us: Webinar to Introduce a Higher Education Course on **Inclusive Green Economy (IGE) Modeling**

Thursday, 19 November 2020, 9-10.30am GMT

Learn more about this event [here](#).

Register for this event [here](#).

**Green Economy in the News**

**Making a global, public affirmation for climate action, China has pledged to achieve carbon neutrality by 2060.**

In an announcement to the UN general assembly on September 22, President Xi Jinping stated that China would adopt “more vigorous policies and measures” to increase its climate goal and peak carbon dioxide emissions before 2030. [Read more.](#)

**IMF Panel on Post-COVID-19 Recovery and Resilience**

“We don’t want to rebuild the economy of yesterday. We want to build the economy of tomorrow. And what do we want this economy to be? We
want it to be low carbon, climate-resilient. We want it to be a knowledge economy, smart. We want it to be a fair economy. And these are the measures people are taking in advanced economies and also in developing countries."

- Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) at the IMF Panel on Post-COVID-19 Recovery and Resilience, 13 October 2020

Read more about this panel.

The PAGE Data Observatory has been developed to track socio-economic and health impacts from COVID-19, track policy responses and assess potential focus areas for green recovery in PAGE Countries. Additionally, PAGE Analytical tools can guide analysis, promote green jobs and foster sustainable investments and business models - boosting economies to build a better future for all.

> Visit the PAGE COVID-19 Hub for more information.
Launched in 2013, the Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) seeks to put sustainability at the heart of economic policies and practices to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. PAGE supports countries 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.