



2018 MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

PAGE PARTNERSHIP FOR ACTION
ON GREEN ECONOMY

ADVANCING INCLUSIVE, GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIES

ICC Cape Town, South Africa | 05 – 07 September 2018

Three years since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, achieving inclusive economic growth and safeguarding current and future generations from the damage of climate change, demands more than ever great political leadership, corporate responsibility and social engagement globally. The global plan of action for people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnership which is enshrined in the Sustainable Development Goals must begin to pivot from aspirational words to real change in the lives of people and nations, through actions on the ground.

The international community has a unique opportunity, within the next 12 years, to lift millions of people out of poverty, secure jobs for approximately 600 million, reduce inequality, address gender inequality, and lay the foundations of sustainable economies through firmly grounded sustainable production and consumption patterns, which are the key features that underpin the greening and transformation of sectors into levers of economic inclusion. Such action would create the much-needed jobs in an environmentally sound manner and revitalise economies by reconfiguration of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) into enterprises driven through innovation and which are supportive of entrepreneurship.

The rapid advances in technology with automation at an unprecedented pace and demographic changes across societies create both opportunities and challenges. Such economic and structural transformations have crucial bearings for the future of work and the sustainability of the future.

There is a growing realisation that economic and financial systems must act as drivers of change, inclusion, and prosperity for all and, that the private sector and small and medium-sized enterprises, in particular, will need to play a central role in generating jobs, income and prosperity in a world.

In this context, the Third Ministerial Conference of the Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) will take place in South Africa, from 05 – 07 September 2018, following two successful conferences in Dubai in 2014 and Berlin in 2017. It will focus on the themes of:

- **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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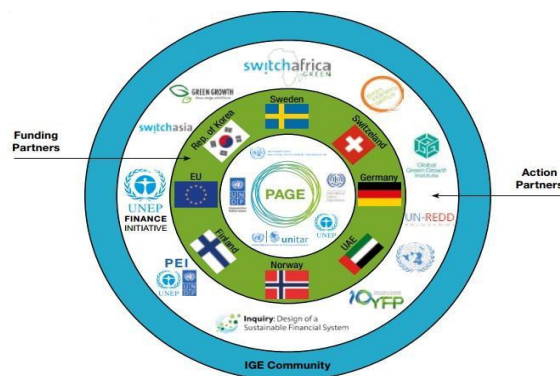
South Africa has been at the forefront of championing green economy and the Third PAGE Ministerial Conference will provide an opportunity for South Africa along with other PAGE member states to reinforce the commitment to transition to a green/ sustainable economy and to demonstrate implementation of the tools and strategies to accelerate, scaling up and to sustain the momentum on deepening green economy principles in the heart of socio-economic and environmental planning frameworks.

Being co-hosted with the Department of Environmental Affairs, South Africa, the Third PAGE Ministerial Conference will highlight and celebrate drivers of innovation and entrepreneurship through inclusivity in advancing green industries for a better and more sustainable future for all.

The Conference will bring to a historic place of Africa approximately 500 participants inclusive of representatives from governments, civil society, private sector, development partners, media and the general public. It will showcase through exhibitions first movers to share experiences and creativity, widen partnerships and engage in an open debate about what it takes to realise a “just transition” to economies and societies which are more inclusive, stable and sustainable.

About the Partnership:

The Partnership for Action on Green Economy aims to put sustainability at the heart of economic policies and works to advance the 2030 Agenda by providing a foundation for delivery and achieving Sustainable Development Goals and national efforts to address climate change. Bringing together the expertise of five UN agencies – UN Environment (UNEP), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the UN Development Programme (UNDP), and the UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) – the Partnership has been assisting partner countries to embark on inclusive green economy trajectories since 2013.





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– Provisional Agenda –

EVE OF CONFERENCE – SEPTEMBER 5

Media debate

What makes a country rich? Rethinking wealth and prosperity

Welcome function

DAY 1 – SEPTEMBER 6

09:00 – 09:15

Official opening and welcome remarks

President of the Republic of South Africa (TBC)

09:15 – 09:45

Keynote addresses: Fostering a green economy to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals+

UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed (TBC)

9:45 – 10:45

High-level panel, followed by press statements

Invited Speakers: Ministers from South Africa, Ministers from PAGE countries and funding partners, Business (NBI), Executive Director of UN Environment, Director-General of ILO

10:45 – 11:15

Coffee break

11:15 – 12:00

Keynote conversation on economic and social inclusion

Invited Speakers: Ministers from PAGE countries and PAGE funding partners, Business, CSOs, UN principals



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DAY 1 – SEPTEMBER 6 (CONTINUED)

12:00 – 13:00

Parallel sessions

Themes Green finance
Strategies and policies for a green economy
Economic and social inclusion
Sustainable consumption and production – Circular economy

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch break

13:00 – 14:30

Ministers' working lunch – by invitation only

Innovative Solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production

14:30 – 15:15

Keynote conversation on the future of work in a green economy

Invited Speakers: Ministers from PAGE countries and PAGE funding partners, Business, CSOs, UN principals

15:15 – 15:30

Coffee break

15:30 – 16:30

Parallel sessions

Themes Green finance
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16:30 – 17:15

Moving from reflection to action – High-level synthesis panel

Invited Speakers: Ministers from PAGE countries and PAGE funding partners, Business, CSOs, UN principals

17:15 – 18:15

Green economy pioneers

Open exhibition and networking

19:00

Evening events

Information to follow



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DAY 2 – SEPTEMBER 6

09:15 – 09:45	Keynote addresses: Unlocking finance for sustainability
09:45 – 10:45	High-level panel <i>Invited Speakers:</i> Ministers from PAGE countries and PAGE funding partners, Business, CSOs, UN principals
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:00	Keynote conversation on sustainable economy <i>Invited Speakers:</i> Ministers from PAGE countries and PAGE funding partners, Business, CSOs, UN principals
12:00 – 13:00	Parallel sessions <i>Themes</i> Green finance Strategies and policies for a green economy Economic and social inclusion Sustainable consumption and production – Circular economy
13:00 – 14:00	Conference closing: Insights, awards and outcomes
14:00 – 15:30	Lunch

ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE ELEMENTS

One-on-one sessions between conference guests

Exhibition – Green economy pioneers: Innovative approaches, business models, partnerships on display throughout the two conference days