



# PAGE PARTNERSHIP FOR ACTION ON GREEN ECONOMY

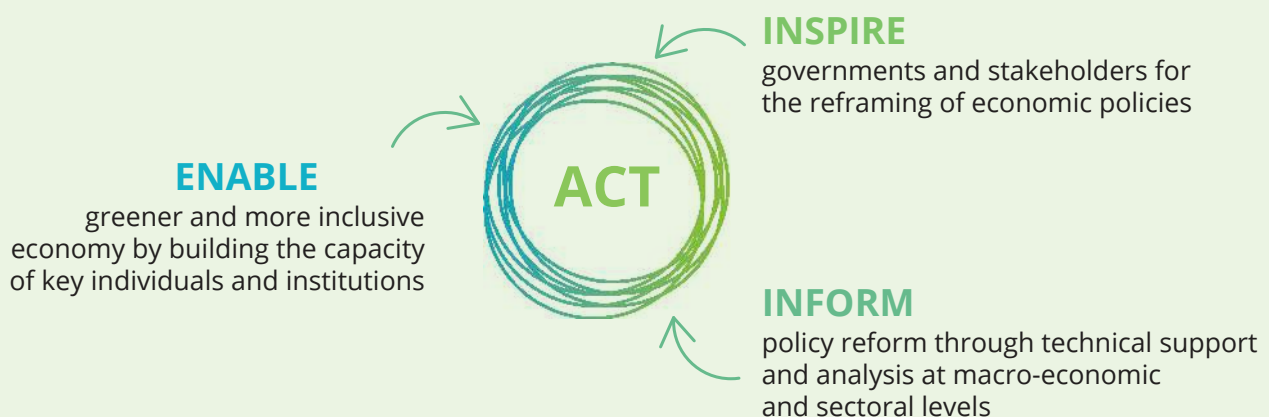
## The Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE)

is aimed to support those countries wishing to embark on greener and more inclusive growth. It is a joint partnership of five UN agencies – UNDP, UNEP, ILO, UNIDO and UNITAR



## PAGE in the policy cycle

PAGE inspires, informs and enables countries at various stages of their policy development. The Partnership inspires governments and stakeholders to engage in the reframing of economic policies. PAGE informs the policy process through technical support and analysis at both, the macro-economic and sectoral levels. By building the capacity of key individuals and institutions, PAGE enables countries to put a greener and more inclusive economy into action.



## Country context & PAGE milestones

2016

### Kyrgyz Republic joins PAGE

✓ PAGE has been supporting the government of the Kyrgyz Republic in its efforts to integrate Inclusive Green Economy (IGE) goals into national planning processes. The Ministry of Economy and Commerce of the Kyrgyz Republic is the beneficiary of this initiative and the main coordinating state body in the implementation of PAGE in the Kyrgyz Republic

2017

### Inception mission held to develop a common understanding of green economy concepts

- ✓ Green Economy Stocktaking Report developed
- ✓ Study mission to Mongolia provided Kyrgyz counterparts with a working concept for advancing green economy
- ✓ Green Economy Forum held under the theme "From Theory to Practice – Possibilities for Business"
- ✓ National IGE expert group established

2018

### Kyrgyz Parliament adopted the "Concept of Kyrgyzstan as a Green Economy Country"

- ✓ Green Economy Learning Needs Assessment developed
- ✓ Skills for Green Jobs Assessment finalised and launched
- ✓ Green Industry and Trade Assessment (GITA) conducted
- ✓ South-South exchange between the Kyrgyz Republic and Mongolia highlighted as best practice by the UN Office for South-South Cooperation
- ✓ National Development Strategy 2018-2040 and accompanying five-year programme Unity, Trust and Creation adopted

2019

### Decree "On the Foreign Policy Concept for the Kyrgyz Republic" signed by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic

- ✓ Green Economy Week held under the theme "Strong Regions"
- ✓ National Green Economy Programme approved
- ✓ President of the Kyrgyz Republic signed a law ratifying the Paris Agreement on Climate Change

2020

### Coordination Commission on Green Economy and Climate Change formed

- ✓ 25 green economy modelling training sessions held virtually
- ✓ Report on 'Investment opportunities for the development of a green economy in Kyrgyzstan' released
- ✓ Green Economy Development Programme enacted
- ✓ Eco-competition on solid waste management in Bishkek launched by UNDP

2021

### The country has adopted a new mid-term development document for the period of 2022-2026 (Programme-2026), where Green Economy is one of the development priorities

## PAGE & COVID-19 response

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic and a political crisis significantly affected the economy of the Kyrgyz Republic. PAGE remains committed to assist the country in promoting inclusive green economy plans that will create growth, jobs and prosperity for all while reducing pressures on the planet.

## Key thematic & Sectoral areas



National development  
planning



Green Economy  
modeling



Green  
Jobs



Sustainable  
Finance



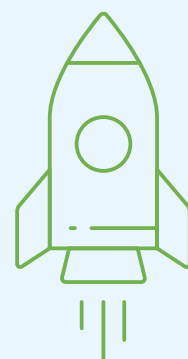
Green Industry  
& Trade



Waste  
management

## Capacity building

- Bishkek International Finance Forum
- Workshop on Education for Green Economy
- Green Economy Learning
- Clean Air and Green Cities Workshop
- Training of journalists on green economy
- Environmental and Social Risk Analysis Training
- Workshop on International Framework of Eco-Industrial Park



## PAGE & SDG

PAGE contributes to the achievement of several SDGs & implementation of the Paris Agreement ratified by the Kyrgyz Republic in 2019



## Recent highlights



### **Sustainable agriculture** (led by UNDP)

PAGE continued the collaboration with UNDP Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN) to carry out the study of fiscal policy reforms for sustainable agriculture, in partnership with the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Agriculture, Water resources and Regional development. PAGE provided financial support for the implementation of the Financial solution "Reform harmful agricultural subsidies to remove barriers to green agriculture" in the Kyrgyz Republic.



### **Building a Green Economy modelling in strategic planning of sustainable development** (led by UNDP)

PAGE supported the Ministry of Economy in conducting 25 consecutive half-day online training sessions on building a green economy model for representatives of ministries and departments, the National Bank, academic institutions and the expert community. Since April 2020, a total of 292 participants attended different training sessions, out of which seven individuals completed the full cycle of the training, marking an important step forward for the further institutionalisation of the green economy model in the country.



### **AVZUR University courses on Inclusive Green Economy**

In 2021, PAGE continued collaboration with the Alliance of Universities for Green Economy and Sustainable Development (AVZUR), which unites 13 of the country's leading universities as members. Five topics for new Green Economy academic were selected and developed by AVZUR members, which are now accessible via the dedicated learning portal: <http://e-learn.avzur.kg/> including the PAGE course on IGE modelling tailored to the national context. All academic courses are gradually being integrated into the master's level curriculum of the universities in the academic year 2021-2022 as electives.

### Available course:

- Economics of climate change in Central Asia
- Green and sustainable finance
- Agriculture and green growth
- Green economy and international trade
- Introduction to green economy
- Green Economy Modelling





## **Implementing Youth Engagement Competition Winning Projects** (led by UNITAR)

Within the framework of cooperation with AVZUR, seven winning projects of the #generation GREENEGY competition held at the end of 2020 have been implemented in 2021 with funding support from PAGE. The competition aimed to raise awareness and promote green economy among young people, as well as the general public, in the Kyrgyz Republic. All projects were created and implemented by teams of university of school students. The winning projects range from the creation of a database of bio-farmers in the Kyrgyz Republic, through upcycling of clothes, and a device that generates electricity while biking.



## **Peer Learning on education reform between Kyrgyz Republic and Kazakhstan**

Considering the similarity between the education systems and work carried out by PAGE in Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic in the areas of environmental education and public awareness, an online session was organized in April 2021 to exchange experience and best practices.



## **Green Economy Forum and Green Expo 2021**

10.12.2021: the Ministry of Economy and Commerce hosted an exhibition of green technologies and solutions "Green Expo 2021" and a "Green Economy Forum: From Challenges to Opportunities for Sustainable Business Development". The two events provided a platform for private sector, government officials and international organizations to discuss how to turn challenges into opportunities for sustainable business growth. Participants learned what green technologies and solutions are being supplied to the Kyrgyz market, as well as about the opportunities offered by the government and development programs for consulting and financial support for green business projects. The events were organized with the assistance of PAGE, GIZ, OSCE, the JIA business association and the Association for the Development of the Agro-Industrial Complex.



## **Developing a Green Jobs Assessment Model prototype to inform the impact of green policies on the labor market** (led by ILO)

PAGE is supporting the development of the Green Jobs Assessment Model prototype to inform the impact of green policies on the labor market and household income distribution through capacity-building trainings.



## **Development of a Resource Efficient Industrial program** (led by UNIDO)

Currently there is a research work on the study of metal processing and cement production, which will result in recommendations that will form the basis for the energy efficiency program.



## **Urban Development & green economy** (led by UNDP)

PAGE provided expertise on analysis of legislation on urban development in the Kyrgyz Republic with emphasis on green economy and developed recommendations to integrate the aspects of inclusive green economy in the context of climate change into the legal and normative acts and documents on sustainable development.



## **Waste management** (led by UNDP)

PAGE is providing support for improved waste management in the Kyrgyz Republic, tackling the issue from three different but complementary angles. This includes supporting the implementation of recommendations of the waste chapter of the Green Economy Development Programme, launching an eco-competition on solid waste management, and conducting a situational analysis of healthcare waste management systems.



## **Launch of Comprehensive Plan of Measures on Climate Change Education** (led by UNITAR)

On 23.04.2021, the Kyrgyz Republic held a high-level event to officially launch Comprehensive Plan of Measures on Climate Change Education, which lays out key components of the country's climate change learning strategy. A major milestone for the country, the Plan was presented to a range of stakeholders from government (including Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Economy and Finance, State Agency on Environment Protection and Forestry), academia, the private sector, civil society, and international organizations. The Plan is structured around three priority areas for integrating climate change education: 1) capacity building for decision makers, 2) integration of climate change in formal and non-formal education, 3) public awareness and access to information. It lays out short-, mid-, and long-term measures under each of those priority areas. See short video [here](#).



## **Youth Climate Dialogue in Bishkek** (led by UNITAR)

On 24.04.2021 Youth Climate Dialogue took place in Bishkek, in an interactive format with the participation of more than 200 young participants (100 online and 100 in person) bringing together young people representing various academic institutions and organizations. Participants improved their understanding of climate change, provided insights into further study opportunities and ways to get involved in climate processes on national and global level. The dialogues demonstrated the vibrant ecological culture among youth in the country, which can be relied upon to sustain PAGE results and achievement going forward.



## **Partnerships for the Goals** (led by UNDP)

PAGE is providing expertise to identify financial sector needs for the implementation of the principles of Sustainable Finance and to analyze existing legislative frameworks relevant to sustainable finance and the current level of enforcement. In line with this, PAGE released a report in May 2020 on 'Investment Opportunities for the Development of a Green Economy in Kyrgyzstan', which analyzes opportunities for green investments in Kyrgyzstan and provides related recommendations.

The Sustainable Finance Road Map (SFRM) has been drafted with the technical support of PAGE in close partnership with the Ministry of Economy and the Union of Banks of the Kyrgyz Republic. SFRM is the product of a partnership between the Government (as represented by the Ministry of Economy and the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic) and the financial sector (led by the Kyrgyz Union of Banks). It reviews the current state of sustainable finance in Kyrgyzstan and provides an overview of existing practices, policies and regulations, investment opportunities, incentive mechanisms and challenges to mainstreaming sustainable finance and the growth of a sustainable financial system. SFRM also defines the Action Plan for the development of a sustainable financial system in Kyrgyzstan, and for tangible steps forward in its attainment of a low-carbon, resource-efficient, sustainable economy.

## Expected results of PAGE in the Kyrgyz Republic

- 01** Reinforcing and integrating IGE goals and targets into SDG-aligned national economic and development planning through multistakeholder collaboration
- 02** Implementing evidence-based sectoral and thematic reforms in line with national IGE priorities
- 03** Strengthening individual, institutional and planning capacities for IGE action

## PAGE donors



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