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IMPACT & ACHIEVEMENTS

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Following the outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the United Nations (UN) identified the PAGE Programme as one of the partnerships that can support the country’s economic recovery efforts.

GREEN ECONOMY INVENTORY FOR SOUTH AFRICA (GEISA) IMPACT IN NUMBERS

- 26% of surveyed initiatives are part of the creation of 50 or more jobs with agriculture being the largest employer.
- 60% of green economy initiatives are located in Gauteng, Western Cape and KwaZulu-Natal provinces.
- 80% of surveyed green economy initiatives are funded by domestic and international players, half of which are funded by governments.
- 41% of surveyed initiatives are part of multi-stakeholder partnerships.

GREEN ECONOMY LEARNING (GELE) IMPACT AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1. THE COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK

A framework that allows for a strategic analysis of green economy learning needs.

2. SELF ASSESSMENT TOOL

A self-assessment tool for the teams designing or implementing green economy initiatives, to identify potential competency gaps and enable learning opportunities.

3. EDUCATIONAL DATABASE

A database of 170 courses offered by universities, research institutions, parastatal organisations, development partners and others.

4. TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Launching the Green Economy Academy and building capacity on the Green Economy Progress (GEP) Framework.

5. PRIORITY ACTIONS

A list of priority actions to advance learning and skills development for greening the South African economy.

6. E-LEARNING COURSE

PAGE and the North West University (NWU) developed a green economy e-learning course for catalysing individuals, work contexts and organisations to advance their knowledge on green economy imperatives.
THE GREEN ECONOMY TRADE AND INDUSTRY ANALYSIS (GEITA)

The Green Economy Trade and Industry Analysis (GEITA) was published in 2016.

The GEITA is a comprehensive analysis of South Africa’s green industry and trade position. It identified and analysed four priority sectors that have high potential for green trade promotion:

1) small-scale embedded generation systems
2) water technology
3) the biogas-to-transport value chain
4) bio-composite economic sectors

STRENGTHENED CAPABILITIES THROUGH ENHANCED GREEN ECONOMY LEARNING

1) Green Economy Academy to build the capacity of key stakeholders to support green economy policy implementation and to promote knowledge sharing among South Africa’s nine provinces
2) Skills for Green Jobs Regional Training Hub launched on 10 January 2019 - first Africa Green Jobs Assessment Institutions Network (GAIN) Training Hub

CROSS CUTTING ISSUES

- YOUTH TRAINING AND MENTORSHIP (DFC II AND IMVELISI)
- YOUTH BAROMETER (10 000 YOUTH SURVEYED)
- PAGE ACADEMY (NUMBER OF ACADEMIES, PARTICIPANTS AS WELL AS FOCUS AREAS)
- GREEN JOBS ASSESSMENT INSTITUTIONS NETWORK (GAIN) TRAINING HUB

COMMUNICATIONS AND AWARENESS

1. VIDEO
2. PAGE WEBINARS
3. ARTICLES

INCLUSIVITY
Training on Trade and Climate Smart Agriculture Developed and Piloted with Extension Officers

Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) is now widely promoted as the best approach for addressing both the causes and effects of climate change.

The UN Environment Programme’s Environment and Trade Hub and UNITAR are developing and piloting a training on CSA and trade opportunities stemming from the transition to more sustainable agricultural practices.

The key achievements/activities are listed to the right.

The Green Economy Progress (GEP) Measurement Framework

The Green Economy Progress (GEP) Measurement Framework measures accumulation of capital (natural, low carbon and resource efficient, human, or social) which serves as input for producing goods and services in an environmentally friendly manner.

It also tracks progress on a country level and facilitates cross-country or cross-provincial comparisons of achieved progress.

Validated indicators were mainly derived from existing government frameworks such as the South Africa’s National Development Plan Outcome 10 document, the Development Indicators Report, South Africa’s SDG baseline Report consistent with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Key Activities/Achievements

- A dialogue platform for supporting green economy policy development and implementations.
  - Hosted The O.U.T. Thando Debate Series, organized by the Wits University School of Governance.

- Strengthening Waste Management Legislation for a Greener Recovery
  - Provided technical support to the SREP in order for it to embark on revising the Municipal Integrated Waste Management Planning Guidelines (MWPMP), and to support the integration of international best practices on the circular economy.

- PAGE Ministerial Conference and Cape Town Action Pathways Towards 2030
  - The Conference resulted in a draft outcome document labelled Cape Town Action Pathways Towards 2030, highlighting the following 5 points:
    1. Reinvigorating our economies as inclusive green economies,
    2. Anchoring green strategies and policies in long-term development frameworks,
    3. Focusing on economic, social and political inclusion,
    4. Creating the future of work we want, and
    5. Strengthening partnerships and multilateralism.

Online dialogues as part of green recovery support.

Explored avenues for creating employment opportunities for young people through green jobs as an important element of a Just Transition, and the country’s COVID-19 recovery tracking programme.

As a result, the “Green Business Aachen South Africa” program was delivered in November 2021.