

SUSTAINABLE GREEN ECONOMY IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH

The World Green Economy Organization (WGEO), launched in 2017, focuses on the promotion of the widespread acceptance and increased importance of green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication. WGEO serves as a platform for international cooperation and knowledge-sharing to drive sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth and job creation. UNOSSC supports WGEO in partnership mobilization and global outreach efforts, helping to mobilize actions around WGEO priority areas.

ENHANCED REGIONAL COMMITMENTS ON GREEN ECONOMY

UNOSSC, in partnership with WGEO and key regional and national stakeholders, facilitated policy dialogues leading to specific policy recommendations by that wide range of stakeholders, which shared them through the joint statements adopted at the five Regional Ministerial Conferences on Green Economy that involved over 535 officials from 91 countries worldwide. Joint statements of the five Regional Ministerial Conferences drafted and finalized in line with the comments and contributions from the participants of the high-level events reflect key outcomes and the calls for action in the field of advancing a green economy. The Regional Ministerial Conferences also served as a platform to showcase Southern solutions for the advancement of a green economy, thus supporting South-South exchanges.

SUSTAINABLE GREEN-ECONOMY APPROACHES ADVANCED

Sustainable green-economy approaches and policy recommendations resulting from the regional events were promoted globally at the Global Ministerial Conference on Green Economy, held as part of the 2019 World Green Economy Summit and attended by 130 ministerial-level participants and high-level representatives from United Nations agencies and other international organizations.

CAPACITY OF SOUTHERN COUNTRIES ENHANCED REGARDING GREEN ECONOMY

A WGEO course entitled Executive Training on Green Economy was developed and delivered in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) and the International Solar Alliance (ISA). A total of 330 executives and practitioners were trained in green-economy issues, with the training targeting representatives of governments, international organizations, the private sector and CSOs from around the world. The course helped to equip the participants with a sound understanding of the key principles, dimensions and trends in the process of transition to a green economy at the national, regional and global levels. It also provided the tools and methods for proactive green action in the context of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

BETTER POSITIONING IN CLIMATE FINANCE

UNOSSC contributed to the organization of the joint United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and WGEO “High-level Forum on Climate Finance Strategies for NDC (Nationally Determined Contribution) Implementation” at the 25th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 25) of UNFCCC in Madrid in 2019. It also helped to highlight regional and national strategies to mobilize and access climate finance to meet the priorities of developing countries as well as to bring clarity on how to deliver the NDCs and long-term strategies of developing countries. The ministerial- and CEO-level speakers emphasized the needs of their countries and regions; shared examples of the sources of climate finance, available instruments and activities in their regions (e.g., Africa, Arab States, Melanesia, Southeast Asia); and informed the broader efforts being undertaken in mobilizing climate finance.

SOLUTION EXCHANGES FACILITATED

UNOSSC, with WGEO, continued supporting countries to share good practices in green economy



Panel discussion, 2019 Africa Regional Ministerial Conference on Green Economy, Cairo, Egypt

through documenting and publishing successful cases that can be replicated in other countries of the Global South as well as showcasing them on various platforms. The green-economy solutions are available via the [online portal](#) along with other good practices. Over 30 successful green solutions from various regions were showcased at the Solutions Expo during the 2019 Regional Ministerial Conferences on Green Economy.

LESSON LEARNED

- Creating an enabling environment for promoting a green, circular and decarbonized economy requires strong political will, collaborative efforts and engagement of all key actors, including governments, national and international communities, United Nations agencies, the private sector, academia and CSOs.

WAY FORWARD

- UNOSSC and WGEO, in collaboration with United Nations agencies, academia and CSOs, will further support countries in strengthening national and local institutions, their mandates and capacities (including financial and human ones) to formulate, implement and monitor vertical (i.e., global to local) and horizontal (i.e., sectoral and spatial) integration for a green-economy transition, advocating for an integrated, systematic and holistic approach to transitioning to an inclusive and green economy in alignment with SDGs and the Paris Agreement.
- Technical research and knowledge exchange on green innovation and capacity-sharing will be further promoted through public-private partnerships and South-South cooperation.

RESULT HIGHLIGHTS



Green-economy agenda better positioned in the development of the Global South



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Joint statements of the Regional Ministerial Conferences reflecting calls for action in advancing a green economy



535

Officials from 91 countries worldwide engaged in advancing the green economy agenda



330

Executives and practitioners trained in green-economy issues