

# South Asian Consultation on Green Economy

23-24 June 2013

Godavari Village Resort, Lalitpur, Nepal

## Programme Agenda

### Day 1

Time	
8:30 - 9:00 am	<b>Registration</b>
9:00 – 9:50	<b>WELCOME, OPENING REMARKS AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>  <b>Welcome remarks:</b> Dr Arjan de Haan, Programme Leader, Supporting Inclusive Growth, Social and Economic Policy, International Development Research Centre, Ottawa  <b>Chief Guest’s remarks:</b> Mr Yuba Raj Bhusal, Secretary, National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal  <b>Keynote address/Setting the stage:</b> Dr Arbinda Mishra, Director, Earth Sciences and Climate Change Division, The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI), New Delhi  <b>Chair’s remarks:</b> Dr Ratnakar Adhikari, Chief Executive Director, SAWTEE, Kathmandu
9:50 – 10:15	<b>Hi-Tea</b>
10:15 – 11:15	<b>UNDERSTANDING GREEN ECONOMY IN THE CONTEXT OF SOUTH ASIA</b>  This session will include presentations by experts in the field explaining green economy and highlighting major implementation challenges and opportunities for green economy in South Asia, mainly in relation to micro, small and medium enterprises. The session will also provide an overview on the issue of north-south gap and its link to green economy.  <b>Chair:</b> Mr Ajay Dixit, General Secretary, Institute for Social and Environmental Transition (ISET) Nepal, Kathmandu  <b>Presentation:</b> Dr Minhaj Mahmud, Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), Dhaka  <b>Discussants:</b> 1. Dr Rucha Ghate, Senior Governance Specialist, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Kathmandu 2. Mr Asheesh Shah, Policy Analyst, CUTS International, Jaipur  <b>Floor discussion</b>

11:15-12:15	<p><b>EXPERIENCE SHARING AND LESSONS LEARNT</b></p> <p>This session will consist of experiences of few selected countries (developed and developing) that have put in place effective green growth strategies, and how these lessons can be useful for South Asia.</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Dr Dinesh Bhujyu, Academician, Nepal Academy of Science and Technology, Kathmandu</p> <p><b>Presentation:</b> 1. Dr Yong Sung Kim, Programme Manager, Green Growth Planning and Implementation, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), Seoul 2. Mr Vivan Sharan, Associate Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi</p> <p><b>Floor Discussion</b></p>
12:15 – 1:15	<p><b>Networking lunch</b></p>
1:15 – 2:45	<p><b>IMPORTANT SECTORS FROM A GREEN ECONOMY PERSPECTIVE AND SOUTH ASIA'S COMPETITIVENESS</b></p> <p>In this session, experts will make presentations on the most important sectors contributing/that can contribute to green economy in South Asia, including issues of competitiveness, sustainable consumption and production, poverty reduction and gender empowerment.</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Prof Ram Prasad Chaudhary, Executive Director, Research Centre for Applied Science and Technology (RECAST), Kathmandu</p> <p><b><u>Agriculture</u></b>  <b>Presentation:</b> Dr Narpat S Jodha, Senior Associate Scientist, ICIMOD, Kathmandu  <b>Discussant:</b> Dr KP Pant, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture Development, Government of Nepal</p> <p><b><u>Forestry</u></b>  <b>Presentation:</b> Mr Athula Senaratne, Head, Environmental Economic Policy Unit, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), Colombo  <b>Discussant:</b> Dr Smriti Dahal, Senior Programme Officer, SAWTEE, Kathmandu</p> <p><b><u>Tourism</u></b>  <b>Presentation:</b> Mr Moosa Zameer Hassan, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Tourism, Maldives  <b>Discussant:</b> Mr Tashi Tenzin, Infrastructure Development officer, Tourism Council of Bhutan, Thimphu</p>
2:45 – 3:00	<p><b>Tea/Coffee Break</b></p>

3:00 – 5:00	<p><b>Continuation of the previous (sectoral) session</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Dr Er Kamal Rijal, Development Expert, (Former Senior Policy Advisor, UNDP, New York), Kathmandu</p> <p><b><u>Energy</u></b>  <b>Presentation:</b> Mr Muhammad Zeshan, Research Economist, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad  <b>Discussant:</b> Mr Moogdho Mim Mahzab, Research Associate, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), Dhaka</p> <p><b><u>Transportation</u></b>  <b>Presentation:</b> Ms Chhavi Dhingra, Programme Manager, Capacity Building, EMBARQ India, Mumbai  <b>Discussant:</b> Mr R.B. Rauniyar, Managing Director, Interstate Multi-model Transport, Kathmandu</p> <p><b><u>Infrastructure</u></b>  <b>Presentation:</b> Prof Dr Jiba Raj Pokharel, Professor, Department of Architecture and Urban Planning, Institute of Engineering, Kathmandu  <b>Discussant:</b> Mr Chatura Rodrigo, Research Economist, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), Colombo</p> <p><b>Floor Discussion</b></p>
6:30 pm	<b>Welcome Dinner</b>

## Day 2

Time	
9:00 – 10:45	<p><b>CREATING GREEN JOBS IN SOUTH ASIA</b></p> <p>This session will discuss issues such as how can green economy create jobs? What are the different green jobs available in South Asia? Any examples of job creation in the transition to a green economy? How can we provide more education and training related to green jobs? How can green economy reduce poverty and help in rural development? What is the role of green jobs in promoting social inclusion and gender empowerment?</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Dr Arbinda Mishra, Director, Earth Sciences and Climate Change Division, The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI), New Delhi</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ms Shyama Salgado, Former National Coordinator, Green Jobs Project, International Labour Organization, Colombo</li> <li>2. Dr Bharat Kumar Pokharel, Deputy Country Director, HELVETAS Swiss Interco-operation Nepal, Kathmandu</li> </ol>

	<p>3. Dr Edgard Rodriguez, Senior Programme Specialist, IDRC, Ottawa</p> <p>4. Mr Muhammad Hamza Abbas, Research Analyst - Economic Growth Unit, SDPI, Islamabad</p> <p><b>Floor Discussion</b></p>
<b>10:45 – 11:00</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	<p><b>FINANCING THE TRANSITION TOWARDS A GREEN ECONOMY</b></p> <p>This session will focus on issues of access to finance for transition to a green economy by South Asian countries, for example, existing opportunities of funding green policies in South Asia, identifying new sources of funding that can be directly applied to the transition effort, prioritizing government’s investment in the green sector, among others.</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Dr Edgard Rodriguez, Senior Programme Specialist, IDRC, Ottawa</p> <p><b>Presentation:</b> Mr Tirthankar Mandal, Programme Coordinator, Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSAs), New Delhi</p> <p><b>Discussants:</b> Mr Puspa Sharma, Research Director, SAWTEE, Kathmandu</p> <p><b>Floor Discussion</b></p>
<b>12:00 – 1:00</b>	<p><b>TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FOR GREEN ECONOMY</b></p> <p>This session will include presentations and discussions on technology transfer for green economy. The session will focus on both north-south and south-south technology transfer.</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Dr Ram Manohar Shrestha, Emeritus Professor, Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok</p> <p><b>Presentation:</b> Dr Vishaka Hidellage, South Asia Director, Practical Action, Colombo</p> <p><b>Discussants:</b> 1. Dr Ratnakar Adhikari, Chief Executive Director, SAWTEE, Kathmandu 2. Dr Mahfuz Kabir, Senior Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS), Dhaka</p> <p><b>Floor discussion</b></p>
<b>1:00 – 2:00</b>	<b>Networking lunch</b>
<b>2:00 – 3:30</b>	<p><b>Working groups</b></p> <p>Workshop participants will be divided into different working groups to discuss in detail each targeted sector discussed in the previous sectoral session. Each working</p>

	group will discuss issues related to the sector from a green economy perspective and come out with three research agendas for each of the sector in terms of green economy in South Asia and present them in the plenary.
<b>3:30– 3:45</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>
<b>3: 45 – 4:30</b>	<b>Closing session</b>  Wrapping up and next steps Vote of thanks and closing remarks