## Green Jobs in South Asia

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# 1. <u>Challenges</u>: Green vs. Brown

## Huge jobs challenges

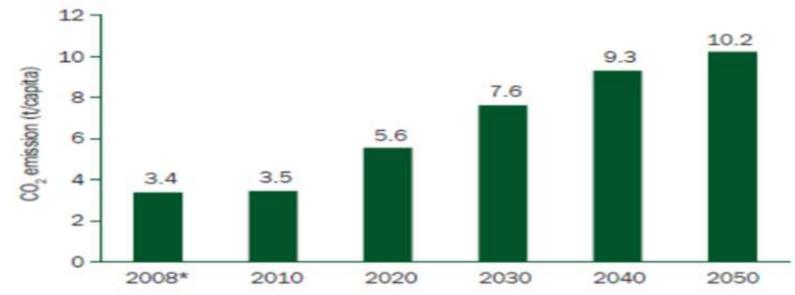
700 million South Asian workers
Majority informal jobs
Millions of new entrants

• Plus rising environmental costs

## Brown or green jobs?



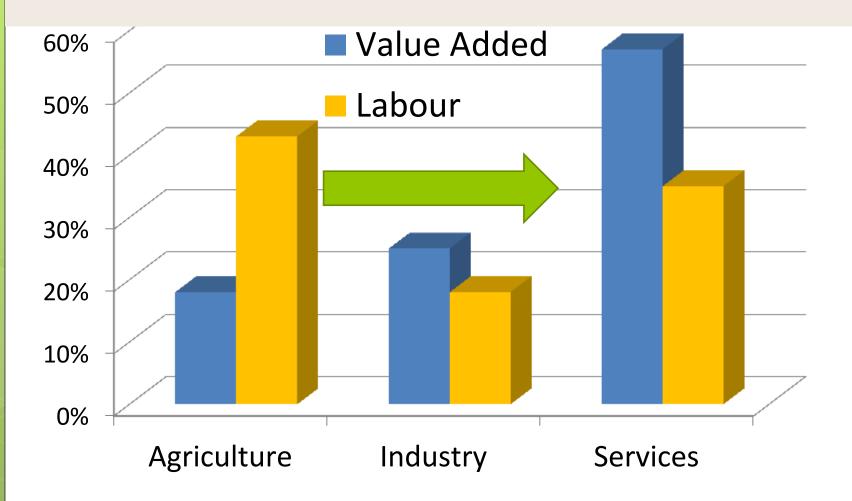
### How green?



| REGIONS                   |            |      |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| SOUTH ASIA                | 2,215,621  | 1.4  |
| EAST ASIA & PACIFIC       | 11,304,943 | 5.2  |
| OECD                      | 11,479,290 | 11.2 |
| LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN | 1,623,869  | 2.8  |
| WORLD                     | 32,042,246 | 4.7  |

# 2. <u>Priorities</u>: Green jobs for development

# Some have greater It is not just the development payoffs number of jobs



# Which jobs agenda? Three layers

Know your jobs challenge Remove or offset the constraints

LABOR POLICIES

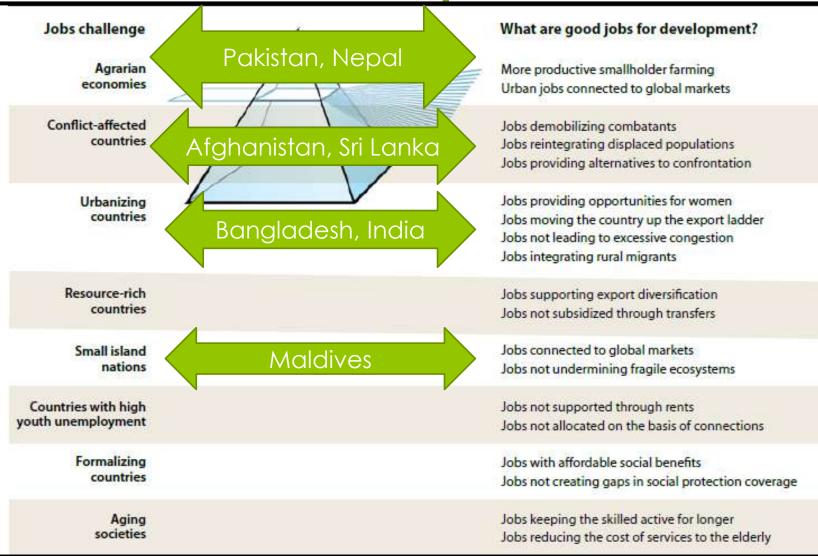
PRIORITIES

Stay on the efficiency plateau Avoid misguided interventions Provide voice and extend protection

FUNDAMENTALS

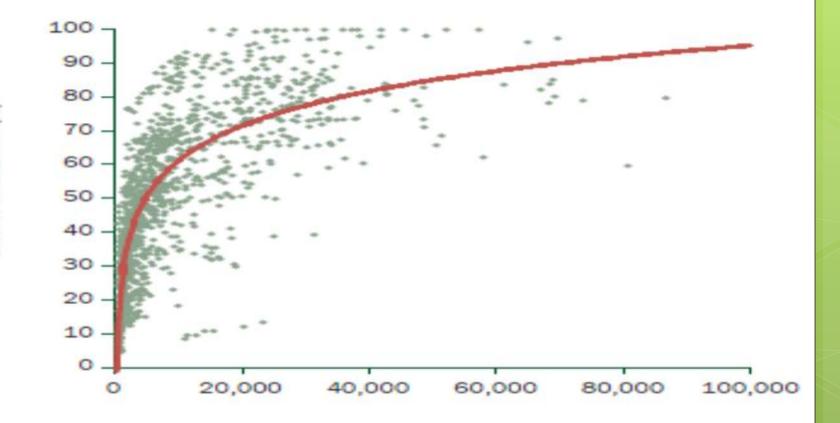
Macroeconomic stability An enabling business environment Human capital Rule of law and respect for rights

### **Different priorities**



# 3. Looking forward: Cities for green jobs

#### **Focus on cities**



Level of urbanization (%)

### **Greener jobs for Asia**

