

Introduction to Green Economy

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Videos



Green Economy and Sustainable Development: A video produced by UNRISD that emphasizes the social dimension of a GE, discusses the difference between a GE and sustainable development, and provides different perspectives, including some critical views.



Green Economy - The Time to Act is Now! Leaders from Governments, the private sector, civil society and the United Nations stressing the importance of and opportunities for a transition to a green economy. (Source: [UNEP](#)).



Importance of Green Growth: Message by Simon Upton, OECD Environment Director. (Source: [OECD](#)).



Measuring Progress: How's Life? (Source: [OECD](#)): new well-being and sustainability measures are needed to go "Beyond GDP".



Green Jobs: Protecting the Environment by Profiting from Garbage. Burkina Faso's first plastic recycling centre is paving the way for a new kind of development project. It provides a money earner to the poor while tackling environmental pollution. (Source: [ILO](#)).



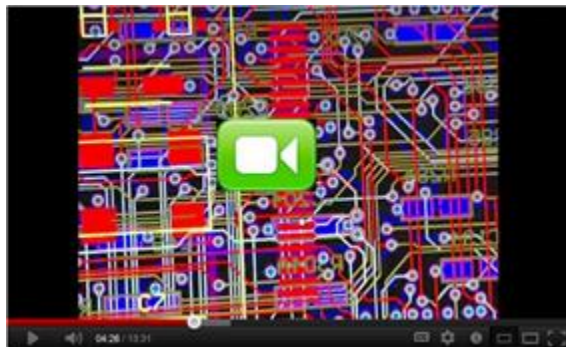
Rural Energy: brings energy to remote rural communities in Lao PDR, a country where just 48% of the population has access to grid electricity. Through Sunlabob, over 1,800 solar-home-systems and 500 solar lanterns are being rented to families in 73 different villages across the country. (Source: [UNEP](#)).



Uganda: Organic Farming: Uganda's National Organic Agricultural Movement is promoting organic pineapple farming and worldwide export of certified organic products. (Source: [UNEP](#)).



Mauritius Clean Energy: In order to make Mauritius a sustainable island, the country is promoting energy efficiency and the diffusion of renewable energies. Relevant interventions include the use of wind, hydro and solar power technologies and the greening of the transport and urban sectors. (Source: [Republic of Mauritius](#)).



The Green Business Option in China: The Green Business Option is a Green Jobs Initiative project in China. Among its activities, it promotes: the use of LED lighting to save energy in Chengdu, Sichuan; recycling used clothes by transforming them into handicrafts in Chendu, Sichuan; recycling used books at a university in Nanjing; and recycling musical instruments in Nanjing. (Source: [ILO](#)).



Green Economy Entrepreneurship on the Ground in Kenya: Founded by Lorna Rutto in 2010, EcoPost collects this plastic waste and manufactures fencing posts from it. Through her eco-friendly

business, Lorna has found a unique way of conserving the trees and providing employment opportunities for women in Kenya.



Sustainable Rattan Production in Cambodia: the SWITCH-Asia “Establishing a Sustainable Production System for Rattan Products in Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam” project seeks to boost the export of sustainable rattan products from Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. The SWITCH-Asia project trains villagers in harvesting sustainable rattan and producing sustainable furniture. Linking local producers with global value chains creates new local income opportunities and employment. The objective: poverty alleviation and protection of natural resources at the same time. The project involves all actors in the rattan supply chain.