



## Poverty Environment Partnership



# Poverty Environment Partnership 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting: “From Cities to Sustainable Development Goals: Experiences with Green Economy and Climate Change Mainstreaming”

## Background and Draft Agenda

21-23 May 2014, EThekweni Municipality, Durban, South Africa

### Background and objectives

The Poverty Environment Partnership (PEP) is an informal network of development agencies and others, which seeks to improve the coordination of work on poverty reduction and the environment within the framework of internationally agreed principles and processes for sustainable development. To date, 18 meetings of the Partnership have taken place.

Following the development of a joint paper by some PEP members “Building a Green Economy for All”, which identifies and discusses key building blocks for an effective society’s transition to a green economy, last year’s PEP meeting focused on the topic of “Building an Inclusive Green Economy for all: Urbanization, Employment and Sustainable Development Goals”.

In line with the discussions and decisions taken at the last PEP meeting, the focus of this year’s meeting will be “From Cities to Sustainable Development Goals: Experiences with Green Economy and Climate Change Mainstreaming”.

Furthermore, platform will be provided to PEP members for exchange of ideas and experiences on topics of common interest and follow up actions.

The general objectives of the meeting are to:

- Facilitate exchange of information and learning on selected topics of interest among PEP members, including developing country partners
- Identify areas of synergy and collaboration
- Provide space for informal exchange among participants
- Provide space and room for self-organized meetings among participants

Building on last year’s meeting and earlier work, the specific objectives of the meeting are to:

- Elaborate on the opportunities and challenges for an inclusive green economy and addressing climate change with a focus on cities
- Strengthen partnerships on green economy, climate change mainstreaming and urbanisation
- Reflect on how PEP members can contribute to the development of SDGs
- Identify and initiate concrete collaboration opportunities and follow up actions
- Agree and prepare for decisions on the next PEP meeting

### Date and Venue

21-23 May 2013, EThekweni Municipality, Durban, South Africa

Venue: Garden Court Marine Parade

167 OR Tambo Parade, Durban, 4001, KZN, ZA



**Day 1: Wednesday 21 May 2014: Opening and Cities experiences with green economy and climate change mainstreaming**

08:30 to 09:00	<b>Registration</b>	
09:00 to 09:15	<b>Welcome and meeting objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome: James Nxumalo, Mayor of the City of Durban</li> <li>Objectives of meeting: Sebastian Gil, European Commission</li> <li>Meeting agenda: Paul Steele, PEP coordinator, UNDP</li> </ul>
09:15-10.15	<b>Setting the scene on cities, green economy and climate adaptation</b> <i>(Chair: Sebastian Gil, EC)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Framing the issue: Green Economy and Cities, Asad Naqvi, UNEP</li> <li>The Durban Adaptation Charter – An International Initiative: Sean O’Donoghue</li> <li>Experiences from South Africa: Dr Guy Preston, Deputy Director-General, Environmental Programmes, Department of Environmental Affairs</li> <li>Urban leadership, climate adaptation and development assistance: Jan Corfee-Morlot, OECD (<i>via skype</i>)</li> </ul>
10.15 to 10.45	<b>South African experiences on Addressing green economy and climate change mainstreaming in cities: Panel discussion</b> <i>(Chair: Sean O’Donoghue)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Experiences from Durban: Errol Douwes, Caili Forrest, Phakamile Mbonambi, and Derek Morgan</li> <li>Discussion, questions and answers</li> </ul>
10.45 to 11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.00 to 12:00	<b>African experiences on Addressing green economy and climate change mainstreaming in cities: Panel discussion</b> <i>(Chair Marcus Mayr, UN-Habitat)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panel on experiences from southern, east, west and central Africa including the work of UN-Habitat and ILO</li> </ul>
12.00 to 13.00	<b>Latin America and Caribbean experiences on Addressing green economy and climate change mainstreaming in cities: Panel discussion</b> <i>(Chair Asad Naqvi, UNEP)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panel on experiences from selected countries</li> </ul>
13:00 to 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:00 to 15:30	<b>Asian experiences on Addressing green economy and climate change mainstreaming in cities: Panel discussion</b> <i>(Chair: Nina Bosom, GIZ)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Perspective from Semarang: Purnomo Dwi Sasongko, Development and Planning Agency of Semarang Municipality, Indonesia</li> <li>Urban Climate Change Resilience Framework in Gorakhpur City: Shiraz Akhtar Wajih, Gorakhpur Environmental Action Group, India</li> <li>JICA’s experiences in the ASEAN region: Tomonori Sudo, JICA, Japan</li> </ul>
15:30 to 15.45	<i>Coffee break</i>	



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15.45 to 17:30	<p><b>Break-out groups: Learning across regions on Addressing green economy and climate change mainstreaming in cities</b> (facilitator Kookie Habtegabber, WWF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BRICs cities</li> <li>• LDC and SIDS cities</li> <li>• Role of development agencies in cities</li> </ul> <p>Facilitated by the session Chair</p>
18.00	<b>Drinks reception</b>

### Day 2: Thursday 22 May 2014: Strengthening partnerships on green economy, climate change mainstreaming and urbanisation

08:30 to 09:00	Registration (for new participants)
09:00 to 11:00	<p><b>Partnerships and initiatives in support of green economy: Panel discussion to explore synergies and potential for collaboration</b> (Chair: Steve Bass, IIED)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE), UNEP</li> <li>• Poverty-Environment Initiative, UNDP-UNEP PEI</li> <li>• SWITCH to GREEN, European Commission</li> <li>• Wealth Accounting and the Valuation of Ecosystem Services (WAVES), World Bank</li> <li>• Ecosystem Services for Poverty Alleviation</li> <li>• Green Economy Coalition</li> <li>• Earth Hour City Challenge: Delivering Sustainable Cities Solutions, WWF</li> </ul>
11:00 to 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 to 13:00	<p><b>Partnerships and initiatives in support of climate change mainstreaming: Panel discussion to explore synergies and potential for collaboration</b> (Chair: Steve Bass, IIED)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA), European Commission</li> <li>• Poverty-Environment Initiative, UNDP-UNEP PEI</li> <li>• National Adaptation Plans support programme, UNDP-UNEP and others</li> <li>• Local Climate Adaptive Living Facility (LoCAL), UNCDF</li> <li>• Other partnerships and initiatives</li> </ul>
13:00 to 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 to 15:00	<p><b>Breakout sessions for Your Space</b> (Facilitator: Charlie Avis, UN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involvement of cities in national mitigation action: an example of vertically integrated NAMAs in South Africa (Nina Bisom, GIZDerek Morgan, Durban Energy Office, Liesel Beires, KwaZulu-Natal Province)</li> <li>• Second Assessment Report on Climate Change in Cities, JICA/UCCRN, Durban and Highlights from the conference on “Sustainable Future City We Want” at the 7th Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals in NYC, JICA</li> <li>• Cities in the SDGs and International Climate Change Processes: UN-Habitat</li> </ul>
15.00 to 16.30	<p><b>Breakout sessions on what PEP can do together</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urbanisation, climate and green economy: Errol Douwes,</li> </ul>



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	<i>(Facilitator John Matuszak, World Bank)</i>	Durban
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate mainstreaming: Louise Naude, WWF</li> <li>• Green economy mainstreaming: Asad Naqvi, UNEP</li> </ul>
16.45 to 18:30	<b>Technical advisory Group of the UNDP-UNEP Poverty Environment Initiative</b>	Members of the PEI TAG

### Day 3: Friday 23 May 2014: Sustainable Development Goals, green economy and climate change mainstreaming, Conclusions and Field Trip

08:30 to 09:00	Registration (for new participants)	
09:00 to 10:45	<b>Sustainable Development Goals, green economy and climate change mainstreaming</b> <i>(Chair: Peter Hazlewood, WRI)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on SDGs and the post-2015 development agenda: Peter Hazlewood, WRI</li> <li>• Perspectives on SDGs – with a focus on cities, green economy and climate change</li> <li>• Breakout group discussions (<i>topics tbd</i>)</li> <li>• Report back and wrap-up</li> </ul>
10:45 to 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00 to 12:00	<b>Closing session</b> <i>(Chair: Sebastian Gil, EC)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communications and website</li> <li>• Conclusions and way forward</li> <li>• Follow up actions</li> <li>• Next Poverty-Environment Partnership Meeting</li> <li>• Evaluation of the meeting</li> <li>• Discussion, questions and answers</li> </ul>
12.00	<i>Lunch break (packed lunch for field trip participants)</i>	
12.00 to 16.00	<b>Field trip</b>	