

Breakout session 2 – Tradeoffs etc.?

With reps from South Africa, Burkina
Faso, Kyrgyzstan, EC, IIED, ILO, UN

Defining and understanding the question

- How do cities and local governments address the trade-offs of moving towards a green economy and BAU in the short to medium term?

Aspects to the question: “winners and losers”

- Background: Municipalities themselves have capacity deficits to begin with
- **Background: to even discuss the trade-offs you first need DIALOGUE**
- Example: ILO experience with Trade Unions
- Employment / training / skills in labour market in transition from brown to green, greener, and new green jobs etc (Note: current jobs/losses more powerful than “new green” jobs in the future)
- Cities are risk-averse, public procurement therefore by nature conservative
- Examples therefore very important
- Go beyond Cost-benefit analysis towards lifecycle analysis

3 take-home actions – enabling cities and LAs to take the step

- Making the economic (and technical) case
- Advocacy and awareness
- Needs a clear vision and good leadership
- Take the economic evidence one step further to livelihoods

What can PEP do to help?

- Research and gather and publish/disseminate **urban good examples/best practices** including the economic case, links to livelihoods, etc.
- Move the dialogue from “integration” towards “managing trade-offs” ..?
- Encourage peer-to-peer learning etc