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2019
MINISTERIAL
CONFERENCE
PAGE PARTNERSHIP FOR ACTION
ON GREEN ECONOMY

ADVANCING **INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE** ECONOMIES

ICC Cape Town, South Africa | 10 – 11 January 2019

THE CHALLENGE:

How can we create 600+ million jobs, reduce inequalities, protect the environment and grow the economy?

WHERE WE STAND:

We have a plan for propelling the world towards a future where human and environmental health are protected, where poverty and hunger are alleviated, where peace and prosperity can flourish. It has been three years since countries adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and it is time now to take these global goals and turn them into real changes in the lives of people and nations. It's time for action.

HOW WE CAN DO IT:

1. We can restructure our economic and financial systems to transform them into drivers of sustainability and social inclusion; the two prerequisites for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and targets of the Paris Agreement on climate change.
2. We can shape the future of work. We already see trends of advancing technology and automation and how they are accelerating across societies and countries. We have an unprecedented opportunity to harness their potential for better, higher-skilled, and fairer jobs – but only if our institutions are robust and innovate at the speed of change.
3. We can radically rethink the ways we consume and produce. Taking a full life-cycle approach to rethinking the things we make and use on a day-to-day basis can revitalize economies and take pressure off our natural resources. The private sector, and in particular micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises are already leading a new wave of entrepreneurship and innovation driving the new circular economy.



RALLYING THE LEADERS:

To turn these plans into a reality, and to accelerate the transition, we need the champions and innovators from policy, private, civil society and academia in the same room - and to learn from their experiences. The Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) is gathering over 500 thought leaders from governments, civil society, private sector, development organizations, media and the general public. We will showcase the experiences and creativity of first-movers, widen partnerships and engage in an open debate about what it is going to take to for us to have a “just transition” to economies and societies that are more inclusive, stable and sustainable.

Hosted by the Department of Environmental Affairs of South Africa, the third PAGE Ministerial Conference will highlight and celebrate innovation, entrepreneurship and inclusivity as drivers of green industries, and as the bedrock for a better and more sustainable future for all.

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THEMES

SHOW ME THE MONEY: HOW DO WE UNLOCK GREEN FINANCE?

RETHINKING: STRATEGIES AND POLICIES FOR A GREEN ECONOMY

NO ONE LEFT BEHIND? REVISITING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IN THE 21st CENTURY

CLOSING THE LOOP: SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION & CIRCULAR ECONOMY

WHO:

South Africa has been at the forefront of championing green economy and the third PAGE Ministerial Conference will provide an opportunity for South Africa along with other PAGE member states to reinforce the commitment to transition to a green and sustainable economy.

Since 2013, The Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) has grown into an increasingly prominent alliance of UN Agencies, international partner organizations and governments. The partnership is recognized as an innovative and efficient model of excellence for delivering on the 2030 Agenda. Drawing on the expertise of five UN Agencies – UN Environment, the International Labour Organization, the UN Development Programme, the UN Industrial Development Organization, and the UN Institute for Training and Research – PAGE challenges business-as-usual growth and business models, and places sustainability at the heart of economic systems. At the global level, we partner with the donor community, the wider UN system, governments, civil society and the private sector to amplify and accelerate transitions to greener, more inclusive development.

AGENDA

09 JANUARY

18:00-20:00

Media debate *What makes your country wealthy?*

Hosted by the Green Economy Coalition and the Green Knowledge Platform in partnership with CNBC South Africa

DAY 1 – 10 JANUARY

Opening Ceremony

Room: Auditorium 2

Moderator Ms **Nozipho Mbanjwa**

09:00-09:05

Welcoming

Speaker:: Ms **Nosipho Ngcaba**, Director General, Department of Environmental Affairs, South Africa

09:05-09:20

Setting the scene

Speakers: Ms **Nardos Békélé -Thomas**, United Nations Resident Coordinator in South Africa

Ms **Joyce Msuya**, Acting Executive Director, UN Environment on behalf of the PAGE Agencies

09:20-09:30

Opening address

Mr **Guy Ryder**, Director-General, International Labour Organization

9:30-09:45

Opening address

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address by:*

H.E. **Nomvula Paula Mokonyane**, Minister of Environmental Affairs, South Africa

09:45-10:45

High-level panel on green economy at a turning point

Room: Auditorium 2

Moderator: Ms **Nozipho Mbanjwa**

*Video message by Mr **Karmenu Vella**, Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission*

Speakers: H.E. **Nomvula Paula Mokonyane** Minister of Environment, South Africa
H.E. **Rita Schwarzelür-Sutter**, Parliamentary State Secretary, Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany
Mr **Guy Ryder**, Director-General, International Labour Organization
Mr **Nikhil Seth**, Executive Director, United Nations Institute for Training and Research

10:45-11:00

Coffee break

Media engagement and walkabout during tea-time

11:00–12:00

Framing conversation on economic and social inclusion

Room: Auditorium 2

Moderator: Ms **Nozipho Mbanjwa**

Speakers: Mr **Hugh Sealy** Special Envoy to the Minister of Environment and National Beautification, Barbados
H.E. **Pohamba Penomwenyo Shifeta**, Minister of Environment and Tourism, Namibia
Mr **Kumi Naidoo**, Secretary-General of Amnesty International
Ms **Tanya Cohen**, CEO, Business Unity South Africa

12:00–13:00

Parallel sessions



Enabling environment for sustainable finance

Moderator: Mr **Tim Scott**, Senior Policy Advisor, United Nations Development Programme

Speakers: Mr **Pierre Venter**, General Manager, Banking Association of South Africa
Ms **Astrid Ladefoged**, Head of Unit, SDGs, Green Finance and Economic Analysis, DG ENV, European Commission
Ms **Sibongile Mavimbela**, Senior Programme Officer for Environment and Climate Change, Southern African Development Community
Mr **Amadou Lamine Diagne**, Director for Green funds and partnerships, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Senegal



Setting an overarching framework for policy reform

Moderator: Ms **Leena Srivastava**, Vice Chancellor and Professor, TERI University

Speakers: Ms **Linda Godfrey**, Manager, Waste RDI Roadmap Implementation Unit, DST, Principal Scientist, Waste for Development, CSIR

H.E. **Zamirbek Askarov**, Vice-prime minister of the Kyrgyz Republic

H.E. **Atle Hamar**, State Secretary Ministry of Climate and Environment, Norway

Mr **Nam Hyuk Kim**, Counsellor and Head of Economic Section, Embassy of the Republic of Korea to South Africa



What is inclusion?

Moderator: Mr **Guy Preston**, Deputy Director General Environmental Programmes, Department of Environmental Affairs, South Africa

Speakers: Mr **Teboho Maruping**, Acting Director-General, Department of Labour, South Africa

Ms **Margaret Chitiga-Mabugu**, Director and Head, School of Public Management and Administration, Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, University of Pretoria

Ms **Isabell Kempf**, Co-Director of Poverty-Environment Initiative, Poverty-Environment Facility, Nairobi

Mr **Rafael Bello Bastos**, Government of Mato Grosso



Policies and strategies for sustainable consumption and production – circular economy

Moderator: Ms **Ligia Noronha**, Director, Economy Division, UN Environment

Speakers: H.E. **Kimmo Tiilikainen**, Minister of the Environment, Energy and Housing, Finland

Ms **Ndibi Schwiers**, Director, Department of Environment, Guyana

Ms **Astrid Schomaker**, Director, Global Sustainable Development, Directorate General for Environment, European Commission

Ms **Celeste Piñera**, Director of Environmental Evaluation, Ministry of Environment, Argentina

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch break

13:00–14:30 **Ministers' working lunch – by invitation only**

Innovative Solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production hosted by the Minister of Environment, South Africa

14:30–15:30

Keynote conversation on the future of work in a green economy

Moderator: Ms **Nozipho Mbanjwa**

Speakers: H.E. **Soomilduth Bholah**, Minister of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives, Mauritius
Mr **Guy Ryder**, Director-General, International Labour Organization
Mr **Mthunzi Mdwaba**, Vice-President, International Organization of Employers
H.E. **Cecilia Julin**, Ambassador of Sweden to South Africa
Ms **Innocence Ntap N'diaye**, President of the High Council for Social Dialogue, Senegal

15:30–15:45

Coffee break

15:45–16:45

Parallel sessions



Growth in sustainable banking, insurance and investment

Moderator: Ms **Vanessa Otto-Mentz**, Head, Group Strategy, Santam

Speakers: Ms **Lilowtee Rajmun Joosery**, Director, Mauritius Export Association
Ms **Wendy Dobson**, Head, Group Policy, Advocacy, and Sustainability at Standard Bank Group
Ms **Louise Gardiner**, Sustainable Finance Consultant, International Finance Corporation
Ms **Nicole Martens**, Head, Africa and Middle East, Principles for Responsible Investment



Mainstreaming natural capital in policies and strategies

Moderator: Mr **Steve Bass**, Senior associate, Director's Group, International Institute for Environment and Development

Speakers: H.E. **Mary Goretti Kitutu**, State Minister for the Environment, Uganda
Mr **Mark Gough**, Executive Director, Natural Capital Coalition
Mr **Bazarsad Chimed-Ochir**, BIOFIN Lead Expert in Mongolia
Ms **Sofia Alroth**, Senior Environmental Economist, World Bank
Mr **Cameron Hepburn**, Professor of Environmental Economics, University of Oxford



What role do small and medium-sized enterprises play in promoting inclusion?

Moderator: Mr **Joni Musabayana**, Director, International Labour Organization, Pretoria Office

Speakers: H.E. **Soomilduth Bholah**, Minister of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives, Mauritius

Mr **John Wali**, President, Junior Achievement, Kenya

Mr **Ndubuisi Ekekwe**, Professor, inventor, engineer, author, and entrepreneur

Ms **Laura Kelly**, Director, Shaping Sustainable Markets Research Group, International Institute for Environment and Development



Innovations and solutions for sustainable consumption and production – circular economy

Moderator: Mr **Stephan Sicars**, Director of Department of Environment, United Nations Industrial Development Organization

Speakers: Mr **Yunhu Gao**, Director General, Department of Energy Conservation and Resources Utilization, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, China

Mr **Linda Godfrey**, Manager, Waste RDI Roadmap Implementation Unit, DST, Principal Scientist, Waste for Development, CSIR

Mr **Ndivhuho Raphulu**, Director, South Africa National Cleaner Production Centre

Ms **Zeenat Niazi**, Vice-President, Development Alternatives

Mr **Julio Sosa**, Executive Coordinator of the Department of Environment, Chamber of industries of Uruguay

16:45–17:45

Moving from reflection to action

Interactive group reflection

Moderator Ms **Tsakani Ngomane**, Deputy Director General for Climate Change, Air Quality and Sustainable Development, Department of Environmental Affairs of South Africa

Speakers: H.E. **Kimmo Tiilikainen**, Minister of the Environment, Energy and Housing, Finland

H.E. **Winston Jordan**, Minister of Finance, Guyana

H.E. **Mary Goretti Kitutu**, State Minister for the Environment, Uganda

Ms **Manju Pandey**, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, India

Ms **Tasneem Essop**, National Planning Commission and Founder: Energy Democracy Initiative, South Africa

17:45–18:15

Green economy pioneers

Open exhibition and networking

19:00

Evening events

Information to follow

DAY 2 – 11 JANUARY

09:00–09:15

Keynote address: Unlocking finance for sustainability

Speaker: Mr **Elliott Harris**, UN Assistant Secretary-General, Chief Economist

09:15-10:30

High-level panel: Unlocking finance for sustainability

Moderator: Ms **Nozipho Mbanjwa**

Speakers: H.E. **Winston Jordan**, Minister of Finance, Guyana
H.E. **Kimmo Tiilikainen**, Minister of the Environment, Energy and Housing, Finland
Hon. **Patricia Appiagyei**, Deputy Minister of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation, Ghana
Mr **Frank Rijsberman**, Director-General, Global Green Growth Institute
Ms **Nicky Newton-King**, CEO, Johannesburg Stock Exchange, South Africa

10:30-11:30

Keynote conversation on sustainable economy

Moderator: Ms **Joanne Yawitch**, CEO, National Business Initiative, South Africa

Speakers: H.E. **Mame Thierno Dieng**, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Senegal
H.E. **Atle Hamar**, State Secretary, Ministry of Climate and Environment, Norway
Mr **Nikhil Seth**, Executive Director, United Nations Institute for Training and Research
Ms **Joyce Msuya**, Acting Executive Director, UN Environment

11:30-12:00

Coffee break

12:00–13:00

Parallel sessions



Partnerships for financing a resilient, sustainable economy

Moderator: Ms **Cecilia Njenga**, Head of the UN Environment Office in South Africa

Speakers: Ms **Joanne Yawitch**, CEO, National Business Initiative, South Africa
Mr **Hugh Sealy**, Special Envoy to the ministry of environment, Barbados
Mr **Dennis George**, General Secretary of the Federation of Unions of South Africa

Mr. **Safa Uslu**, General Director, General Directorate for Foreign Relations and International Projects, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, Turkey



Greening small and medium-sized enterprises

Moderator: Mr **Khaled El Mekwad**, Regional Representative, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Regional Office in South Africa

Speakers: Mr **Vic Van Vuuren**, Director, Enterprises Department, International Labour Organization
Ms **Rethabile Melamu**, General Manager, Green Economy, The innovation Hub, South Africa
Mr **Becquet Polycarpe Bationo**, Director of the Promotion of Entrepreneurship and Green Investments, Ministry of the Environment, Green Economy and Climate Change, Burkina Faso
Ms **Nonhlanhla Fikile Vus'usuthu Halimana**, Programme Manager, Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Cooperation (SECO), Embassy of Switzerland



What policies can support the economic empowerment of women and youth?

Moderator: Mr **Oliver Greenfield**, Convenor of the Green Economy Coalition

Speakers: H.E. **Mary Goretti Kitutu**, State Minister for the Environment, Uganda
Ms **Vore Gana Seck**, Advisor, Economic, Social and Environmental Council, Senegal
Ms **Dorah Modise**, CEO, Green Building Council for South Africa
Ms **Pheladi Chiloane**, Social entrepreneur, community developer and environmentalist



Finance and investment for sustainable consumption and production – circular economy

Moderator: Mr **Steven Stone**, Chief of UN Environment's Resources & Markets Branch

Speakers: Hon. **Patricia Appiagyei**, Deputy Minister of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation, Ghana
Mr **Benoît Lallemand**, Secretary General, Finance Watch
Mr **Anthony Nyong**, Director for Climate Change, African Development Bank
Mr **Pierre Venter**, General Manager, Banking Association of South Africa

13:00–13:30

Insights and Green Awards

Moderator: Ms **Nozipho Mbanjwa**

1. Green innovations in South Africa

By: Ms **Nosipho Ngcaba**, Director-General, Department of Environmental Affairs, South Africa

2. Recognition of excellence in sustainability

Speakers: Ms **Alida Afrika**, General Manager of Heiveld Cooperative
Mr **Dave Lello**, Founder of Ekasi Energy
Ms **Pheladi Chiloane**, Social entrepreneur, community developer and environmentalist

3. Acknowledgement on the greening of the 2019 PAGE Ministerial Conference

By: Ms **Geraldine Reymenants**, General Representative of the Government of Flanders in Southern Africa

13:30 – 14:15

Conference closing and outcomes

Moderator: Ms **Nozipho Mbanjwa**

PAGE Management Board and Funding Partners welcome new PAGE countries

By: Mr **Tim Kasten**, Deputy Director, Economy Division, UN Environment

Announcement of the next PAGE Ministerial Conference

By: Ms. **Mira Al Shaami**, Head of MoCCA Youth Council, Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, United Arab Emirates

Conference Closing

Speakers: Mr **Stephan Contius**, Commissioner for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Head of the Division for United Nations, 2030 Agenda, Cooperation with Developing and Emerging Economies, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany

Ms **Nosipho Ngcaba**, Director General, Department of Environmental Affairs, South Africa

14:15 – 15:30

Lunch

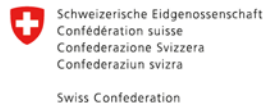
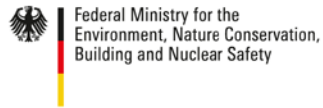
ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE ELEMENTS

One-on-one sessions between conference guests

Exhibition: Green economy pioneers - Innovative approaches, business models, partnerships

(on display throughout the two conference days)

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