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Joint AfDB-GGGI study on: Africa Green Growth Readiness Assessment

Background

Strong economic growth in the past decades has considerably improved human development across Africa. Nevertheless, challenges remain and millions of Africans remain in extreme poverty. Thus, the imperative for robust and inclusive economic growth across Africa, that brings new jobs and opportunities for all and improves the quality of life for all Africans, remains clear. Going forward, growth interventions would also need to ensure adaptation measures for the communities and economies vulnerable to the impending effects of climate change and ensure utilization of the vast natural capital of the continent in a sustainable way. This growth would need to be decoupled from the rise of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and the precious ecosystems supporting livelihoods of millions in the continent would need to be adequately protected. In essence, sustained economic growth and prosperity for Africa warrants transition to an inclusive and green growth model across the continent. Development financiers including the African Development Bank (AfDB) and international organizations such as GGGI are playing an important role in realising this transition in Africa. Understanding the state, trend, and readiness to implementation of green growth are important to understand the factors for successful implementation of NDCs and SDGs, and identify indicators to monitor the progress of implementation.

About the side-event

The side-event will present findings from the study “Africa Green Growth Readiness Assessment and Prospects in the context of NDC and SDG implementation” jointly conducted by the Climate Change and Green Growth Department (PECG) of AfDB and the Office of Thought Leadership (TL) of GGGI. The assessment is being jointly conducted with the close involvement of and support from respective country focal points and stakeholders. The outcome of the study will inform AfDB and GGGI with insights to better design, implement, and achieve objectives under AfDB’s Green Growth Framework and High 5 priority areas, as well as GGGI’s Thematic Focus Areas and GGGI Strategic Outcomes. The assessment includes analysis of Africa in general and in-depth analyses and case studies involving seven target countries. The target countries were selected with a view of balanced regional mix and representation of size and state of development, and are *Morocco, Rwanda, Mozambique, Senegal, Gabon, Kenya and Tunisia*.

Africa GGRA covers following dimensions: current state of green growth in Africa, including challenges and opportunities; Africa’s readiness in promoting green growth in the context of the NDC and SDG implementation; prospects towards ensuring greater green growth impact during the implementation of the NDCs and SDGs; *and* roles of development partners (including AfDB and GGGI) in promoting green growth in the context of NDC and SDG implementation.

This side-event will present the findings and recommendations from this joint study and also hear from selected country stakeholders on their countries’ achievements in and challenges to green growth, and necessary south-south cooperation to scale up the transition to greener economic models of growth.

Agenda

Moderator: Mr Dorsouma Al-Hamndou, Climate Change and Green Green Growth Department, AfDB

16:30 - 16:45: Opening remarks:

Dr. Frank Rijsberman, Director General, GGGI

Prof. Anthony Nyong, Director, Climate Change and Green Growth Department, AfDB

16:45 - 17:20: Presentation on key findings and recommendations from Africa Green Growth Readiness Assessment; relevance of the insights for Africa's green growth transition for NDC and SDG Implementation.

Mr. Dorsouma Al Hamndou, Manager, Climate Change and Green Growth Department, AfDB

Dr. Pranab Baruah, Principal Specialist, The Office of Thought Leadership, GGGI

17:20 - 17:45: Country perspectives on green growth achievements, challenges, and south-south collaboration

Kenya (proposed), Speaker TBD

Gabon (proposed) Speaker TBD

Rwanda (proposed), Speaker TBD

Mozambique (proposed), Speaker TBD

17:45 – 18:00: Q & A, closing remarks

African Development bank (AfDB) and Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

With a membership of 54 countries, the AfDB is the premier financier of Africa's development. The overarching objective of the Bank is to promote sustainable economic development and social progress for poverty eradication in Africa. The Bank's Ten-Year Strategy 2013-2022 outlines its twin objectives as inclusive growth and green growth that aim to improve the quality and sustainability of economic growth in Africa. The Climate Change and Green Growth Department (PECG) within the Bank is leading the development of the Bank's second Climate Change Action Plan 2016-2020 (CCAP2) as a response to the needs of Regional Member Countries in implementing their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in alignment with the Bank's Ten-Year Strategy and the High 5 priorities.

With 30 member countries and with operations in 30 countries, GGGI is a treaty-based intergovernmental organization headquartered in Seoul, Republic of Korea. GGGI's mandate includes supporting its partner and Member countries in their transition to green and inclusive growth model, and demonstrating that green growth is possible and is about quality and sustenance of economic growth. The Office of Thought Leadership (TL) within GGGI's Office of Director General aims to advance GGGI's impact through global programs that deliver strategic research and analysis, knowledge sharing, and capacity building in green growth. TL supports articulating and target-setting of GGGI's development outcomes (known as Strategic Outcomes), and sharpening and aligning GGGI strategic focus for NDC and SDG implementation in its member and partner countries.

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