



## **Concept Note**

### **7th Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP) Annual Conference “Achieving Global Energy Transformation”**

**October 21-22, 2019  
COEX Intercontinental Hotel, Seoul**

**September 20, 2019**

#### **Overview**

The Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP) is dedicated to advancing the green growth agenda around the world by offering practitioners and policymakers the policy guidance, good practices, tools, and data necessary to support the transition to a green economy. The Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) has played a leading role in the GGKP’s development, including significant support for the GGKP secretariat in partnership with UNEP. The platform is led by a Steering Committee, including representatives from GGGI, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), and the World Bank. Overall, the GGKP now includes more than 60 partner organizations from around the world.

The GGKP Annual Conference serves as the GGKP partners’ main global knowledge exchange activity, bringing researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and the private sector together to discuss, debate, and disseminate research and promote expanded knowledge-sharing and learning. GGGI organized the fourth GGKP Annual Conference in 2016 and will again host the seventh GGKP Annual Conference in 2019. A key component of the Annual Conference will be a call for scientific (research) papers on a range of subjects related to sustainable energy, approximately 35-40 of which will be presented in breakout sessions during the conference.

In this year’s conference, GGGI will have lead responsibility for planning, organizing, and convening the GGKP Annual Conference, working in close coordination with the GGKP Secretariat and in consultation with members of the GGKP Steering Committee.

#### **Global Green Growth Week 2019**

The Annual Conference will be one of several main events taking place during Global Green Growth Week 2019 (GGGWeek2019) in Seoul during the week of October 21. GGGI proposes to schedule the conference on October 22, immediately preceding and back-to-back the three-day International Renewable Energy Conference hosted by the Republic of Korea (KIREC). Both are open events. In line with KIREC, the thematic focus of the 2019 GGKP Annual Conference will be sustainable energy transitions, and thus GGGI aims to complement and leverage KIREC’s focus on policy, technology, markets, and investment dimensions of scaling up renewable energy. Whereas the GGKP Annual Conference itself will mainly present the latest research on issues related to renewable energy, participation in KIREC during the remainder of the week will allow GGKP conference speakers and participants the chance to directly engage in a large, multifaceted conference on the same issues.

## **Objectives and Expected Outcomes**

The main objective of the GGKP Annual Conference 2019 is to advance global thought leadership, discussion, and debate on green energy transformation, and to present key strategies and innovations to promote and accelerate the scale-up of renewable energy and related measures.

Outcomes of the conference are expected to include:

- A collection of the latest research and findings on renewable energy transitions;
- Identification of strategies, innovations, priorities, and recommendation for policy action;
- Stronger partnerships, relationships, and communities of practice among GGKP partners and supporters.

## **Participants**

The total number of participants is expected to be 200 people. The target audience for the GGKP Annual Conference in 2019 will include:

- officials, practitioners, researchers, and technical specialists working to promote renewable energy transitions from developing countries and emerging economies;
- experts and staff of GGKP Knowledge Partner organizations;
- GGGI Assembly and Council Members;
- individuals planning to participate in KIREC; and
- other independent experts and institutions addressing related issues.

## Attachment 1. Illustrative Agenda

### Day 1 – Monday, October 21

Time	Session
1300-1400	Registration
1400-1410	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>
1410-1420	<b>Keynote: Accelerating the Renewable Energy Transformation</b>
1420-1545	<b>High-Level Panel: Country Perspectives</b>
1545-1615	Break
1615-1745	<b>Parallel Sessions A</b>
	<i>Parallel Session A.1: Pathways to the Green Energy Transition</i>
	<i>Parallel Session A.2: Innovative Business and Market Approaches</i>
	<i>Parallel Session A.3: Socially Inclusive Energy Transitions</i>
	<i>Parallel Session A.4: A Greening Infrastructure with Clean Energy (GGKP Partner Presentations)</i>
1745	Close (no plenary)
1800	Reception

### Day 2 – Tuesday, October 22

Time	Session
900-915	<b>Keynote: Accelerating the Renewable Energy Transformation</b>
900-1030	<b>High-Level Panel: Country Perspectives</b>
1030-1100	Break
1100-1230	<b>Parallel Sessions B</b>
	<i>Parallel Session B.1: Policy and Planning Approaches for the Green Energy Transition</i>
	<i>Parallel Session B.2: Finance and Investment</i>
	<i>Parallel Session B.3: Decentralized and Small-Scale Applications</i>
	<i>Parallel Session B.4: Technology and Innovation</i>
1230-1400	Lunch
1400-1530	<b>Parallel Sessions C</b>
	<i>Parallel Session C.1: Policy and Planning Approaches for the Green Energy Transition</i>
	<i>Parallel Session C.2: Technology Transfer and Scale-Up</i>
	<i>Parallel Session C.3: Transforming Energy in Cities</i>

	<b><i>Parallel Session C.4: Coming Soon (GGKP Partner Presentations)</i></b>
1530-1600	Break
1600-1715	<b>High-Level Panel: Business and Financial Perspectives</b>
1715-1720	<b>GGKP Annual Conference Awards</b>
1720-1730	<b>Closing Remarks</b>