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SWITCH to Green Coordination Meeting

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Agenda

Background

Promoting the green economy is a priority of EU development policy, as indicated in the European Consensus on Development which stresses the contribution of sustainable consumption and production (SCP) patterns, resource efficiency, and investments in the “low-emission, climate-resilient green economy” to the EU Planet and Prosperity priorities.

The EU supports many initiatives contributing to the green economy transition in partner countries across various sectors, such as forests, biodiversity, energy and others. To accelerate the transition and to mobilise key stakeholders, the EU also supports actions focused on key drivers of the green economy, including enabling policy and institutional frameworks, private sector action, and finance and investments. The recently adopted DEVCO Reference Document on the Inclusive Green Economy in EU Development cooperation¹ provides details on this approach and on relevant actions implemented/supported by the EU, notably the SWITCH to Green initiative.

To facilitate dialogue, share lessons and discuss emerging priorities, DG DEVCO organises an annual coordination meeting involving Commission services and development partners involved in some of the main green economy initiatives supported by the EU. This year's edition of this meeting takes place on Monday 03 / Tuesday 04 December 2018 in Brussels. The meeting covers diverse themes related to EU's international cooperation on the green economy, but focuses on three main objectives:

1. Improve the understanding on the main achievements and challenges in promoting the green economy transition in partner countries;
2. Scale up action on sustainable finance by sharing best practices and lessons among green economy programmes and exploring synergies with other initiatives focused on finance;
3. Identify measures to improve projects' coordination, lessons sharing and collective influence.

Besides Commission staff, invited participants include representatives from international organisations, finance institutions, NGOs, and technical assistance facilities involved in initiatives such as:

- The SWITCH regional programmes in Asia, Africa and the Mediterranean
- The Partnership for Action on Green Economy
- The Green Economy Coalition
- The 10YFP / One Planet Network
- UNEP Finance Initiative
- Eastern Partnership's EU4Environment Programme



¹ <https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/it-and-m-series/documents/inclusive-green-economy-eu-development-cooperation>

Agenda

Monday 03 December

Meeting venue: Centre de Conférences Albert Borschette,
Room 5.B, Rue Froissart 36, Brussels

09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 10:00	Opening session <i>Remarks from Chantal Marijnissen, Head of Unit C2 - Environment, Natural Resources, Water, DG DEVCO</i>
10:00 – 11:15	International cooperation on the inclusive green economy: Taking stock of recent progress and challenges – part 1 Moderated discussion on recent achievements and challenges of the SWITCH programmes. The aim of the session is to provide an overview of recent progress and challenges at programme level, with a view to identifying priorities for action in the coming years. <i>Moderator: Bernard Crabbé, Head of Environment and Mainstreaming sector, Unit C2 - Environment, Natural Resources, Water, DG DEVCO</i> <i>Panellists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thibaut Portevin, Policy Officer, Green Economy, Unit C2 – Environment, Natural Resources, Water, DG DEVCO - Rhoda Wachira, Programme Officer, SWITCH Africa Green, UN Environment - Carolina Gonzalez Mueller, Industrial Development Officer, Department of Environment, UNIDO - Alessandra Lepore, Cooperation Officer – SWITCH Asia, Green Economy, SCP, Unit F2 - East, South East Asia and the Pacific, DG DEVCO
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 – 13:00	International cooperation on the inclusive green economy: Taking stock of recent progress and challenges – part 2 Moderated discussion on the place of Green Economy and SCP cooperation in the context of the SDGs. This session will explore how Green Economy and SCP cooperation contribute to the global development agenda and to the transition in partner countries. <i>Moderator: Bernard Crabbé, Head of Environment and Mainstreaming sector, Unit C2 - Environment, Natural Resources, Water, DG DEVCO</i> <i>Panellists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Luca Marmo, International Resource Panel and G7/G20 Desk, Unit F1 – SDGs, Green Finance & Economic Analysis, DG Environment - Asad Naqvi, Head, Secretariat of the Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE), UN Environment - Charles Arden Clarke, Head, One Planet Network (10YFP) Secretariat, UN Environment - Green Economy Coalition
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	Supporting green business access to finance Moderated discussion on instruments to support green business access to finance. This session aims to improve awareness on best practices to support green business access to finance and identify follow up activities by Green Economy / SCP programmes, including the development of possible synergies with the External Investment Plan. <i>Moderator: Thibaut Portevin, Policy Officer, Green Economy, Unit C2 – Environment, Natural Resources, Water, DG DEVCO</i> <i>Panellists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Francesca Raimondi, EIP Secretariat, DG DEVCO - Adina Relicovschi, Deputy Adviser, Environment, Climate and Social Office, European Investment Bank - Farzin Mirmotahari, Senior Operations Officer, International Finance Corporation
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30	Improving the investment climate and promoting sustainable finance Moderated discussion on sustainable finance and actions to improve the investment climate. This session aims to take stock of selected initiatives promoting sustainable finance and explore synergies with EU cooperation on the green economy and on the improvement of the investment climate in partner countries <i>Moderator: Antti Karhunen, Head of Unit, DEVCO C4 – Private Sector, Trade</i> <i>Panellists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maarten Vleeschhouwer, Policy Officer, Unit C1 - C.1 - Capital markets Union, DG FISMA - Careen Abb, Programme Leader, Positive Impact Finance, UNEP Finance Initiative, UN Environment - Benoit Lallemand, Secretary General, Finance Watch
17:30	Networking drink <i>Aloft Brussels Schuman (ground floor), Place Jean Rey, Brussels</i>

Tuesday 04 December

Meeting venue: Science 14b Atrium, Rue de la Science 14b, Brussels

09:00 – 09:30	Opening Recap of day 1 and introduction to day 2 by <i>Thibaut Portevin, Policy Officer, Green Economy, Unit C2 – Environment, Natural Resources, Water, DG DEVCO</i>
09:30 - 11:30	Parallel break-out sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Session A: Communication and outreach</i> • <i>Session B: Knowledge development and sharing</i> <p>Communication and outreach Moderated group discussion on the SWITCH to Green initiative communication and outreach. The aim of the session is to provide an overview of relevant strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, with a view to identifying strategic priorities for future action. <i>Moderators: Isabelle Demolin, Communication expert, SWITCH to Green Facility and Jens Norgaard, SCP expert, SWITCH to Green Facility</i></p> <p>Knowledge development and sharing Moderated group discussion on green economy / Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) knowledge development and sharing. The aim of the session is to provide an update on relevant initiatives, with a view to identifying opportunities for enhanced collaboration in creating, collecting, managing, and exchanging information with appropriate / broader audiences. <i>Moderators: Benjamin Simmons, Head, Green Growth Knowledge Platform and Alexander Charalambous, Team leader, SWITCH to Green Facility</i></p>
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee break
12:00 – 12:45	Consolidation of group discussions Dialogue on the conclusions of the break-out sessions. The aim of this session is to share the key messages from the group discussions, and jointly identify priority actions for 2019. <i>Moderator: Alexander Charalambous, Team leader, SWITCH to Green Facility</i>
12:45 – 13:00	Closing session <i>Remarks by Carla Montesi, Director C - Prosperity and Planet, DG DEVCO</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch