

The Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) hosted a well-attended side event at the [High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development](#) in New York on July 7, entitled "**Delivering on Sustained and Sustainable Growth: PAGE and National Initiatives for Inclusive Green Economy**".

The side event show-cased recent efforts from a range of countries and practitioners in building inclusive green economies, and examined how new partnerships like PAGE can serve as implementation mechanisms for the emerging [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs). The event also saw the launch of the new PAGE website.

In her opening speech, Dr. Sanjaasuren Oyun, President of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) and Member of Parliament of Mongolia, emphasised that in order to achieve the SDGs, economic policies have to be reframed around sustainability. She also shared with the meeting [Mongolia's experience working with PAGE](#), which has helped to develop the Green Development Strategy and is now focused on providing support for its implementation.

In his welcome remarks, Mr. Elliott Harris, ASG and Director of UNEP-NYO, stated that Green Economy provided opportunities for job creation and growth, albeit not comparable to business-as-usual scenario, it guaranteed sustainability. Mr. Tlou Ramaru, Department of Environmental Affairs, South Africa, pointed out the links between an Inclusive Green Economy and many of the SDGs, in particular sustainable consumption and production. South Africa has selected a number of sectors to advance its transition to an Inclusive Green Economy, including transportation, building, energy, waste management, and agriculture.

Mr. Shamshad Akhtar, Executive Secretary of UNESCAP, highlighted the added value that regional commissions can bring to connect the global agenda with national implementation, and how a focus on the social dimensions of a Green Economy will help reduce poverty and address inequalities.

Mr. Hans Stielstra, Directorate-General for the Environment, European Commission, indicated that moving to more efficient use of resources represents an opportunity for diversification and increased competitiveness and will promote economic growth, whilst also delivering efficiency gains. He underscored that during the recent financial crisis the best performing sector in the EU was "environmental industry".

Finally, Mr. Vinicius Pinheiro, Deputy Director of ILO - NYO, stated that the approach towards a Green Economy should include the idea of "growth and jobs," not "growth but jobs".

More details are available at: <http://www.un-page.org/delivering-sustained-and-sustainable-growth>