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**2018 Expert Group Meeting on Green Economy**

**For Sustainable Development Goals:**

National Implementation of Low Carbon Development

March 13-15, 2018, Maison Glad Jeju, Jeju island, Republic of Korea

*Organised by the United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD),  
Coalition for Our Common Future (COCF), Center for Climate and Sustainable  
Development Law and Policy (CSDLAP), Ministry of Environment of The  
Republic of Korea and Jeju Self-governing Province*

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**Rationale**

In September 2015, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals were adopted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit, aiming to “stimulate action over the next fifteen years in areas of critical importance for humanity and the planet: People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace (and Justice), and Partnerships”. The established SDGs call for concerted and collective action from developing and developed countries alike and can be achieved by pursuing economic growth; addressing various social needs such as education, health, gender equality, and job opportunities; while simultaneously tackling climate change and environmental degradation.

To effectively realize the 17 goals, development of practical and efficient tools is crucial. The Green Economy may serve as a means for achieving sustainable development. Since its adoption in 2008 by the Green Economy Initiative, Green Economy has become a strategic priority for many governments and international organizations—owing to improved human well-being and social inclusiveness; significant reduction of climate change impacts and other environmental risks; and consideration of ecological scarcities. Thus, Green Economy was recognized as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development and poverty eradication in the outcome document of Rio+20.

In 2015, the Paris Agreement celebrated a historical achievement by providing a platform to address climate change through the-realization of an inclusive Green Economy. To achieve the objectives of the agreement, there by fulfilling the SDGs, adequate policy measures must be placed for low carbon development pathways while promoting investments, developing

low carbon technologies, and securing sufficient financial resources. In such inclusive green economy, growth in income and employment is driven by investments in both public and private sectors paving the way to reduction in GHG emissions and pollution, enhanced energy and resource efficiency, and the prevention of biodiversity and ecosystem services loss. These investments must be made based on well-planned financing, policy reforms and the establishment of adequate institutions.

To ensure that no one is left behind, careful consideration should also be given to developing countries to enhance their capacities in implementing inclusive green economy plans. Effective international cooperation is thus vital for developing countries.

Against this backdrop, the Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on Green Economy for Sustainable Development is being organized by UNOSD, Coalition for Our Common Future (COCF), Center for Climate and Sustainable Development Law and Policy (CSDLAP), Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea, and Jeju Self-governing Province. This EGM is designed to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and experience regarding the relationships between Green Economy and Sustainable Development Goals. The meeting will showcase strong examples of how and why the promotion of low carbon development is a successful policy measure in realizing SDGs.

## **Objectives and Outputs**

The objectives of this expert group meeting will include but is not limited to the following:

- Demonstrate the relationship between Green Economy and Sustainable Development Goals;
- Share experiences and expertise on how to effectively plan and implement inclusive Green Economy -particularly focusing on low carbon development;
- Identify effective means to enhance capacities for developing countries to achieve such development;
- Provide networking opportunities among participating organizations, countries, and regions to promote further study and active debate on the Green Economy being a pathway to achieve Sustainable Development Goals.

The meeting will accommodate approximately 30 experts from both developing and developed countries and other relevant organizations. Participants will share their knowledge and experiences on Green Economy and Sustainable Development Goals in terms of planning, implementation, financing, and capacity building.

The meeting will produce a meeting report summarizing the presentations and key discussion points to contribute towards a pooled knowledge resource on Sustainable Development Goals.

## Program

<b>[Day 1] Tuesday, 13 March 2018</b>		
9:00 – 9:30	Registration	
<b>Opening Ceremony</b>		
9:30 – 10:05	Opening Remarks	<b>Jong Soo Yoon</b> , Head of Office, UNOSD
	Welcoming Remarks	<b>Sang-Hyup Kim</b> , Chairman, Coalition for Our Common Future / Visiting Professor, KAIST
	Congratulatory Remarks	<b>Suk-Woo Kim</b> , Chairman, Seoul International Law Academy / Former Vice Minister of Unification, Korea
	Keynote Remarks	<b>Hee-ryong Won</b> , Governor, Jeju Special Self-Governing Province
10:05 – 10:15	<b>Photo &amp; Tea Break</b>	
<b>Session 1: Green Economy as a Pathway to Achieve SDGs</b> Moderator: <b>Sang-Hyup Kim</b> , Chairman, Coalition for Our Common Future Visiting Professor, KAIST		
10:15 – 12:00	Cooperation among Asian and European Countries on SDGs	<b>Grazyna Pulawska</b> , Project Manager, Asia-Europe Foundation
	Low Carbon Economy as a way of Achieving SDGs	<b>Suh-Yong Chung</b> , Professor, Korea University / Director, Center for Climate Sustainable Development, Law and Policy
	Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Diversification	<b>Clovis Freire Junior</b> , Senior Sustainable Development Officer, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

12:00 – 13:30	<b>Lunch break</b>	
<b>Session 2: Planning Low Carbon Development</b> <b>Moderator: Clovis Freire Junior</b> , Senior Sustainable Development Officer, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs		
13:30 – 15:30	Decarbonization of the Economy of Northeast Asia Region: lessons learnt from DDPP project	<b>George Safonov</b> , Director, National Research University - Higher School of Economics
	Technological Change, Low Carbon Development and the SDGs, a Long-term View	<b>Bastiaan van Ruijven</b> , Senior Research Scholar, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis
	France's Initiatives to Support Low Carbon Development	<b>David Peneau</b> , Political Counsellor, Embassy of France, Korea
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Tea break</b>	
<b>Session 3: Financing for Low Carbon Development</b> <b>Moderator: Grazyna Pulawska</b> , Project Manager, Asia-Europe Foundation		
16:00 – 18:00	Climate Finance Landscape and Implications for SDGs	<b>Dario Abramskiehn</b> , Analyst, Climate Policy Initiative
	Review and Implications on Climate Finance for a New Climate Regime	<b>Jin-Young Moon</b> , Research Fellow, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy
	Progress of China National Carbon Market	<b>Xiaolu Zhao</b> , Project Manager, Environment Defense Fund
18:30	<b>Welcoming Reception</b>	
<b>[Day 2] Wednesday, 14 March 2018</b>		
9:30 – 10:00	<b>Registration</b>	
<b>Session 4: International Experiences in the Implementation of Low Carbon Development</b> <b>Moderator: Suh-Yong Chung</b> , Professor, Korea University Director, Center for Climate Sustainable Development, Law and Policy		

10:00-12:00	Green Climate Fund's Private Sector Clean Energy Initiatives	<b>Jiwoo Choi</b> , Head of Financial Institutions and Structured Finance, GCF
	The Green Growth Partnership Model and SDGs	<b>Lau Blaxekjær</b> , Program Coordinator, Nordic Institute of Asian Studies
	Korea's Experience for Promoting Low Carbon Development in Developing Countries	<b>Do Hyun Park</b> , Climate Change Specialist, KOICA
	Sustaining Fisheries and Mariculture for Development of Blue Economies in YSLME	<b>Yinfeng Guo</b> , Chief Technical Adviser and Manager, YSLME
	Climate Information for Sustainable Development under the Climate Change	<b>Jin Ho Yoo</b> , Head of Climate Prediction Department, APEC Climate Center
12:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>	
<b>Session 5: National Experiences in the Implementation of Low Carbon Development I</b> <b>Moderator: Eunhae Jeong</b> , Senior Development Management Expert, UNOSD		
14:00 – 15:45	Pathways to Deep Decarbonization in South Korea: Energy Technology Perspectives	<b>Yongsung Cho</b> , Professor, Korea University
	NDC Indonesia and its Implementation Strategy	<b>Yulia Suryanti</b> , Deputy Director, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia
	The Implementation of GHG Mitigation Policies and Actions in Vietnam	<b>Nguyen Van Minh</b> , Deputy Head, Division of GHG Emission Mitigation and Ozone Protection, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Vietnam

	Low Carbon Rural Development in India	<b>Richie Ahuja</b> , Regional Director, Environment Defense Fund
15:45 – 16:00	<b>Tea break</b>	
<b>Session 6: National Experiences in the Implementation of Low Carbon Development II</b>		
<b>Moderator: Eunhae Jeong</b> , Senior Development Management Expert, UNOSD		
16:00 –17:45	Green Economy in the Context of Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication	<b>Xin Zhou</b> , Research leader, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies
	Sub-national Implementation for Low Carbon Development: A case of Jeju – New Future of Jeju! CFI 2030	<b>Hyun Min Kim</b> , Director General Jeju Special Self-Governing Province
	Collaborative approaches to Green Economy of Industrial Sector: Eco-Industrial Park case	<b>Mi Hoon Jeong</b> , Project Manager, ASEM SMEs Eco-Innovation Center
<b>[Day 3] Thursday, 15 March 2018</b>		
9:30 – 10:00	<b>Registration</b>	
<b>Session 7: Way forward - Sharing Best Practices of Green Economy for SDGs</b>		
<b>Moderator: Jong-Soo Yoon</b> , Head of Office, United Nations Office for Sustainable Development		
10:00 – 11:30	Wrap Up / Conclusion *Moderators will join wrap up / conclusion to share the results of each plenary session. *	
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch Break	
12:30 – 18:00	Field trip to Green Energy Site	