

Green Growth Knowledge Partnership: Promoting collaboration and coordinated research

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The nature and purpose of a green economy

- Climate stability: the challenge of limiting global temperature increases
- Resource security: 9 billion people, 3 billion new middle class consumers, the 'nexus' of food, water, energy (and biodiversity), plus 'critical' raw materials
- Environmental quality: air, water, landscape, ecosystems
- Green economy requires greening of the whole economy, not focusing only on core 'green' sectors
- Economic growth resulting from this process 'green growth' – will be sustainable, unlike 'brown growth', which will be increasingly undermined by climate and resource disruptions and instabilities



Projections from the 2011 UNEP Green Economy Report



Figure 13: Trends in annual GDP growth rate, historical data (WDI, 2009) and projections in BAU, BAU2 and G2 scenarios





Generating, Managing and Sharing Green Growth Knowledge

www.greengrowthknowledge.org





Knowledge is Impact

In order to mobilize the transition to a green economy, it is crucial that policymakers and practitioners have cutting-edge knowledge at their disposal.

The Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP) was established with the belief that **knowledge leads to lasting impact** and that investing in its generation and dissemination **produces concrete results**.





Mission

The GGKP's mission is to:

- Identify major knowledge gaps in green growth theory and practice, then address those gaps by promoting collaboration and coordinated research; and
- Use world class knowledge management and communications tools to give practitioners and policymakers the policy analysis, guidance, information and data necessary to support a green economy transition.





A Global Partnership

- The Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP) was founded by the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Bank.
- The GGKP has since expanded to a global partnership of over 35 leading international organizations, research institutes, and think tanks, working to identify and address major knowledge gasp in green growth theory and practice through collaboration and coordinated research.





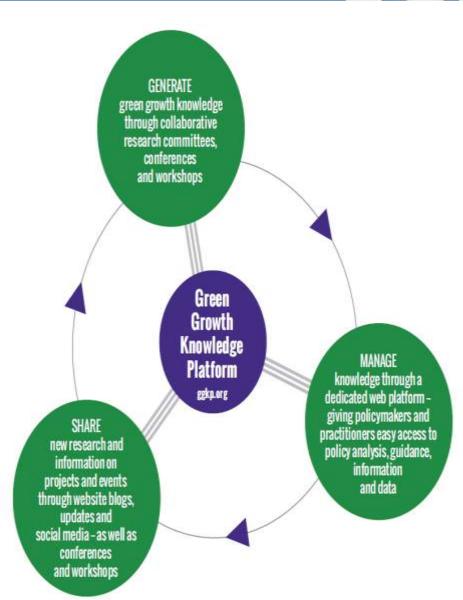








GGKP Strategy







Generating Knowledge

The GGKP engages in a comprehensive collaborative process involving policymakers, practitioners and researchers in order to identify and address gaps in green growth knowledge that directly contribute to policy changes.

Through the establishment of research committees on priority topics, the GGKP draws together experts to assess the state of knowledge and prioritise gaps.





Research Committees

- Trade and Competitiveness Co-chairs: Ron Steenblik (OECD) and Marianne Fay (World Bank)
- Indicators and Metrics Co-chairs: Ulf Narloch (World Bank) and Tomasz Kozluk (OECD)
- Technology and Innovation Co-chairs: James Seong-Cheol Kang (GGGI) and Nick Johnstone (OECD)
- Fiscal Instruments Co-chairs: Joy Kim (UNEP) and Ian Parry (IMF)
- Inclusiveness (new) Co-chairs: tbc

Participation includes:

- 28 experts from developing countries
- 65 experts from over 40 organisations





Managing Knowledge

Through its web platform, www.greengrowthknowledge.org, the GGKP works to ensure that new learning and best practices can be easily exchanged across borders and disciplines.

Key web platform features

- 1000 green growth publications available through a searchable database
- 193 country pages pulling together information on data, policies and projects
- 28 sector and theme pages





Sharing Knowledge

Through digital and in-person activities, the GGKP facilitates the growth and engagement of a dynamic green growth community of practice, including practitioners, policy makers, researchers and the private sector.

Key features

- Main knowledge sharing event is the GGKP's Annual Conference (last conference hosted by UNEP in January 2015)
- The "Insights" blog features weekly posts from leading experts
- The "Knowledge Update" newsletter provides monthly updates on newly launched green growth research
- Active social media presence (2000 Twitter followers, 500 LinkedIn group members)



G7 Alliance can both draw from and contribute to this important network and resource

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