The scientific evidence is clear that the future of the planet and all those who inhabit it depend on rapid, transformative change away from business-as-usual economic growth. Despite progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement, it is unlikely these global commitments will be reached without a fundamental and significant economic transformation. A fast, fair, and green transition for economies and societies is paramount.

Over the last decade, the movement for an inclusive green economy has grown and evolved. Governments, business, and civil society have been pioneering new economic pathways and policies that aim to protect the environment while creating prosperity and ensuring well-being for current and future generations. The concept of an inclusive green economy has become a ‘testbed’ of alternative solutions, policies, and institutional arrangements. These efforts have further spurred innovative, crosscutting initiatives that engage a variety of actors and sectors. In turn, these are catalysing an inclusive economic transformation for delivering the SDGs and Paris Agreement with a focus on SDG 8, 9, 10, 12, and 13, as well as contributions to many more.

At the United Nations High Level Political Forum, a partnership of leading governments, UN agencies, and international and civil society organizations, working together at the frontline of green economic transformation, will come together as a partnership to share their experiences, priorities, and next steps. Together these actors will launch a shared set of principles and priority actions for their continued collaboration and a call to other leaders to join their inclusive green economy efforts at the global, country, and local level in the spirit of SDG 17.
THE EVENT

The “Fast, Fair, and Green” event will showcase the partnership’s success and inspire leaders of the inclusive green economy transition at the highest levels of governance, civil society, and business.

HLPF 2019 provides an opportunity for this diverse global partnership to come together to highlight and launch a number of complementary efforts:

- the global collaborative effort on inclusive green economy and green growth, including a shared set of principles and an open call to join the effort;
- GEC’s 10-year anniversary and new strategy;
- a preview of the PAGE 2030 Strategy;
- the launch of the new GGKP Green Industry Platform and Green Finance Platform;
- a preview of GGGI’s forthcoming State of Green Growth Report and Green Growth Index;
- the ILO Centenary Celebration; and
- Measuring Distance to the SDG Targets 2019: An Assessment of Where OECD Countries Stand.

The event aims to bring together a diverse cross-section of attendees focused on creating a green, inclusive economy:

- Ministers, senior officials, and policymakers from both developed and developing countries responsible for crafting global, country, and local policy;
- Civil society organisations, non-governmental organisations, and international organisations focused on forging the pathways towards an inclusive green economy; and
- Business and finance representatives engaged in changing the landscapes they operate within.

Draft Agenda

1:15-1:20PM
Master of Ceremony: Mr. Oliver Greenfield, Convenor, Green Economy Coalition

1:20-1:25PM Opening Remarks
Mr. Guy Ryder, Director-General, International Labour Organization

1:25-2:25PM High-Level Panel: Fast, Fair and Green Principles in Action: Delivering on SDGs
H.E. Mr. Ola Elvestuen, President of the UN Environment Assembly (Minister of Environment, Norway)
H.E. Mr. Karmenu Vella, European Commissioner for Environment Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
H.E. Ms. Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter, State Secretary, Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany
H.E. Ms. Lucia Ruiz, Minister of Environment, Peru (tbc)
H.E. Ms. Elizabeth Thompson, Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations (tbc)
Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme

Moderated by Mr. Jo Confino, Executive Editor, Impact & Innovation, The Huffington Post

2:25-2:30PM Closing Remarks
Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme
THE PARTNERSHIP

In the last decade, several initiatives to reform economic governance have been put forward - from ‘green’ to ‘blue’ to ‘circular’ economy. This diversity of complementary initiatives has driven valuable innovation and engaged civil society and business as well as government – and now strong systemic progress is paramount to fight climate change and protect nature while also delivering well-being and eradicating poverty. Inclusive green economy approaches need to be scaled up to centre stage economic policy.

In the spirit of SDG 17 “Global Transformative Partnerships”, several major institutions in the field have come together to live up to the scope of the challenge ahead. For five years, they have shared their experiences, best practices and lessons learned. The group now steps up to accelerate the transformation at global, national and subnational level. The partnership is heling to accelerate progress by collectively raising awareness for the challenges ahead, building consensus and ensuring better aligned activities. In this shared vision for greener, more equitable and resilient economies is being advanced and greater impact can be achieved.

The collaborating institutions have developed a three-part framework to offer a coherent way to tackle the complexity of economic transformation. It comprises:

- 5 guiding principles to guide collective action;
- 10 priority actions to embark on and accelerate the process; and
- a medium- to long-term pathway sketch.

The framework enables stakeholders to reflect on progress, challenges and current plans when they are preparing active responses to the 2030 Agenda. At the same time, the partnership is aiming for more in-country collaboration to improve their support and create continuity. They are also working to improve collaboration among further international support agencies and with partner countries.

The partnership currently consists of the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment), the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), the Green Economy Coalition (GEC), the Green Growth Knowledge Partnership (GGKP), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Poverty-Environment Action for SDGs (PEA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the United Nations Partnership for Action on Green Economy (UN-PAGE).