GREEN JOBS

Jobs are green when they help reduce negative environmental impact and ultimately lead to environmentally, economically and socially sustainable enterprises and economies. Green jobs are decent jobs that reduce consumption of energy and raw materials, limit greenhouse gas emissions, minimize waste and pollution, and protect and restore ecosystems.

RESOURCES

Green Jobs in Asia Project
www.decentwork.asia

ILO Community of Practice on Green Jobs
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**OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGY**

Under the Australian Government – ILO Partnership Agreement (2010 – 2015), the Green Jobs in Asia project aims to deepen ILO constituents’ understanding and commitments for the promotion of gender-sensitive, green jobs opportunities and a just transition for workers and employers toward low-carbon, climate resilient, environmentally friendly development.

The immediate objectives of the project are:

- to promote the capacity of ILO constituents to engage in dialogue on green jobs through increased access to reliable sources of data and information on green jobs and training, including on the employment impacts of environment-related policies and good practices on green jobs;

- that the concept of Green jobs is mainstreamed in national labour and social policies in all participating countries;

- Green jobs demonstration projects which respond to the different needs of women and men are implemented in key sectors selected on the basis of research and consultations in four of the project countries.

**ACTIVITIES BY SECTOR**

The Green Jobs in Asia project is being implemented in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nepal, the Philippines and Sri Lanka from August 2010 – June 2012.

Capacity development, green jobs mapping and policy support provide a framework for the promotion of green jobs. This framework is complemented by interventions in a variety of sectors designed to demonstrate opportunities for poverty reduction through the creation of green jobs. The interventions take place in four countries.

**Bangladesh:** Green jobs in the renewable energy sector with a focus on solar home systems;

**Indonesia:** Green jobs in sustainable tourism, with a focus on green accommodation and ecotourism;

**Philippines:** Green jobs in social housing with a focus on sustainable construction through modified concrete hollow blocks and coco coir erosion control systems;

**Sri Lanka:** Green jobs in the solid waste management sector with a focus on composting and plastic recycling.

The expected results at the end of the project include:

- Green jobs employment models developed and tested with measurable improvement of working conditions and green jobs opportunities. These are country and sector-specific, and entail components of policy support, capacity building, technical and entrepreneurial skills upgrading and access to finance;

- National conferences convened, trainings conducted and data generated on green jobs that will help ILO constituents develop their capacity to participate actively in national discussions on the development of socially sustainable climate change policies, and to propose required changes;

- Green jobs integrated in national employment policies, and employment and decent work are addressed in the national climate change action plans of participating countries.