

ILO Releases Report on Green Jobs

On 31 May, in Geneva, the ILO launched the report, 'Working towards sustainable development: Opportunities for decent work and social inclusion in a green economy.' The report highlighted the need to aggressively pursue a socially inclusive, just transition to a green economy.

The report argues that fears of job loss due to the transition are highly exaggerated. Although some sectors will require restructuring, the estimates predict that a transition to a greener economy will create up to 60 million new jobs. However, proactive measures are required to promote a socially inclusive transition to a green economy. The sectors most in need of restructuring to create decent work that is also environmentally sustainable were identified as agriculture, forestry, fishing, energy, resource-intensive manufacturing, buildings and transport.

Detailed policy and programme recommendations are provided with reference to specific examples. For more information, please download the [full report](#) from APGreenJobs.



Mapping of Green Jobs

On 13 June, The First National Experts Forum on the Mapping of Green Jobs in The Philippines was convened in Manila by the Department of Labour and Employment. The meeting was facilitated by the Institute of Labour Studies and was attended by more than 30 national experts as well as by the Institute of Global Environmental Studies based in Japan.

WARM mainstreamed in Sri Lanka

The ILO's Work Adjustment for Recycling and Management of Waste Manual (WARM) has been integrated into the National Vocational Qualification certification courses for the job profile of 'Municipal Solid Waste Operations Assistant' in Sri Lanka. This has been endorsed by Sri Lanka's Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC).

These competency standards will ensure that workers are trained on techniques to promote solid waste minimization and reuse, waste segregation, collection and transport of waste, maintaining general environmental cleanliness, and occupational safety and health, among others. The mainstreaming of WARM is a direct outcome of the Green Jobs in Asia project, supported through the Australian Government-ILO Partnership Agreement (2010-2015).

Green Job Radio Show

On 31 May, SMART FM's radio show titled 'SMART Workers' featured the work in Indonesia being done by Green Jobs in Asia which is a project supported by the Australian Government-ILO Partnership Agreement (2010-2015). During the show, the ILO's National Project Coordinator explained the project's work on eco-tourism and green homestays. Also present were guests representing the National Council of Climate Change (NCCC) and the Ministry of Youth and Sports (MoYS) who participated and discussed climate change policy and ecopreneurship.

Upcoming Projects & Events

Green Micro-Finance in the Philippines

The Global Environmental Fund Secretariat has approved a new joint ILO and UNDP project to improve the resilience of climate vulnerable farming communities in Southern Philippines. This project will increase community access to innovative financial packages such as weather index based insurance (WIBI). The ILO and UNDP are already working together on the preparatory arrangements for the start of activities in mid-2013.

Peat-land Regeneration

The National Task Force on REDD+ has endorsed an ILO pilot project to promote green jobs through labour intensive peat-land regeneration and green value chain development in Central Kalimantan, Indonesia. REDD+ stands for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation, plus fostering conservation, sustainable forest management and the enhancement of forest carbon stocks.

Phuket, Thailand

On 30 June, hotels that have participated in the pilot Greener Business Asia programme will share their experiences with the wider business community in Phuket. Find more information [online](#).

Jakarta, Indonesia

On 28 June, a national interministerial consultation will take place in order to solicit final inputs into the Strategic Plan on Sustainable Tourism and Green Jobs. All relevant Ministries will be present.

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