

Green growth: Donor stock taking exercise

Compilation of responses

The exercise

- ❑ Initiated by DAC-Environet
- ❑ **Objective:** Map out on-going work and approaches
- ❑ **Respondents** (so far): Czech Republic, European Commission, Finland, Germany, Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden, USA,

- ❑ **Definitions:** UNEP and/or OECD. Plurality recognized
- ❑ **Mainly mainstreamed;** Concept/s increasingly embedded in existing work; Few with green growth/economy labelled activities
- ❑ **Aspects:** climate change (mitigation/adapation); NR/biodiversity; clean tech; private sector; green jobs etc
- ❑ **Cooperation:** International; Partner countries; Private sector

Challenges in supporting green growth strategies

- Perceived by developing countries as widening gap, and diversity in conditions not recognised.
- Weak environment ministries; Fragmented responsibilities; Lack of enforcement of environmental laws; Old models of growth; Hurdles to investment
- Proliferation of initiatives noted

Lessons

- ❑ Build on existing initiatives and process
- ❑ Acknowledge a range of instruments and approaches are needed (from catalytic loans, to country-level dialogue etc);
- ❑ Country ownership and political will. Enhance partner countries
- ❑ Stakeholder engagement
- ❑ Decentralized management, such as for natural resource management and decision making

Examples

- ❑ Sustainable consumption and production / resource efficiency
- ❑ Waste management
- ❑ Support government and stakeholder refocus policies and investment on green economic sectors and enhance social and environmental entrepreneurship
- ❑ Sustainable tourism
- ❑ Integrate environmental requirements and climate change action into community's development
- ❑ Enhancing capacity for low emission development strategies
- ❑ Private finance advisory network
- ❑ Environmental loans and guarantees (including microcredits)
- ❑ Research collaborations; Supporting global think tanks and processes
- ❑ Specific initiative on climate change
- ❑ Green accounting
- ❑ Energy sector (including energy access, renewable energy, energy efficiency and small scale rural energy application)

Discussion

How to utilise opportunity and address challenges:

- How can we deal with crowding/proliferation?
- How can we improve alignment?
- How can we move from processes and plans to actual change (implementation incl. financing)?
- How can we ensure complementarity between bilateral and multilateral tracks?