



## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**DAY 1: MONDAY, 17 JUNE 2019**

### REGISTRATION

08:30 - 09:00 a.m.

### HIGH-LEVEL OPENING CEREMONY & MINISTERIAL PANEL DISCUSSION

09:00 - 10:40 a.m. – Plenary Hall at Lakeview B, Ground Floor

Master of Ceremony: **Mr. Edem Bakhshish**, UNOSSC/WGEO

#### WELCOMING REMARKS

**H.E. Mr. Saeed Mohammed Al Tayer**, *Chairman, World Green Economy Organization (WGEO)*

**H.E. Dr. Yasmine Fouad**, *Minister of Environment, Arab Republic of Egypt*

#### MINISTERIAL PANEL DISCUSSION ON ENABLING POLICY & REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS FOR A GREEN ECONOMY

*Transition to a green economy model requires enabling policy and legislative environment that would draw general economic activity to green sectors by creating attractive investment and business development opportunities. Enabling environment may comprise various elements including national legislative frameworks, policies, fiscal incentives and subsidies, as well as simplified access to international markets, and technical assistance.*

*Building on the specific examples of successful homegrown solutions, the Ministerial Panel Discussion will help explore the opportunities that exist nowadays in the Africa region in achieving impactful and noticeable transition to a green economy. The Ministerial Panel Discussion will focus on practical measures that countries can undertake in order to initiate and/or facilitate such transition.*

Moderator: **Mr. Mohamed Badr**, *Senior Advisor on Africa Strategic Engagement, WFP Egypt*

Keynote Speaker: **Mr. Patrick Mwesigye**, *Regional Sub-Programme Coordinator, Resource Efficiency and SCP, Africa Office, UN Environment*

Panelists:

**H.E. Ms. Fatma Zouhra Zerouati**, *Minister of Environment and Renewable Energies, Algeria*

**Hon. Mr. Sainey Touray**, *Chairperson, Environment Committee, National Assembly, The Gambia*

**Hon. Ibrahim Sory Toure**, *Member of the Environment Committee of the National Assembly, Guinea*

**Mr. Amadou Lamin Diagne**, *Director, Green Finance and Partnerships, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Senegal*

Moderated Questions and Answers Rounds

**Coffee-break**

10:40 - 11:00 a.m.

**Group Photo**





**EVOLUTION OF WGEO AND ITS HOLISTIC CATALYTICAL SUPPORT TO PROMOTING THE GREEN ECONOMY AGENDA**

11:00 - 11:10 a.m. – Plenary Hall at Lakeview B, Ground Floor

Keynote speaker: **Mr. Abdul Rahim Sultan**, Director, World Green Economy Organization

**SESSION 1: SOLUTIONS FORUM ON SCALING UP GREEN INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES**

11:10 - 12:30 p.m. – Plenary Hall at Lakeview B, Ground Floor

*The Solutions Forum builds on the assumption that technology innovation lies in the heart of transition to a green economy: it is due to the recent breakthroughs in clean and green technologies that the whole idea of greener economy was made possible. Thus, further advancement of technology innovation will inform the speed and quality at which our conventional societies will convert into the greener ones.*

*The Solutions Forum will explore innovation policy and measures in the Africa region based on specific examples of successful local solutions in eco-innovation in the corporate private sector, as well as in the SME sector. It will aim to identify drivers for the widespread dissemination and adoption of new clean and green technologies, including through South-South and Triangular Cooperation, as well as review the barriers that impede region's eco-innovation.*

Moderator: **Ms. Nathalie Brou Fofana**, Director of Regional Public and Private Partnership Unit, BOAD

Panelists:

**Mr. Becquet Polycarpe Bationo**, General Direction on Green Economy and Climate Change,  
Ministry of the Environment, Green Economy and Climate Change, Burkina Faso

**Prof. João Bosco Monte**, President, Brazil Africa Institute

**Mr. Richemond M. Agré Assie**, Cordinator of the Climate Change National Programme,  
Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Côte d'Ivoire

**Ms. Jenny Bofinger-Schuster**, Head, Corporate Department Strategy Sustainability and Cities,  
Senior Vice President, Siemens AG

Discussant:

**Dr. Menghestab Haile**, Country Director and Representative, World Food Programme in Egypt

Moderated Questions and Answers Rounds

**Lunch** Lakeview A, Ground Floor, next to the Plenary Hall

12:30 - 01:30 p.m.

**SESSION 2: FUNDING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA THROUGH GREEN FINANCE:**

01:30 - 03:30 p.m. – Plenary Hall at Lakeview B, Ground Floor

**CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

*A key feature of all green finance instruments is that they make lending/investment decisions with the environmental sustainability standards in mind. While green finance comprises a number of financial instruments, such as public funds, venture capital and angels, project financing, equity, debt, pension funds and green infrastructure bonds, the transition towards a greener economy requires the investment of significant financial resources in "green" sectors.*





According to the [study](#) commissioned by the UN Environment, the critical mass of annual investment necessary to support transition to a green economy during the 2010–2050 period should represent approximately 2% of the global GDP. These funding requirements for environmentally sustainable investments significantly exceed what the public sector can offer, requiring systematic involvement from private sources of financing.

Compared to other types of investments, green projects possess a number of intrinsic characteristics, such as that they produce cash flows and returns in the longer term, while the large upfront investments required, or, they are often exhibit a higher risk profile due to the relative immaturity of green industries. Effective policy interventions are required to reduce the risks perceived by financial institutions and other investors in funding green projects.

Moderator: **Ms. Heba Salah El Din Sharawy**, General Manager, Environmental Economy, Ministry of Environment, Egypt

Panelists:

**Mr. George T. Tengbeh**, Chairman, Senate Committee on Land, Mines, Energy, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Liberia

**Mr. Sohail Malik**, Head of Portfolio Management, Green Climate Fund

**Ms. Veronica Muthoni Okoth**, Director, Economic Pillar, Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat under the Presidency

**Mr. Moubarak Moukaila**, Regional Coordinator for Africa, BOAD

**Ms. Teddy Mugabo**, Head, Business Development, Rwanda's Green Fund/FONERWA, Ministry of Environment

Discussants:

**Ms. Sara Mbago-Bhunu**, Director, East and Southern Africa Division, IFAD

**H.E. Amb. Merzak Belhimeur**, Ambassador Counsellor, Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Algeria

Moderated Questions and Answers Rounds

### Coffee-break

03:30 - 03:50 p.m.

### SESSION 3: SOLUTIONS FORUM ON NATIONAL-LEVEL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR GREEN ACTION

03:50 - 05:20 p.m. – Plenary Hall at Lakeview B, Ground Floor

While there is a general agreement among the stakeholders on the importance of a widespread transition to a green economy model, general commitment and good intentions need to be supported by a strong practical foundation, consisting of a range of essential prerequisites. Success in turning the green economy agenda from a concept into a practice naturally correlates with countries' level of preparedness including from the national capacity point of view.

Developing capacities for green economy planning, strategic management, and implementation requires systematic effort and investment. It should be based on the clear understanding of capacity need and it requires tailor-made solutions that build on capacities already in place. Building on the specific examples of successful homegrown solutions, the Solutions Forum will focus on practical measures that countries can undertake, in cooperation with the international community, in order to ensure adequate national capacities for green action.

Moderator: **Ms. Dorah Modise**, Chairperson, Africa Regional Network, World Green Building Council and CEO of the Green Building Council of South Africa

Panelists:

**Dr. Mohamed Gamal Kafafy**, President of World Green Economy Council





**Mr. Peter van Rooij**, Deputy Regional Director for Africa, ILO

**Dr. Mohamed Bayoumi**, Team Leader, Environment, UNDP Egypt

**Mr. Winfred Nelson**, Deputy Director, Plan Coordination Division, Nat'l Development Planning Commission, Ghana

**Dr. Hossam Allam**, Regional Director for Sustainable Growth, Centre for Environment and Development for the Arab Region & Europe (CEDARE).

Discussants:

**Mr. Michael O'Brien-Onyeka**, Senior Vice President, Africa and Madagascar Field Division, Conservation International

Moderated Questions and Answers Rounds

**Cultural Performance and Welcome Dinner, Lakeview A, Ground Floor, next to the Plenary Hall**

05:20 - 07:30 p.m.

**DAY 2: TUESDAY, 18 JUNE 2019**

**A. SPECIAL BREAKOUT SESSION BY THE INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE:**

09:00 - 10:30 a.m. – Plenary Hall at Lakeview B, English & French

**SOLAR INVESTMENT: TRANSITION TO A GREEN ECONOMY**

*The principal objective of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) is to unlock the immense potential of solar energy technology in the world. ISA aims to achieve this by reducing the cost of finance and technology to meet the energy needs of ISA member countries in a convenient, affordable, equitable and sustainable manner. This will require improved international cooperation, comprehensive project due diligence, and risk mitigation strategies in order to attract investment in identified bankable projects.*

*In order to transition to a green economy and scale up solar projects it is important to establish new financial mechanisms and business models to reduce the cost of capital and make the financing of programmes and projects more affordable. This will allow the stakeholders to make the best use of the financial investments and keep supporting the identified projects.*

*The ISA Special Session will mainly focus on the impact that investment and innovation in solar energy can have on a sustainable economy of developing countries. Today the world is experiencing an energy transition where renewables, and solar in particular, are no longer just a subsidy-enabled option, but are cost-competitive with conventional fuels. On average, more jobs are created for each unit of electricity generated from renewable sources than from fossil fuels. This will force other energy providers to stay competitively priced and therefore make it easier for more people to have access to electricity.*

Moderator: **Ms. Cécile Martin-Phipps**, Director on Strategy, Communication & Operations, ISA

Panelists:

**Mr. Tiem Francois Bolidja**, General Director of the Togolese Rural Electrification Agency, Togo

**Mr. Wisdom Ahiataku-Togobo**, Director Renewable & Alternative Energies, Ministry of Energy, Ghana

**Mr. Idrissa Mohamad Ou Soumana**, Ministry of Energy, Niger

**Mr. Hazem Ahmed Abd Elhaleem**, General Manager, International Cooperation and Agreements Department, Ministry of Electricity and Renewable Energy, Egypt

**Mr. Ahmed Mortada**, Principal Banker, Energy EMEA, EBRD

Moderated Questions and Answers Rounds





### B. SPECIAL BREAKOUT SESSION BY THE WORLD GREEN ECONOMY ORGANIZATION:

09:00 - 10:30 a.m. - Tulip, First Floor – English

### WGEO VISION, MISSION AND STRATEGIC OUTLOOK

*The World Green Economy Organization (WGEO) emerged in response to the priorities and concerns identified from Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012 as an organization intended to support emerging global actions towards the green, low-carbon, climate-resilient development model. WGEO seeks to promote the widespread acceptance and increased importance of the green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, by linking financing, technology, capacity-building and all other elements of the enabling environment for green economy.*

*The WGEO Special Session will provide the participants with the opportunity to discuss the mission and the vision for the Organization in providing holistic catalytic support to promoting the green economy agenda, as well as to review the proposed strategic outlook for the organization and the draft agreement on the establishment of the institution as the inter-governmental organization. In addition, participants may wish to request for follow up technical consultations to be conducted by the WGEO Secretariat on a bilateral or multilateral basis for each interested country.*

Moderator: **Mr. MUSAAD AL SALEH**, Partnership Manager, WGEO

Panelists:

**Mr. Abdulrahim Sultan**, Director General, WGEO

**Mr. Edem Bakhshish**, Global Director, WGEO (a.i.) and Project Coordinator for the Joint Initiative on Partnership Mobilization and Global Outreach Support for WGEO, UNOSSC (a.i.)

**Mr. Gerd Drosse**, Legal Counsel, WGEO

Moderated Questions and Answers Rounds

### C. SPECIAL BREAKOUT SESSION BY CSR ARABIA: BEST PRACTICES FOR BUSINESSES GOING GREEN

09:00 - 10:30 a.m. – Purple Daisy, First Floor – English & Arabic

*CSR Arabia aims at encouraging and supporting the transformation toward green economy that provides enterprises and companies with new investment and market opportunities. However, this requires the adoption of new processes and innovative approaches and technologies by the private sector.*

*Thus, CSR Arabia will shed light through its session on the best practices and outcome of applying green economy principles on many businesses. The session will discuss various topics such as: Green Procurement and its effect on Sustainability, Smart energy solutions, Green Buildings and the added value of integrated holistic Energy & Facilities Management, the Strategy towards green premises and expanding the usage of renewable energy.*

*CSR Arabia's special session will gather key market players who drive the adoption of the green economy strategies in different sectors, in order to achieve economic development along with effective social impact.*

Moderator: **Dr. Nevine Abdelkhalek**, ECG Vice President, Public Relations & Sustainable Development

Panelists:

**Mr. Amin El Najjar**, Operations Director of Enova Dubai & Northern Emirates, Oman, Lebanon and Egypt

**Ms. Manal Hassan**, Group sustainability & CSR Director, El Sewedy Electric

**Eng. Said Hassan**, Head of Property – Credit Agricole

Moderated Questions and Answers Rounds





### Coffee-break

10:30 - 10:50 a.m.

### SPECIAL SESSION BY UNFCCC: REGIONAL COORDINATION ON CLIMATE ACTION - FACILITATING THE TRANSITION

10:50 - 12:20 p.m. – Plenary Hall at Lakeview B, Ground Floor

TO A CLIMATE FRIENDLY GREEN ECONOMY IN AFRICA

*Holding global temperature rise below 1.5°C will require “rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society.” The message was clear from the landmark Special Report on 1.5°C from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), released in October last year. The IPCC warns that emissions need to halve by 2030 and drop to net-zero by the middle of the century for the best chance of avoiding the worst impacts of climate change. Failing to take this urgent action will see millions more people in poverty, and untold negative impacts for our shared prosperity, ecosystems and the global economy.*

*As part of UNFCCC facilitation process, Regional Collaboration Centres are providing technical support to the stakeholders to accelerate investments in technologies, solutions and partnerships needed to decarbonize the economy and promote behavioral change. Enormous investment is required – for example, the IPCC estimates that around \$2.4 trillion or roughly 2.5 per cent of global GDP annually needs to be invested in the energy system between 2016 and 2035.*

*This session will also touch upon the nationally determined contributions (NDCs) which constitute a good opportunity for supporting the scaling up of climate finance, including adaptation finance whose access remains a challenge, particularly for small island developing States and least developed countries, country-driven processes in developing countries which are fundamental for scaling up climate finance and strengthening national public financing management system and the overall policy environment which is vital to effectively manage, leverage and monitor the effectiveness of climate finance flows. The distinguished panel will also discuss the importance of main streaming and building capacity of the existing institutions to effectively tackle with the issues we are facing in this century that we have never experienced before.*

#### CLIMATE FINANCE IN AFRICA - CATALYZING GREEN ECONOMIC GROWTH

IN SYNC WITH THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND SDGs IN THE REGION

Presenter: **Mr. Luca Brusa**, UNFCCC

Panelists:

**H.E. Dr. Yasmine Fouad**, Minister of Environment, Arab Republic of Egypt

**Ms. Cécile Martin-Phipps**, Director on Strategy, Communication & Operations, ISA

**Mr. Al-Hamndou Dorsouma**, Head, Climate and Green Growth, African Development Bank

**Richemond M. Agré Assie**, Coordinator of the Climate Change National Programme,  
Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Côte d'Ivoire

**Mr. Sven Egbers**, Head, GIZ Carbon Markets Project, East Africa

Moderated Questions and Answers Rounds

### Lunch

Lakeview A, Ground Floor, next to the Plenary Hall

12:20 - 01:20 p.m.





**HIGH-LEVEL CLOSING CEREMONY**

01:20 - 01:50 p.m. – Plenary Hall at Lakeview B, Ground Floor

**SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT**

**OF THE 2019 AFRICA REGIONAL MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON GREEN ECONOMY**

Presenter: **Mr. Edem Bakhshish, UNOSSC/WGEO**

**CLOSING REMARKS**

**H.E. Dr. Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment, Arab Republic of Egypt**

**Pre-Training Break**

01:50 - 02:00 p.m.

**WGEO EXECUTIVE TRAINING COURSE ON SCALING UP TRANSITION TO A GREEN ECONOMY ON A PATH TOWARDS IMPLEMENTING THE UNITED NATIONS 2030 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA**

02:00 - 05:10 p.m.

**COURSE CONTENTS**



**Module “RE”: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY IN THE CONTEXT OF GREEN ECONOMY**

*Delivered by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific*



**Module “GS”: GREEN & SMART CITIES: PLANNING FOR A SUSTAINABLE URBAN FUTURE**

*Delivered by the Global Green Growth Institute*



**Module “FI”: FOSTERING GREEN INNOVATION**

*Delivered by the International Solar Alliance*



Empowered lives.  
Resilient nations.

**Module “CD”: CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR NATIONAL-LEVEL GREEN ACTION**

*Delivered by the United Nations Development Programme*



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**Module “GI”: GREEN INVESTMENT PROMOTION**

*Delivered by the World Green Economy Organization*



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**Module “LE”: FOUNDATIONS FOR POLICY & REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS FOR GREEN ECONOMY**

*Delivered by the World Green Economy Organization*

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

*The course aims to equip the participants with the sound understanding of the key principles, dimensions, and trends in the process of transition to a green economy at national, regional and global levels, as well as provides the tools and methods for proactive green action in the context of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.*





### COURSE METHODOLOGY

The highly interactive course relies heavily on executive case studies. Participants will find themselves applying strategic analysis, ground-breaking decision making and analytical thinking throughout the six modules of the training course. Participants will share practices and explore ways to enhance political, economic, social and technical collaboration in the field of green economy and to mobilize relevant partnerships.

#### 02:00 - 03:30 p.m. EXECUTIVE TRAINING SEGMENT 1

<b>Cohort 2.A - Module "LE"</b> Lakeview B, Ground Floor – English & French	<b>Cohort 2.B - Module "GS"</b> Tulip, First Floor – English	<b>Cohort 2.C - Module "FI"</b> Purple Daisy, First Floor – English & Arabic
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#### Coffee-break

03:30 - 03:40 p.m.

#### 03:40 - 05:10 p.m. EXECUTIVE TRAINING SEGMENT 2

<b>Cohort 2.A - Module "GS"</b> Lakeview B, Ground Floor – English & French	<b>Cohort 2.B - Module "FI"</b> Tulip, First Floor – English	<b>Cohort 2.C - Module "LE"</b> Purple Daisy, First Floor – English & Arabic
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### DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE 2019

#### 09:00 - 10:30 a.m. EXECUTIVE TRAINING SEGMENT 3

<b>Cohort 2.A - Module "FI"</b> Lakeview B, Ground Floor – English & French	<b>Cohort 2.B - Module "LE"</b> Tulip, First Floor – English	<b>Cohort 2.C - Module "GS"</b> Purple Daisy, First Floor – English & Arabic
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#### Coffee-break

10:30 - 10:50 a.m.

#### 10:50 - 12:20 p.m. EXECUTIVE TRAINING SEGMENT 4

<b>Cohort 2.A - Module "CD"</b> Lakeview B, Ground Floor – English & French	<b>Cohort 2.B - Module "GI"</b> Tulip, First Floor – English	<b>Cohort 2.C - Module "RE"</b> Purple Daisy, First Floor – English & Arabic
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#### Lunch

Lakeview A, Ground Floor, next to the Plenary Hall

12:20 - 01:00 p.m.

#### 01:00 - 02:30 p.m. EXECUTIVE TRAINING SEGMENT 5

<b>Cohort 2.A - Module "GI"</b> Lakeview B, Ground Floor – English & French	<b>Cohort 2.B - Module "RE"</b> Tulip, First Floor – English	<b>Cohort 2.C - Module "CD"</b> Purple Daisy, First Floor – English & Arabic
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#### Coffee-break

02:30 - 02:50 p.m.

#### 02:50 - 04:20 p.m. EXECUTIVE TRAINING SEGMENT 6

<b>Cohort 2.A - Module "RE"</b> Lakeview B, Ground Floor – English & French	<b>Cohort 2.B - Module "CD"</b> Tulip, First Floor – English	<b>Cohort 2.C - Module "GI"</b> Purple Daisy, First Floor – English & Arabic
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#### 04:20 - 05:00 p.m. DISTRIBUTION OF CERTIFICATES & COMPLETION OF EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRES

