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Challenges and Opportunities for Developing Good and Sustainable Jobs in the Waste Sector



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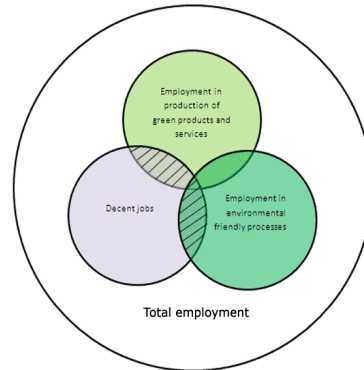
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What are Green Jobs?

- **Green jobs are decent jobs that contribute to preserve or restore a sustainable environment**, be they in traditional sectors such as manufacturing and construction, or in new, emerging green sectors such as renewable energy and energy efficiency.
- **Green jobs can produce goods or provide services that benefit the environment**, for example green buildings or clean transportation. However, these green outputs (products and services) are not always based on green production processes and technologies. Therefore green jobs **can also be distinguished by their contribution to more environmentally friendly processes.**

Green jobs initiative 2008
Joint partnership
between ILO, UNEP,
ITUC and IOE



Challenges and Opportunities for Green Jobs in Solid Waste Management?

- **Jobs in waste management will grow** to handle increased waste resulting from population and income growth, although **challenges in terms of decent work in this sector are considerable.**
- To be truly green jobs they also need to match the requirements of decent work, including such aspects as **a living wage, the elimination of child labour, occupational health and safety, social protection, and freedom of association.**
- More important than the additional employment potential in waste management, reuse and recycling is **the opportunity and, in fact, the need to upgrade jobs in the sector.**
- **Green Jobs Country Assessments for Evidence-Based Policy Making** to provide employment estimate though business surveys, input-output analysis, and multipliers to give direct, indirect and induced impact of the implementation of this policy. **Green Jobs Assessment Institutions Network (GAIN)**



Partnership for Action on a Green Economy (PAGE)

- The **Rio+20 Declaration – The Future We Want** – recognized a green economy as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development and poverty eradication. It called on the **United Nations to support interested countries in developing greener and more inclusive economies**. In response to this call for action, UNEP, ILO, UNIDO, UNITAR and UNDP initiated the **Partnership for Action on a Green Economy, or PAGE**, to address increasing requests from countries seeking to **develop and implement inclusive green economy strategies**.
- PAGE was **officially inaugurated in March 2014**, at its first Global conference held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. PAGE has started working with **Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mauritius, Mongolia, Peru, and Senegal**. In each of these countries, stakeholder workshops and initial stock taking exercises inform a country-specific approach, reflecting the policy priorities and on-going initiatives to which **PAGE can provide value added and make a strategic contribution**. PAGE aims to extend its support to a total of 30 countries by 2020. Well over US\$ 11 million were announced in support of PAGE activities by donors including Finland, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Sweden and Switzerland. PAGE aims to extend its support to a total of 30 countries by 2020.
- In working with and through national partner institutions, PAGE aims at **strengthening the political leadership and managerial capacity** to seize the opportunities of a green economy. It aspires to invest in **"agents of change"** among national partners who recognize the potential of a different and sustainable development pathway.



Criteria for PAGE engagement
The founding partners of PAGE – UNEP, ILO, UNIDO and UNITAR – have developed the following criteria to determine the qualifications of a country requesting PAGE support:

- Demonstration of high-level support from the government;
- Evidence of links to national planning processes;
- Contribution to regional balance of PAGE portfolio; and
- History of PAGE partner presence or activities in country.



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Work Adjustment for Recycling and Managing Waste (WARM)
Action manual for waste collectors and communities to promote their joint actions in improving safety, health and efficiency in waste collection and management.



“Start Your Waste Recycling Business” training toolkit. The aim of programme is to enable participants to develop Business Plans based on their business ideas. Participants will learn and discuss about the environment in which they operate, roles of various stakeholders, technical aspects with regards to waste handling and management, ideas of what opportunities there are in waste recycling and hints on recycling and composting techniques.



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