



Green Growth

Merging agendas in a changing policy setting

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OECD Green Growth Strategy

- Requested by Ministers of Finance, Economy & Trade, for mid-2011.
- 25 Committees: delegates from Ministries of Agriculture, Economy, Environment, Development Co-operation, Industry, etc.
- A new growth accounting framework and indicators for identifying gaps and measuring progress.
- A policy toolkit for OECD and partner countries with policy approaches and measures for:
 - i. Overcoming policy barriers: e.g. reform of environmentally-harmful subsidies, removal of barriers to trade in green G&S.
 - ii. Enabling an efficient shift to green growth: e.g. taxes & MBIs, regulations, R&D and green innovation policies, VAs, information-based approaches.
 - iii. Managing the transition: green job opportunities & new skills, industrial restructuring, distributional aspects.
- International co-operation: financing global public goods (climate, biodiversity), addressing competitiveness effects, green technology development and transfer, pro-poor GG.

International
Economic Crisis

Environmental
impacts

Climate
Change

Key policy
areas:

e.g. innovation,
investment,
employment,
education, governance,
trade, development

Biodiversity &
Ecosystem
services

Material
management

Natural
resources

Opportunities for greening the recovery and promoting
longer-term green growth

The International Green Growth Dialogue

- Broad participation: IOs, civil society, business, national stakeholders (developed, emerging and developing countries)
- Avoid duplication and overlaps; explore complementarities, promote collaboration
- A hub for online dialogue and information exchange
- Thematic workshops and events

Contribution of the Green Growth Strategy

- Creating a common understanding of green growth;
- Assessing countries' green growth measures taken since the crisis and future plans;
- Quantifying the potential effects of green growth;
- Identifying key policy principles and providing a toolkit for green growth policies;
- Developing a set of indicators covering economic, environmental and well-being aspects;
- Strengthening performance through peer reviews of green growth policies;
- Addressing the political economy considerations of green growth;
- Identifying lessons learned and best practices;
- Providing a platform for international co-ordination & dialogue through the *International Green Growth Dialogue*;
- Promoting co-operation between OECD and partner countries on green growth issues.