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## Story of the Month - July

### Norway: a leader on the path towards an inclusive green economy



**Norway is a leader in the global transition towards an inclusive green economy**, and is paving a path for nations to reduce climate change and pursue the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**.

PAGE is supported by Norway's **International Climate and Forest Initiative** (NICFI), which supports the United Nations Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (UN-REDD).

On 14-15 June, Norway hosted the **Oslo REDD Exchange Conference 2016**. The event convened REDD+ stakeholders from civil society, governments, private sector and academia with the aim to promote the successful implementation and integration of REDD+ lessons through the exchange of perspectives, experiences and forward-looking ideas.

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#### About PAGE

The Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) seeks to put sustainability at the heart of economic policy and practice.

## PAGE News

### Peru: Environmental performance review presented by OECD and ECLAC



The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), presented the **Environmental Performance Review 2003-2013 of Peru**, which contains 96 Conclusions and 66 Recommendations aimed at **improving environmental performance**, policy development and informed decision making process in the country.

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### PAGE China (Jiangsu Province) launches Stocktaking Report

PAGE launched the "**Transition to a Green Economy in China's Jiangsu Province: A Stocktaking Report**" in Nanjing. This report summarizes Jiangsu province's experiences and good practices in the **transition to a green economy**, and identifies challenges faced and priority development areas in the next five years. Based on these insights, the report provides suggestions for the next phase of PAGE

The Partnership supports nations and regions in reframing economic policies and practices around sustainability to foster economic growth, create income and jobs, reduce poverty and inequality, and strengthen the ecological foundations of their economies.

PAGE is a direct response to the Rio+20 Declaration, **The Future We Want**, which called upon the United Nations System and the international community to provide assistance to interested countries in developing, adopting, and implementing green economy policies and strategies.

Bringing together the expertise of five UN agencies - UNEP, ILO, UNIDO, UNDP, and UNITAR - and working closely with national governments, PAGE offers a comprehensive and coordinated package of technical assistance and capacity building services.

PAGE represents a mechanism to coordinate UN action on green economy and to assist countries in achieving and monitoring the emerging Sustainable Development Goals, especially SDG 8.

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## National PAGE Forum held in South Africa



Over fifty participants convened at the **National PAGE Forum**, a side event held at Sustainability Week which has, since 2012, gathered sustainability professionals in an innovative knowledge sharing event. The Forum sought to raise awareness of the **PAGE programme in South Africa**, and initiate discussions on strategies to improve coordination and collaboration on green economy policy formulation and implementation.

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## Country Updates

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## Green Economy News - Around the Web

UNEP report **identifies** key opportunities for an inclusive green economy in Saint Lucia.

Georgia **hosts** the Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference, focusing on green economic development and air quality.

Rwanda **highlights** the value of agricultural waste as a resource for clean energy.

Shanghai **builds** momentum towards a green economy transition.

Belarus is **developing** a national action plan to introduce green economy principles.

South Africa's Environmental Affairs Minister Edna Molewa **emphasizes** green job creation in the waste sector.

Kenya is **transitioning** to a green economy by 2030.

## Upcoming Events

### Green Growth Knowledge Platform Annual Conference September 6-7, 2016 - Jeju Island, Republic of Korea

The **Fourth Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP) Annual Conference** is being hosted by the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) as part of GGGI's Global Green Growth Week. For this year's conference, GGGI has partnered with the global university network Environment for Development (EfD) to ensure a wide range of views and research are represented at the conference.

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### Second Global Academy on the Green Economy October 3-14, 2016 - Turin, Italy

UNEP, ILO, UNIDO, UNITAR and UNDP are pleased to announce that the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization will host the **second Global Academy on the Green Economy** from 3 to 14 October 2016 in Turin, Italy, organized within the framework of PAGE.

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**Wellbeing Economy in Africa Lab**  
**28 Nov - Dec 1, 2016 - Cape Town, South Africa**  
**29 Oct - 2 Nov, 2017 - Pretoria, South Africa**

The action-research network WE-Africa and the Global Leadership Academy, in partnership with the African Centre for a Green Economy, are launching a **Leadership and Innovation Lab** that brings together thought leaders and change agents from different countries and sectors to co-create ideas and **transformative actions for a wellbeing economy**.

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**Second PAGE Ministerial Conference**  
**March 6-7, 2017 - Berlin, Germany**

Following on the **First Global PAGE Conference** held in Dubai in 2014, this Second PAGE Ministerial aims to raise the awareness of governments and of the public concerning the urgency of **advancing towards the SDGs worldwide**, and the opportunities presented by the shift to an **inclusive and green economy** for achieving prosperity for all on a safe planet.

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