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Investment and Finance impacting Ecosystems: Links to Poverty, Gender, Climate and Sustainability

23rd Meeting of the Poverty Environment Partnership

Hosted by UN Environment and United Nations Development Programme
at United Nations Office in Nairobi, 25–27 June 2018, Conference Room 14

The world is increasingly shaped by private and public finance that flow across borders and within countries. These finance flows from different sources can be turned into investments and harnessed for inclusive, sustainable ecosystems by the year 2030 in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Poverty Environment Partnership 'Getting to Zero' call to action. To give a few examples:

- The Belt and Road Initiative is a Chinese-led investment platform of US\$150 billion a year for infrastructure across Africa and Asia with major impacts on SDGs 14 and 15.
- The green bond market now has US\$335 billion in public sector and corporate bonds.
- In the blue economy context, the output of the world's ocean economy is estimated at about US\$1.6 trillion dollars and is forecast to more than double by 2030.

The challenge is to what extent do these investment and finance flows impact ecosystems whilst at the same time reducing poverty, achieving gender equity and driving climate resilience and environmental sustainability? Do these finance and investment flows really reach poor women and men, target Least Development Countries (LDCs) and reduce inequality? These questions would form the focus of the 23rd Meeting of the Poverty Environment Partnership (PEP23) <http://www.povertyenvironment.net/partnership>, a network of organisations working on development and environment for the SDGs.

The objectives of this PEP23 meeting would be to bring together public and private organisations to:

- **Review major finance flows and investments** impacting ecosystems and their current and potential links to poverty, environment, climate and environment with a focus on Africa. This would include banking, infrastructure, tourism finance, insurance and social protection
- **Agree ways to make finance flows and investments better address** poverty-gender-environment-climate including decentralised finance, subsidy reform and better monitoring
- **Promote synergies among those working on finance and investment** for the SDGs for poverty reduction, gender equity, climate resilience and environmental sustainability

Given its location in Nairobi, the meeting would have a focus on Africa but would also cover global trends with finance and investment. The meeting would be open to practitioners working on private and public finance issues and development. Some participants would be sponsored by UNDP and UN Environment who would also cover meeting venue costs in the United Nations Office in Nairobi, whilst other participants would need to finance their own travel costs and accommodation. The three-day agenda is provided below. To participate in the meeting or send comments on the agenda, please email Mr. Paul Steele (paul.steele@iied.org), the facilitator of the Poverty Environment Partnership.

Monday 25th June: Investment and finance impacting ecosystems and links to the SDGs

8.30 Registration by Conference Room 14

9.00 Opening *facilitated by Isabell Kempf, Co-director, Poverty-Environment Initiative, UN Environment*

John Carstensen, Head, Climate and Environment, DFID, United Kingdom

Siddharth Chatterjee, United Nations Resident Coordinator, Kenya

Frank Turyatunga, Deputy Regional Director, Africa Office, UN Environment (tbc)

9:45 Poverty Environment Partnership Getting to Zero 'Call to Action' and meeting objectives
Paul Steele, Facilitator, Poverty Environment Partnership

10.00 Country strategies to shape investment and finance for inclusive green & blue economies
Panel facilitated by Anne Juepner, Co-director, Poverty-Environment Initiative, UNDP

Dewa Putu Ekayana, Head of Subdivision, Ministry of Finance, Indonesia

Maria da Nadia Felizardo Adrião, Head of Division, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Mozambique

Idrissa Mwale, Deputy Director, Department of Economic Planning and Development, Malawi

Khyar Fall, Director, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Mauritania

11.00 Coffee/tea break

11.30 Plenary Discussion with Country Panel (continued)

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Making Belt and Road inclusive and sustainable: opportunities and challenges? *Panel discussion facilitated by John Carstensen, DFID*

Shigang Zhang, South-South Cooperation Principal Officer, UN Environment

Robin Buruchara, Director PABRA, International Center for Tropical Agriculture

Pauline Nantongo Kalunda, Executive Director, Ecotrust, Uganda

15..30 Coffee/tea

16.00 Panel discussion: Synergies of UN programmes working on finance and the SDGs *facilitated by David Smith, Africa Manager, UN Poverty Environment Initiative*

Thomas Beloe, Lead, Governance of Climate Change Finance for Asia-Pacific, UNDP

Tim Christopherson, Head, Climate Change Adaptation Branch, UN Environment

Isabell Kempf and Anne Juepner, Co-directors, Poverty-Environment Action for Sustainable Development Goals

Yuki Yasui, Programme Manager, UN Environment Finance Initiative by skype

Tim Scott, Policy Advisor, Partnership for a Green Economy (PAGE), UNDP, by skype

17.30 Reception hosted by the United Nations

Tuesday 26th June: Investment & Finance for Ecosystems for SDG 14 & 15

9.00 Summary of day 1 (Nina Bisom, GIZ, Germany)

9.30 Money where it matters: finance to local level in Africa *facilitated by Dilys Roe, Principal Researcher, IIED*

Errol Douwes, Manager, Restoration Ecology Branch, eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality, South Africa

Pauline Nantongo Kalunda, Executive Director, Ecotrust, Uganda

Nicholas Abuya, Christian Aid, Adaptation Consortium, Kenya

11.00 *Coffee/tea*

11.30 Money where it matters: finance to the local level in Asia Pacific and Latin America *facilitated by Jonathan Gilman, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, UN Environment*

Niño Raymond B. Alvina, Executive Director, Bureau of Local Government Finance, Department of Finance, Philippines

Narayan Poudel, Programme Director, National Planning Commission, Nepal and Ananda Kumar Bhattarai, Under Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Nepal

Pilar Roman, Regional Programme Officer, Poverty Environment Initiative, Latin America

13.00 *Lunch*

14.00 Banking, Microfinance and insurance for ecosystems *Panel discussion facilitated by Barbara Cheshire-Chabbaga, Director and Lead Consultant, AB Consultants*

Rahab Kariuki, Manager Director, Acre Africa

Wakesho Sonje, Coordinator, UN Environment Finance Initiative

Anshul Bhamra, Manager, Development Alternatives, India

15.30 *Coffee/tea*

16.00 Break out groups on PEP ongoing work:

(i) Institutions and mainstreaming *facilitated by Michael Stanley-Jones, Programme Management Officer, Poverty Environment Facility and Pilar Roman, Junior Professional Officer, Latin America*

(ii) Fiscal reforms *facilitated by David Smith, Regional Manager, Poverty-Environment Initiative Africa*

(iii) Local green enterprises *facilitated by Anshul Bhamra, Manager, Development Alternatives, India and Peter Hazlewood, consultant*

17.30 Close of day 2

Wednesday 27th June, Summary and close of PEP 23 meeting

Facilitated by John Carstensen, DFID

9.00 Summary of day 2 (Moa Westman, Regional Advisor, Poverty Environment Facility)

9.30 Report back from break out groups on Poverty Environment Partnership ongoing work

10.30 Summary of Poverty Environment Partnership 23rd Meeting

11.30 Close

Field trip and lunch at Karura Forest (Walking distance from UN) *with Shitaye Temam, Programme Management Assistant, Poverty-Environment Facility* <https://softkenya.com/kenya/karura-forest/>