

Expert Group Meeting on Integrated Assessment Tools and Methodologies for Inclusive Green Economy in Africa

25-26 November 2014, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Introduction and Objectives of the Meeting



Background

□ Africa has impressive growth record but development challenges remain

- ❖ Growth rates averaged 4.1 % in 2013 almost double the global average;
- ❖ Africa's growth is non-inclusive because of its limited contribution to job creation, overall improvement to people's living standards, and reduction of inequality (ECA, 2011);
- ❖ Africa has the lowest levels of human and social development (health, education, gender empowerment and extreme poverty);
- ❖ Africa remains home to the world's highest proportion of poor people and is off track to meeting some key MDGs;
- ❖ Sectoral problems e.g., poor infrastructure and low human capital, compounding the challenges.



Background/...

□ The inclusive green economy in the development agenda for Africa

- ❖ IGE is an alternative approach for tackling Africa's unique challenges including structural fragility, persistently high poverty and unemployment, environmental degradation, vulnerability to climate change and rapid population growth;
- ❖ An IGE could generate wealth and promote pro-poor growth through building up natural capital on which the livelihood of the poor depends (UNEP, 2011).



Background/...

- ❑ **African countries have limited resources for IGE policies**
 - ❖ National assessments to identify green growth challenges and opportunities;
 - ❖ Technical & financial capacity to undertake the transition at significant scale;
 - ❖ Capacity to formulate policies and strategies and to develop IGE projects with costs/benefits information;
 - ❖ Capacity to identify and quantify investments needed for IGE;
 - ❖ Resources to link IGE to economic diversification, industrialization, innovation and technological development;
 - ❖ Resources for an evidence-based institutional and policy shift;
 - ❖ Mobilizing domestic resources to close financing gaps.



□ Integrated assessment tools and methodologies for IGE policy formulation and implementation

- ❖ IGE/IGG embedded in national development plans or a standalone strategy; with increasing number countries;
- ❖ IGE/IGG recognizes and builds on clear and strong linkages within the economic-social-environmental dimensions of sustainable development
- ❖ IGE/IGG ultimate goal is to align the economy with the principles of sustainable development
- ❖ IGE/IGG requires an integrated analysis



□ Integrated assessment tools and methodologies /...

- ❖ Integrated assessment is the science that deals with an integrated systems approach for dealing with complex societal problems, e.g., sustainable development, embedded in a process-based context
- ❖ In relation with IGE, It aims to analyse the multiple causes and impacts of sustainable development in order to develop policy options for a strategic solution of the problem in question
- ❖ Integrated assessment can support IGE policy formulation and implementation with analytical tools and methods, such as models, scenarios, uncertainty and risk analyses; and participatory approaches, such as focus groups, policy exercises and dialogue



Objectives of the EGM

□ Overall objective

- To provide a platform for experts to deliberate on and enrich the draft report

□ Specific objectives

- Review the draft report with a view to identify gaps, provide expert inputs, and propose revisions that should form the basis for finalizing the report

- Identify key intervention areas for in-depth analysis and capacity-building to support to formulation and implementation of inclusive green economy policies in Africa.



Format of the EGM

Plenary session 1: presentation of the report

- The organizers will present the main sections of the report
- Discussions on the presentations will follow. Main issues & recommendations will be summarized in a report

Breakout sessions

- Experts will be divided into breakout groups
- Each group will be tasked with reviewing in detail section(s) of the report.
- Each of the groups will focus on key methodological aspects/issues and capacity development.



□ Plenary Session 2- Outcomes of the breakout sessions

- Each group will present detailed summary of the discussions and the outcomes
- Concrete recommendations pertaining to the IA tools and methodologies relevant for the formulation and implementation of inclusive green economy policies in Africa



Expected output from the EGM

The Report of the EGM, including comments, inputs and recommendations for enriching the draft sections of the report on Integrated Assessment Tools and Methodologies for Inclusive Green Economy in Africa



Thank You

