

Promoting Sustainable Development and Decent Work through South-South Cooperation



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Green jobs are decent jobs that contribute to preserving and restoring the environment in traditional sectors such as manufacturing and construction, or in new emerging sectors such as renewable energy and energy efficiency. Country experiences from around the world have shown that the creation of green jobs contributes significantly to sustainable development. They present an effective means to revive economies and create employment. Successful experiences made in one country can thereby be relevant for other countries. South-South cooperation can therefore scale up the impact of measures to promote include green economies.



Promote green entrepreneurship among young women and men through South-South cooperation

Green business start-ups have a beneficial impact on the social and economic situation of young people and on the protection of the natural environment. The Youth Entrepreneurship Facility (YEF) - a partnership between the Africa Commission, the Youth Employment Network (YEN) and the ILO - contributes to the creation of green business opportunities for young men and women in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. Horizontal exchanges through regular knowledge-sharing workshops among countries allows for the replication of successful experiences to promote green entrepreneurship

Developing skills for green jobs through South-South cooperation and vocational training

Developing the right skills for green jobs is the prerequisite for making the transition to a greener economy happen. With the ILO's support, the technical vocational education and training (TVET) institutions of Central America (Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama) and the Dominican Republic have jointly developed learning standards and curricula for green jobs and incorporated them into the national training portfolios.



At the Production site of the Eco Post Recycling Company of the young entrepreneur Lorna Rutto: Plastic material is fed into a molding machine to produce plastic poles



The Central America and Dominican Republic regional network of technical vocational education and training institutions was appraised for its work in developing occupational competency standards in green sectors at a knowledge-sharing forum held within the framework of the 4th Meeting of the Latin American Network for people management for sustainable competencies and organisations.



An electric vehicle prototype built at the Costa Rican National Training Institute with parts from other vehicles, the original design of the chassis, and the bodywork is constructed from tetra pack and other packaging waste collected from a dairy cooperative



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Promoting environmental protection through social protection floors and South-South learning

Combining social protection floors with environmental conservation can generate employment and income opportunities for population groups who are often left out from social programmes. Brazil's bolsa verde (green grant) programme promotes social inclusion and encourages the conservation of Brazilian's ecosystems. In cooperation with the ILO, Brazil will engage in a South-South cooperation project that includes a mapping and sharing of best practices among various countries from the South to help scale up similar programmes in all the countries



Sharing Good Environmental Practices in construction "building renewable energy"

Training of professionals in the construction sector has led to the implementation of good environmental practices on construction sites. The training project provides the skills to build photovoltaic solar bags (independent equipment able to provide electricity by converting solar energy for domestic use), which are then donated to schools that do not have electricity in different rural areas. This Argentinian experience has been shared with workers' unions from the Americas to develop and strengthen similar programmes in their countries.



Visit to the Argentinian Training Centre for Construction Workers by representatives of workers' unions from the Americas. The visit was held in the framework of the Second Conference on Labour and the Environment, 2009. During the study tour different methods for the application of renewable energy were shared with the participants

