

BUILDING AN EQUITABLE GREEN ECONOMY

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- An up-to-date understanding of the **sustainability challenge**
 - *Redrawing the Sustainability Map*
- A **common understanding** of what the Equitable Green Economy means:
 - *Definition*
- A **set of principles** that can guide action
 - *Working Principles*
- An approach that can **translate the principles into action** on the ground
 - *Transformation Framework*

Redrawing the Sustainability Map



- Rio concepts and principles provide a firm basis, but must be revisited, reaffirmed, and reinterpreted in today's reality
- Sustainable development too often seen as a **separate agenda** from mainstream economic development
- Developed countries have seen sustainable development as a **mix of development policies for the poor and environmental policies at home**
- **Redraw the map** of sustainable development: Not only a North-South issue, not only about the environment

Green Economy: A Challenge for All



- Green Economy is about **equitable transformation** in all regions, countries, communities
- An example: *Access to sustainable energy for all*
 - Main challenge for the **South: Access and Security**
 - Main challenge for the **North: Security and Sustainability**
- Green Economy must be the **agenda for a wider group**: Prime Ministers and Ministers in charge of the Economy, not just Environment and Foreign Affairs

Ambition in thematic areas



- Equitable Green Economy must link to specific ambitions and goals for e.g. food, water and energy access and security
- Purpose within each area defined with clear implications and commitments for both the North and the South
 - Eradicate food vulnerability and disparity to build resilience, increase opportunity, and improve health and well-being through sustainable consumption
 - Equitable access to freshwater for human uses within the limits of protection of freshwater resources
 - Energy pathways that target energy deprivation and ensure access to clean and sustainable energy

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Defining the Equitable Green Economy



The Green Economy is not a state but a process of transformation and a constant dynamic progression

The Green Economy does away with the systemic distortions and dis-functionalities of the current mainstream economy

and results in human well-being and equitable access to opportunity for all people, while safeguarding environmental and economic integrity in order to remain within the planet's finite carrying capacity

The Economy cannot be Green without being Equitable

Key points from the definition



- A **transformation process**, not a fixed state
- Not just an add-on to the current mainstream economy - must **do away with its distortions and dis-functionalities**
- Remain within the **planet's carrying capacity**
- Building up of **Green Economies within a framework** of common shared purpose and ambition
- The Economy cannot be **Green** without being **Equitable**

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Working Principles:

A lens to identify the level and nature of ambition



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- A package of **pre-requisites** in place to trigger strategy and action on the key ambitions and goals
- Making sure the necessary **means for action** are available
- Appropriately mandated **institutions** functioning and cooperating across levels
- All actors engaged with required levels of **transparency, accountability, and participation**
- Clear process defined with **timelines, indicators, assessment, and learning**



PRE-REQUISITES

Objectives for the Pre-requisites:

- Sustainable energy infrastructure development
 - Sustainable energy consumption & production systems
 - Trade and IPR for an equitable operating environment
 - Subsidy reform, fiscal policy and incentives for advancing sustainable energy for all
 - Green jobs and decent work for sustainable energy
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MEANS FOR ACTION

Formulating an operational framework with:

- Technology: R&D; Eco-innovation; Development and Diffusion; Performance
 - Capacity Building: Research & Innovation; decentralized management systems; etc.
 - Finance: Mobilisation, Disbursement. Assimilation/Absorption
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CLEAR PROCESS AND TIMELINE

Defining & formulating:

- Timeline: Benchmarked progression on energy access
 - Measurement of process. outcomes, performance
 - Learning
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Ambition for Equity and Sustainable Development: Sustainable Energy for all*

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

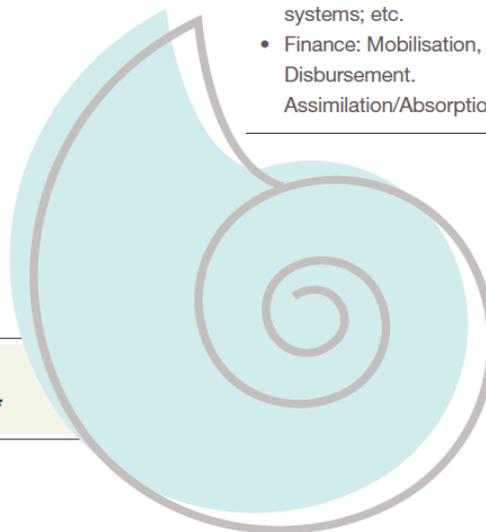
Defining and encompassing:

- Levels linked and collaborating
 - Types (Governance, Dialogue building, Research & Professional, Financial)
 - Decentralised institutional set-up functioning
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ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY AND PARTICIPATION

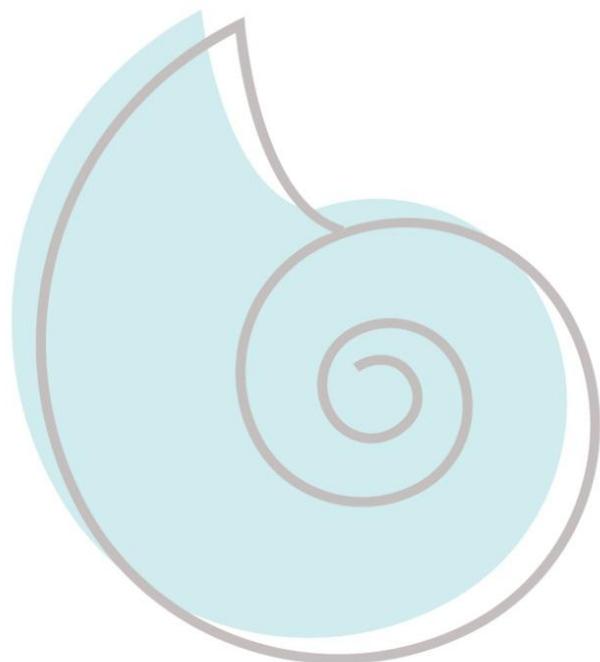
Defining:

- Accountability (who and what kind)
 - Transparency (how and what kind)
 - Participation (who and what kind)
 - Engaging vulnerable groups
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Application in 3 stages



- **Ground realities and problems of the current situation:** Understanding the issue in its national or local context (PROBLEM STATEMENT)
- **Defining Ambition:** Understanding the substance, the ‘what’, to be achieved (OBJECTIVE)
- **Using the working principles as a filter to understand how** an Equitable Green Economy can enable the achievement of the ambition (USING THE TRANSFORMATION FRAMEWORK)

A Case *Sustainable Energy for All: India*



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- **Problem statement**
 - Include perspective of deprivation, disparity, and sustainability
- **Objective:** defining 'sustainable energy for all'
 - Securing access (solving deprivation)
 - Redistributing (dealing with disparity)
 - Cleaning energy sources (securing sustainability)
- **Using the transformation framework**

Using the Transformation Framework



- *Pre-requisites*
 - Fossil fuel subsidies (corporate and household)
- *Means for action*
 - Capacity building: research and innovation, decentralised management systems
- *Institutions*
 - Making the linkages: local – national – regional
- *Accountability and participation*
 - Corporate accountability and community engagement
- *Measurement and Review*
 - Measurement of energy access, redistribution and sources