**SUPPORT FOR GREEN ECONOMY JOINT PROGRAMME PHASE 2 WORK IN GHANA:**

**Integrating green economy into Ghana's medium-term development plan**

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**I. Inclusive Green Economy Phase 1**

Ghana is participating in the first phase of a global UNDP-DESA-UNEP Joint Programme for “Supporting a Green Economy Transition in Developing Countries and LDCs: Building towards Rio+20 and Beyond” funded by the Government of Netherlands. Through the Green Economy Joint Programme (GEJP), UNDP Ghana CO has provided technical and financial support to the Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology and Innovation (MESTI) to help convene national dialogues on inclusive green economy. MESTI considers the activities under the first phase of UNDP support as part of its broader follow-up plan to implement the agreements at Rio+20.

To date, MESTI has convened three meetings. The first meeting in September 2012 was a general briefing for policymakers and development partners on the outcomes of Rio+20 and the implications for Ghana. The meeting also endorsed the need to convene inclusive green economy dialogues in Ghana. The second meeting in October 2012 involved sectoral policy experts from various ministries, departments, agencies, and civil society organizations. The meeting mapped out the recently completed and ongoing public sector initiatives that have relevant green economy elements. It was also agreed that the focus of the effort in 2013 should be towards influencing the successor medium-term development plan (with the current one expiring in 2013). The second expert meeting under the first phase in February 2013 formulated a detailed road map to advocate for mainstreaming inclusive green economy principles into the successor medium-term national development framework. The final dialogue under this meeting was between the Government of Ghana (GoG) and the UN System (June 2013). The dialogue re-affirmed the roadmap and served as a platform for exchanging ideas on how the GoG and UN could strengthen its partnership to achieve sustainable development with green economy as one of the means.

MESTI with the support of UNEP has undertaken a green economy scoping study. The scoping study reviews economic assessments and policy options for a green economy transition with specific emphasis on agriculture and fisheries, forestry, energy and waste management in Ghana. The study was conducted by the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research, University of Ghana. The study notes the high environmental degradation that comes with the high economic growth rate since the 1990s. The current challenges reinforce the need for the country to achieve sustainable development through green economy approaches.

**II. Proposal for Phase 2**

The purpose of Phase 2 is to provide technical support to MESTI and other national partners to implement the road map. Again, this will be part of MESTI’s broader post-Rio+20 follow up. In addition, the inclusion of inclusive green economy considerations in the new medium-term Development Plan is also one of the outputs of the UNDP Ghana CO’s Integrated Work Plan (IWP).

The specific activities that the Phase 2 funding is intended to support are listed in Table 1. UNDP will ensure an integrated programmatic approach to support inclusive green economy approaches that draw on its multi-disciplinary expertise across relevant areas of environment, energy, inclusive growth, poverty reduction, gender, and capacity development, as well as it convening power and ability to facilitate South-South learning, knowledge sharing and access to international experiences and expertise. UNDP will work closely with other UN agencies and other partners to ensure a more coordinated and One UN approach.

A number of activities are also planned under UNEP Green Economy Advisory Services. First, MESTI with the support of UNEP will undertake Green Economy assessment using the Threshold 21 model. This assessment will compare the opportunities of implementing various Green Economy scenarios with business-as-usual in Ghana. Secondly, capacity building activities will be supported to assist in defining a core set of indicators to help the country draw attention to priority issues, set targets and policy goals, assessing impacts of policy interventions, and track progress in transitioning to an inclusive Green Economy. Finally, a study (i.e. Ghana Solar Export Potential Study) will be undertaken to analyze the technical and financial feasibility of solar electricity exports from Ghana.

*Table 1: A roadmap for mainstreaming inclusive green economy approaches in the next medium-term development plan framework (MTDPF)*

| **What** | **How** | **When** | **Who** | **Remarks** |
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| 1. **MTDPF formulation stage** | | | | |
| Presentation on inclusive green economy approaches to National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) leadership | -Personal calls to schedule meeting  -Invitation letter for official meeting | June 2013 | MESTI/EPA /NDPC | Submit strategy paper on GE |
| Develop strategy paper on GE (maximum 10 pages)  and an executive summary (maximum 2 pages) | -Form a 3-5 person group to provide a draft  -Ask experts to provide inputs to the draft  -Circulate draft widely for comments | June 2013 | MESTI/IEPA | International and local consultants to provide inputs |
| Series of meeting with ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) (particularly with the Policy Planning Monitoring and Evaluation Unit) | Obtain more details on meeting schedule by NDPC for MDAs, participate in such meeting and make presentation on GE | July 2013 | MESTI/NDPC | -NDPC to obtain info and provide idea  -Hold a special orientation for Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development (MLGRD) on GE |
| Ensure synergies between GE, CC and SD within MESTI | -MEST to organize an internal meeting to discuss how to synergize GE with other policies  -Look at tools and methodologies to be used for all programmes | June 2013 and all throughout the project | MESTI/IEPA |  |
| Briefing Sessions For Cross-Sectoral Planning Group (CSPG) chairpersons and consultants | Discuss GE with CSPG to facilitate the formulation of GE policies | June-July 2013 | MESTI/NDPC |  |
| Environment and Natural ENRAC Meeting | Provide orientation for ENRAC on GE and furnish members with copies of strategy paper  Discuss key highlights from the scoping study. | July 2013 | MESTI | Undertake this activity during one of the ENRAC quarterly meetings |
| 1. **Planning stage** | | | | |
| Incorporate GE questions into the planning guidelines | Provide broad questions on GE for NDPC checklist that will be provided to MDAs and District Assemblies | After preparation of the next development framework | MESTI/Environment Protection Agency/NDPC/ Energy Commission, Ministry of Energy/ Ministry of Food and Agriculture/  Forestry Commission |  |
| Meeting With MDAs/MMDAs | -Provide orientation on planning guidelines for MDAs and MMDAs with focus on GE (get GE Experts on the NDPC orientation team) | After the preparation of the framework | NDPC with support from MEST I | This meeting should consider the meeting with MMDAs |
| 1. **Budgeting** | | | | |
| Meeting with Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MoFEP) (Budgeting-TPU, Budget Division, Real Sector) | Organize a meeting with MoFEP to discuss options for integrating GE activities in the budget guideline | August 2013 | MESTI/EPA/MoFEP | -Should start with the 2014 budget guidelines (Kwesi Asante to facilitate)  -Guidelines for 2014 will be out in August 2013  - meet with Eva Mends of Budget Division |
| 1. **Cross-cutting activities/outreach** | | | | |
| Wide circulation of GE Strategy Paper | -Send Paper to all MDAs and MMDAs  -Share with ENRAC  -Put it on the websites of MEST,EPA,FC,EC,MC and other | ASAP after preparation of strategy paper | MESTI/EPA | Engage the private sector and civil society organizations |
| Dissemination-Mass Media  MESTI/UNDP Press Corps | -Organize press events to disseminate info on GE  -Identify 1 or 2 good environmental journalists to write feature articles on GE | ASAP after preparation of strategy paper | MESTI/EPA/NDPC |  |

**Green Economy - WorkPlan**

| **Green Economy Transition in Developing Countries and LDC'S** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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|  |  | **1st QTR** | | | **2nd QTR** | | | **3rd QTR** | | | **4th QTR** | | | **Budget** |
| **OUTCOMES/ ACTIVITIES** | **Who** | **J** | **F** | **M** | **A** | **M** | **J** | **J** | **A** | **S** | **O** | **N** | **D** |
| **Output 1: GE Strategic Paper Developed** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 10,000 |
| 1.1 Consultations with NDPC on Green Economy Approaches |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.2 Hire a consultant to draft GE strategy paper |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.3 Consult with experts to obtain their contributions for draft paper |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.4 Circulate draft widely for comments/inputs |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **1.5** Obtain Additional Information for GE Paper |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.5.1 Meetings with MDAs, particularly PPME unit to solicit their inputs |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Output 2: GE Promulgated/Popularised** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 20,000 |
| 2.1 Participate and make presentations on GE in meetings organise by NDPC for MDAs and MMDAs |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.2 Hold special orientation for MLRD on GE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Output 3:GE Synergised with other policies** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3.1 Facilitate synergies between GE, CC and SD within MESTI |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Output 4: GE mainstreamed in sector policies** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 10,000 |
| 4.1 Hold discussions GE with CSPG to facilitate the formulation of GE policies |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4.2 Provide orientation for ENRAC on GE and furnish members with copies of strategy paper and discuss key issues |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Output 5: GE incorporated into Country planning guidelines** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5.1 Provide broad questions on GE for NDPC checklist that will be provided to MDAs and District Assemblies |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Output 6:Project Management** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7,000. |
| 6.1Establish project Management Team |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6.2 prepare periodic reports |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6.3 procure and purchase necessary equipment &consumable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**III. Linkages with GEJP green economy work led by UNEP in Ghana**

UNEP is signing a small-scale funding agreement with MESTI to carry out green economy activities in Ghana as part of the Green Economy Joint Programme. The implementation of the roadmap as outlined above should ideally make use of the outputs from the UNEP-supported work. In particular, the activities planned under Phase 2 will make use of the following outputs:

1. *Green economy assessment*: This is expected to provide a broad quantitative assessment of opportunities and challenges to promote a green economy at the macro-economic level. The implementation of the roadmap as outlined above, in particular the formulation of the advocacy messages, should be based on this analytical work.
2. *A set of green economy indicators*: The UNEP-funded work will develop indicators for environmental issues and targets, policy interventions, and policy impacts on well-being and equity in order to bring attention to priority issues, set targets, monitor progress. The participants of the second expert group on green economy meeting recommended that the same set of indicators could be adopted and incorporated into the planning guidelines so that NDPC will be able to track the implementation of green economy in the different sectors and districts.

Hence it is important that the UNEP and UNDP-supported initiatives are properly sequenced in order to maximize the coherence and achieve a common goal of enabling Ghana to further reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development through inclusive green economy approaches.

1. **Budget**

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Award title: Green economy transition in developing countries and LDCs

Project ID: 82218

Fund: 30000

Donor: 10714

Implementing agency: 1390

Dept. ID: 33605

| **ATLAS Activity** | **Responsible Party/Implementing Agent** | **Source of Funds** | **ERP/ATLAS Budget Description** | | **2013** |
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| Activity : Integrating green economy into Ghana's medium-term development plan | MESTI | MPTF | 71300 | Local consultant | 10,000.00 |
|  |  |  | 71600 | Travel | 19,642.86 |
|  |  |  | 72100 | Contractual services (Companies) | 10,000.00 |
|  |  |  | 72500 | Supplies | 5,000.00 |
|  |  |  | 75100 | GMS (7%) | 3,125.00 |
|  |  |  | 73500 | ISS (5%) | 2,232.14 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 50,000.00 |