

Announcing the DURBAN GROWTH SERIES

*A Series of Roundtables on Country-led Public-Private Partnerships
that Are Catalyzing Private Investment in Clean Energy and Green Growth*

*4-5 December 2011, Durban,
Climate Change Response Expo, Umkhanyakude (Local Government) Pavilion at COP17*

Background

A number of related challenges have accelerated during the last decade: the ongoing economic crisis, stresses on food and water supplies and increasingly evident changes in the climate. These crises share a common thread—the misallocation of capital into non-sustainable assets. Existing policies and markets contributed to this situation, and also offer a path to a solution. A growing number of governments and industries are working together to design policies and market-based approaches that direct limited public capital in such a way as to free up substantial private sector investment that is financially and environmentally sustainable. This sort of green growth enables the generation of new jobs and improves national competitiveness, while also addressing the challenges of climate change and food/water security.

The Durban Growth Series

At the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's 17th Conference of the Parties (COP17) in Durban, the World Economic Forum and the Government of South Africa announce the Durban Growth Series, which will showcase a set of national green growth initiatives that address key negotiation themes, such as adaptation, mitigation, finance and capacity building. The sessions will highlight public/private partnerships that address emerging economy priorities, including economic growth, stimulation of new domestic investment, job creation and sustainable energy and agriculture.

The **objective** of the Series is twofold:

- To demonstrate the potential of public-private partnerships to help emerging economies turn low-carbon strategies into actual, scalable investments, and to discuss how successful programs can be replicated.
- To guide international initiatives under discussion at COP17—including Fast Start Finance, the Green Climate Fund, the Adaptation Framework, the Technology Mechanism and new arrangements for Capacity Building—by showing how countries can leverage private sector investment through public-private partnerships, with the aim of catalysing new investments and national “bottom up” action.

To inform these discussions, government and corporate leaders will present their experiences in scaling up Green Growth Partnerships. Examples will include:

- **National efforts to scale up clean energy**, such as India's National Solar Mission, and emerging efforts in South Africa and Kenya
- **Climate-compatible agriculture**, such as the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania and other African examples
- **Adaptation and national water management**, such as the Water Resources Group partnerships in Jordan, India, Mexico and South Africa

Programme

As a complement to the multilateral negotiations, heads of delegation and international representatives from the public and private sectors will join the South African government and World Economic Forum for a high-level event

that will frame the discussions by highlighting the importance of national action on green growth, and the strengths of public/private collaboration.

The Series will be launched by a Presidential roundtable that will set the political and economic context for national Green Growth action. This will be followed by a series of sessions co-chaired by South African government leaders and the World Economic Forum. Each session will feature case studies that discuss elements of success, including financial innovation, policies, synergies with other sectors, and the role of development institutions. Participants will engage in detailed, pragmatic discussions on successful strategies for implementation. National officials (especially from Sub-Saharan Africa) will provide perspectives on the replicability of the partnerships, and recommend next steps for broader application.

The series will close with a plenary session that synthesizes lessons learned, providing suggestions for how the UNFCCC agenda can be enhanced to help replicate and scale up national green growth partnerships, in Sub-Saharan Africa and globally.

The Durban Growth Series: Country-led Public-Private Partnerships to Catalyze Private Investment in Clean Energy and Green Growth

Programme

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| <p>Sun, 4 Dec
10:15-11:45</p> <p><i>Private session</i></p> <p><i>Climate Change
Response Expo –
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Moderated by: Dominic Waughray, Head of Environmental Initiatives, World Economic Forum
Keynote address by: Jacob Zuma, President of South Africa
Media: allowed, first 15 minutes only</p> |
| <p>Sun, 4 Dec
14:00-15:30</p> <p><i>Private session</i></p> <p><i>Climate Change
Response Expo –
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Pavilion</i></p> | <p>Working Session 1: Clean Energy: National plans that blend public and private finance to scale up renewable energy</p> <p>This private session will explore examples where a combination of domestic low-carbon / green growth planning and targeted international public financing is attracting international and domestic private finance to invest in large-scale renewable energy development. Examples include South Africa, Kenya and the India Solar Mission, among others.</p> <p>Questions to explore include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How do national plans help catalyze opportunities for private investment in renewable energies?• How can international and domestic public finance work with capital markets to scale up investment into renewable energy technologies?• What are the implications for the Green Climate Fund? <p>Opening remarks by: Elizabeth Dipuo Peters, Minister of Energy of South Africa</p> |

Moderated by: Mark Spelman, Global Head of Strategy, Accenture
Size: 60 participants
Media: Not allowed

Mon, 5 Dec
10:00-11:30

Working Session 2: Agriculture and Land Use: National plans for agriculture that increase production and reduce emissions from agriculture and forestry

Private session

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The session will discuss concrete actions linking agriculture-related investments, policies and measures, to the transition to lower carbon-emitting climate resilient growth. This includes ensuring food security under a changing climate covering both adaptation and mitigation. Many suggest that production increases to meet demand could be achieved through intensification, and increased efficiency in production and processing, thereby reducing pressure on land conversion.

Examples will include is climate-compatible agriculture within the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania; and likely other African examples including the COMESA/EAC/SADC program on climate-smart agriculture, and REDD+ and agriculture initiative in Indonesia (TBC).

Opening remarks by: Tina Joemat-Pettersson, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, South Africa
Moderated by: Sean de Cleene, Vice-President, Global Business Initiatives, Yara International
Size: 40 participants
Media: Not allowed

Mon, 5 Dec
14:00-15:30

Working Session 3: Water and Adaptation: National plans to meet future water needs for economic growth

Private session

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This private session will explore examples of country-level partnerships where public-private-expert coalitions are supporting governments develop and take forward national water sector transformation strategies to plan and use water resources more efficiently, adapting to the impacts of climate change and meeting the needs to sustain economic growth and social development. Examples include the country partnerships of the Water Resource Group (India, Mexico, Jordan, South Africa), among others.

Questions to explore include:

- How can governments access neutral, practical and comprehensive economic advice – and information on global best practices – to inform development and implement national water adaptation strategies?
- How can public-private-expert coalitions help build the expertise and capacity at the country level to scale up the experience?

Opening remarks by: Edna Molewa, Minister of Environmental Affairs and Water of South Africa
Moderated by: Jeff Seabright, Vice-President, Environment and Water Resources, The Coca-Cola Company
Size: 40 participants
Media: Not allowed

Mon, 5 Dec
16:00-17:00

Plenary closing session

This panel session will synthesize the lessons learned from the series, and will provide suggestions for how the UNFCCC agenda can be enhanced to help replicate and scale up partnerships.

Public session

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Opening remarks by: Pravin Gordhan, Minister of Finance of South Africa
Moderated by: Dominic Waughray, Head of Environmental Initiatives, World Economic Forum

- Reporting out from the 3 working sessions:
 - Caio Koch-Weser, Vice-Chairman, Deutsche Bank;
 - Salum Shamte, Vice-President, Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions;
 - Usha Rao-Monari, Global Head, Water, Global Infrastructure and Natural Resources Department, International Finance Corporation
- Receiving the read-out:
 - Maite Emily Nkoana-Mashabane, Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa
 - Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC

Q&A and debate with the audience

Closing remarks by: Trevor Manuel, Minister of the National Planning Commission of South Africa

Size: 5-7 panellists; open to broader audience
Media: allowed