



International Training on “Green Growth: Policy Measures and Implementation Tools” November 17th – December 11th, 2015

Organized by the Weitz Center for Development Studies

Green growth is the new revolutionary development paradigm that sustains economic growth while at the same time ensuring climatic and environmental sustainability. It focuses on addressing the root causes of these challenges while ensuring the creation of the necessary channels for resource distribution and access to basic commodities for the impoverished. Developing countries are the key to achieving global green growth in two major ways. Firstly, the potential economic and social impacts of environmental degradation are particularly important for developing countries. They face severe economic, social and ecological threats from energy, food and water insecurity and are the most vulnerable to climate change. They also tend to be more dependent than advanced economies on the exploitation of natural resources for economic growth. Given the centrality of natural assets in low-income countries, green growth policies can reduce vulnerability to environmental risks and increase the livelihood security of the poor. Secondly, although today most developing countries contribute only minor shares to global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions compared to the OECD and major emerging economies, they will increase their emissions if they follow conventional economic growth patterns.

Green growth strategies can help economies and societies become more resilient as they work to meet demands for food production, transport, housing, energy and water. Strategies can help mitigate the impacts of adverse shocks by reducing the intensity of resource consumption and environmental impacts, while alleviating pressure on commodity prices. Green growth also offers competitive advantages to those countries that commit to policy innovations. The global market for green goods and services is vast and growing fast, offering countries the dual benefit of prosperity and job creation.

The international training *Green Growth: Policy Measures and Implementation Tools* is designed to expose participants to new economic tools reflecting costs and benefits of environmental and social impacts, necessary strategies for achieving sustainable consumption and production, measures for climate change mitigation and energy independence, pathways for boosting climate change adaptive capacity and the creation of new engines for economic growth.

The course aims to:

- Provide participants with knowledge, tools and strategies related to green growth
- Inspire and energize participants to be agents for positive change in their countries
- Expose participants to new approaches and opportunities in the field of green growth
- Present Israel as a case study from which to draw valuable lessons about green growth
- Enrich participants with professional skills with which to develop their careers and best benefit their communities and countries
- Connect participants with an international network of professionals in their field

The program will provide participants with knowledge and tools in the following subjects:

- + The conceptual transition to Green Growth
- + Sustainable consumption and production
- + Policy, legislative and regulatory pathways to low emissions development (green licensing and standards, taxation and subsidies, punitive measures)

- + Supportive government measures for green growth (green procurement, grants for greening industry, support for eco-innovation, training)
- + Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

The Israeli experience

On October 23, 2011, the Israel cabinet approved the proposal of the Minister of Environmental Protection and the Minister of Industry, Trade and Labor to prepare a National Green Growth Strategy for the country for the years 2012 – 2020. As of today, the national plan outlines current and future measures for achieving green growth, a review of the cost/benefit of each of the recommended steps, targets and tools for their implementation, and a definition of the economic, social and environmental outcome indicators to track the success of the plan in achieving its targets.

The methodology

Participants will participate in both classroom based lectures and study visits, benefiting from the experience and knowledge of high-level Israeli experts and consultants as well as highly relevant materials from UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank Institute. Israeli case studies and practices will be discussed throughout the program. Additionally, participants will be required to formulate and present a project of interest relevant to the topic of this course. For this purpose, some pre-course work will be required. Detailed instructions will be sent to the selected participants.

Remark: Please take into consideration that the program involves daily walking on the campus as well as during field visits.

Who may apply?

The training targets highly motivated decision makers, policy makers and professionals from developing countries in the fields of transport, energy, water, waste, agriculture, climate change, infrastructure and economic development. It is tailored towards those working in government ministries or local authorities, NGOs and CBOs active in the field of entrepreneurship and startup, development agencies, policy makers of local and foreign investment funds and development banks, business organizations, and academic institutions.

Application Process

- *Candidates must complete the appropriate application forms (including health certificate, declaration etc.) available at the Israeli diplomatic mission in their country, or through the Internet <http://mashav.mfa.gov.il>, www.weitz-center.org. The completed forms should be submitted in **WORD documents** at the Israeli mission in your area and sent to our office (ronit@weitz-center.org) **not later than the morning of September 25th, 2015**. Candidates must also hand in a passport photo by electronic file.*
- **Please make sure that your passport is valid at least until June 2016**

Scholarships

*The scholarship includes: tuition, 25 days with full board accommodation at the Reisfeld Residence located on campus in Rehovot, medical insurance and transportation from/to the airport in Israel. MASHAV assumes responsibility for the cost of participants' medical insurance for the duration of the course **excluding costs arising from dental care, pregnancy, eyeglasses and chronic illnesses**.*

MASHAV and the Weitz Center are not responsible in case of lost or stolen personal belongings.

*The scholarship does not include flight tickets and additional out of pocket expenses. It should be taken into account when booking the flight tickets that **the scholarship covers exclusively from 17.11.15 (opening day) to the morning of 11.12.15 (day of departure)**. Any liability or expense out of this term shall be entirely at the expense of the participant.*

About MASHAV

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building by sharing Israel's own development experience and expertise, imparting know-how and transferring innovative technologies and tested methodologies adaptable to developing country needs. MASHAV's approach is to ensure social, economic and environmental sustainable development, joining the international community's efforts to implement the Millennium Development Goals by 2015. In events of natural disasters, MASHAV also provides humanitarian assistance and participates in reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts.

About Weitz Center

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