



JOINT MEDIA ADVISORY

“Promoting Inclusive Green Growth and building a Green Grow Economy as means to achieve sustainable development:

Perspectives on Opportunities and Challenges faced by Africa’s Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States”

INVITATION TO THE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

When: June 18, 2012

Where: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Who: The event is being organized by the United Nation Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (UN-OSAA) together with the sponsoring partners: AUC, NEPAD Agency, UNEP, AfDB, UNECA, UN-OHRLLS, UN-DPI, UNDP, Government of the State of Sao Paulo Brazil, the united Republic of Tanzania, and Tunisia.

Objectives: The Side Event will provide a platform to discuss and identify opportunities, gaps, and challenges for advancing a green economy transition in Africa tailored to its specific development needs. The event will consider national experiences; socio-economic development strategies and policies; skills, human institutional capacities; means of implementation; and critical issues and challenges that countries face, and possible ways to address them.

Background: Promoting inclusive green growth and building a green economy is about ensuring quality of growth and enabling the transition to sustainable development pathway in Africa. Over the last decade the African continent has experienced rapid economic growth. However, this growth has been uneven across sub-regional countries and sectors. African Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) continue to be confronted with persistent poverty and high unemployment while the resource basis for many productive sectors faces increasingly the consequences of climate change, desertification, deforestation, soil erosion and loss of biodiversity. Further, political instability and conflicts throughout the continent exacerbate the severity of poverty and climate change impacts on population. In this context, there is an urgent need to maintain the continents’ recent economic momentum, while ensuring that Africa’s growing population benefits from development in a sustainable manner and reducing the vulnerability to current and emerging environmental and socio-economic risks.

Over the past three years, analytical work and reports in green economy and green growth by various regional and multilateral agencies and various international research institutions have demonstrated that the green economy can be a means - perhaps one of the most important drivers - to achieve sustainable development.

Participants: United Nations Members States, UN system agencies and other international development partners, private sector and civil society representatives.

Journalists are invited to attend and cover the event on 18 June 2012 from 13:30 to 15:00 at T-3, Rio-Centro, in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

More information on:

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