



Introduction **to Inclusive Green Economy**

A PAGE e-learning course

Syllabus



Background

Most of us agree that our economies and lifestyles need to embark on a greener development path.

But what does greening an economy mean? Which opportunities exist to advance sustainable development? What challenges lie ahead along this path?

You have already taken the first step on this journey by beginning to think about these questions. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres remarked that *“those that will be betting on the inclusive green economy, will be the ones that have a leading role in the economy of the 21st century”*.

This free e-learning experience has been designed to equip you with a mental compass as you seek answers to basic questions about inclusive green economies. The course has been developed under the **Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE)** which brings together five UN agencies – **UN Environment, International Labour Organization, UN Development Programme, UN Industrial Development Organization**, and **UNITAR**. PAGE works toward putting sustainability at the heart of economic policies and practices to advance the 2030 Agenda.

Target Audience

The course provides clear, concise and up-to-date information for anybody interested in obtaining a general understanding about inclusive green economies. The course should be of particular interest to the following audiences:

- Civil servants in national ministries, sub-national departments and local authorities
- Environmental managers in private sector and civil society organizations
- Faculty, researchers and students
- Interested citizens

Learning Objectives

The course enables learners to familiarize themselves with the rationale and core concepts guiding an inclusive green economy. It discusses both opportunities and challenges at global and national level to achieve low-carbon, resource efficient and socially inclusive development.

After completing the course, participants will be able to:

- Describe the rationale and core concepts for realizing an inclusive green economy against business-as-usual practices
- Identify enabling conditions for greening national economies
- Outline principal opportunities and challenges in key sectors
- Provide examples of national strategies and planning to advance an inclusive green economy
- Distinguish international frameworks and initiatives in support of an inclusive green economy

Methodology and Format

The course is self-paced and not moderated. It is divided into five modules to help reach the learning objectives. The modules are self-standing. While a completion sequence is proposed, learners can select modules based on individual preferences. Throughout the course, learners will be provided with references and publications on inclusive green economy if more in-depth study is desired. A glossary contains definitions of relevant concepts and technical terms.

Each module features an interactive lesson, video and quiz. The interactive lessons are completed with the purpose of achieving module-specific learning objectives, and contain around 30 slides of content supported by case studies, videos, external links and exercises. The lessons take approximately 1 hour to complete.

The videos take the participants on a fictitious tour with the company of two good friends. These friends will relate economic, social and environmental circumstances they encounter in daily life to the inclusive green economy concepts and applications discussed in the modules. They are neither policymakers nor professors, but they have a genuine curiosity to understand how economies can be transformed to become more resource-efficient, equitable and low-carbon.

The quizzes assess the achievement of the learning objectives for each module. They can be completed at any time. Each quiz can be attempted a maximum of three times. Once the five module quizzes are passed with at least 70% each, the learner can download a certificate of completion from the course home page.

Participants will be requested to provide feedback on the course by filling in a survey.

Certification

To receive a certificate of completion, all five modules must be completed and the associated quizzes successfully passed.

Course Structure and Content

The course is structured around five modules:

1. **Understanding where we are** – The rationale for advancing an inclusive green economy
2. **Focusing on the instruments** – Enabling conditions for structural change
3. **Sighting the destination** – Key sectors with high greening potential
4. **Devising a pathway** – Strategies and planning for reaching policy objectives
5. **A helping environment** – International frameworks and initiatives to support an inclusive green economy

Module 1

Understanding where we are

The rationale for advancing an inclusive green economy

Learning objectives

After completing the module, participants will be able to:

- Discuss how economic policies can foster economic growth while improving environmental and social conditions
- Describe the rationale for developing inclusive green economies
- Depict the relation between the inclusive green economy concept and the 2030 Agenda

Sections

1. Rethinking an economic paradigm
2. The rationale for embarking on the green transition
3. The 2030 Agenda and how inclusive green economies contribute to it

Module 2

Focusing on the instruments

Enabling conditions for structural change

Learning objectives

After completing the module, participants will be able to:

- Differentiate appropriate policy tools to advance inclusive green economies
- Explain the importance of private finance for realizing inclusive green economies
- Indicate how capacity development can support the green transition

Sections

1. Promoting smarter public financial flows
2. Establishing sound regulatory frameworks
3. International regulatory mechanisms
4. Mobilizing private finance
5. Enabling change agents through capacity development

Module 3

Sighting the destination

Key sectors with high greening potential

Learning objectives

After completing the module, participants will be able to:

- Identify key sectors with high greening potential
- Name principal opportunities and challenges of greening key sectors
- Outline options for intervention relevant for the green transition

Sections

1. National context of sustainable development
2. Investing in natural capital
3. Investing in built capital

Module 4

Devising a pathway

Strategies and planning for reaching green economy policy objectives

Learning objectives

After completing the module, participants will be able to:

- Illustrate the role of diverse stakeholders in a green transition
- Identify approaches for ensuring a participatory process
- Provide examples of national strategies and planning

Sections

1. Engaging stakeholders in a green transition
2. Integrating green considerations in development planning

Module 5

A helping environment

International frameworks and initiatives in support of inclusive green economies

Learning objectives

After completing the module, participants will be able to:

- Describe major international frameworks guiding efforts towards inclusive green economies
- Highlight green economy efforts from development finance institutions
- Outline supporting initiatives at global and regional level

Sections

1. International frameworks guiding the green transition
2. Development finance for an inclusive green economy
3. Inclusive green economy initiatives around the world

Technical Requirements

Browser:

- The course works best with Firefox 50 or higher
free download: <https://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/new/>
- The course is also compatible with Google Chrome
free download: <https://www.google.com/intl/en/chrome/>
- For technical reasons, it is not recommended to use Internet Explorer
- Note JavaScript & Cookies must be enabled

Platform:

Windows 95, 98, 2000, NT, ME, XP or superior; MacOS 9 or MacOS X

Hardware: 64 MB of RAM, 1 GB of free disk space

Modem: 128 K

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