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Going small to go big: Greening small enterprises to unlock an inclusive transition to Green Economies

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Development Alternatives, New Delhi, India

A global transition to greener economies is underway. Global investment in renewable energy hit record levels last year; international businesses are signing up to more ambitious climate targets; and financial flows are starting to divert away from polluting and environmentally damaging activities.

But for this transition to go to scale it must reach our local economies. Micro and small enterprises constitute the largest share of private businesses and account for the bulk of employment the world over. Smaller enterprises provide local services, generate jobs and livelihoods, and support local economic resilience – as such they are the backbone of our economies.

The GEC Global Meeting 2020 is focused the role of local enterprises in driving and benefitting from the transition to Inclusive Green Economies.

Co-hosted with our partners, Development Alternatives, the Global Meeting 2020 will take place in India – a country that stands at a crucial crossroads in their development. With a large, young population and entrepreneurial workforce, it is set to become a 6 trillion USD dollar economy in the next decade. But India's natural assets – it's soils, rivers, forests – are in a dire state. At the same time, the increasing disparities in income and wealth are becoming huge and socially threatening.

For India, the urgent challenge is to support the 36 million small enterprises that make up the economy to flourish, while at the same time radically reducing the country's environmental footprint. India's policy experiences as they have started to green local enterprises hold key lessons for all decision makers, civil society and businesses the world over.

Rooting our learning in real contexts and existing solutions, the Global Meeting 2020 will answer the question: **How to green local enterprises at scale and speed?** Participants will:

- ✓ Hear the latest evidence of why inclusion is so essential for unlocking the transition to green economies.
- ✓ Interact directly with networks of small enterprises to understand their realities.
- ✓ Share experiences of policy solutions and business approaches that are working in different national and local contexts.
- ✓ Take stock of some of the key global developments set to shape local economic development.

Space is limited so please sign up via the [registration page](#). For more information please contact:

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4th February Day I: Taking stock

Focus: What have we learnt are the core components of 'inclusive' green economic development from a global perspective?

8.30 - 9.00	Registration & Networking
9.00 – 10.00	Meeting Opening & Welcome Learning from ten years of experience as a global coalition, in our opening session will answer why 'inclusion' is so critical to the transition to greener economies.
10.00 – 11.30	Taking stock of Inclusive Green Economy transitions Hear experiences of inclusive transitions as they are happening around the world via the GEC hub partners based in Peru, Caribbean, South Africa, Uganda, Senegal, Mongolia and India.
11.30 - 13.00	How smaller enterprises are building an inclusive transition A closer examination of the role that green micro, small and medium sized enterprises play in accelerating the transition towards Inclusive Green Economies. What policies and approaches are enabling small green enterprises in different contexts? What are the barriers and the sticking points, and how are they being overcome?
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch & Networking
14.30 - 16.30	The global transition Taking a step back, we will look at the major trends, investment flows and policy changes on the global green economy horizon globally and nationally. What do these changes mean for us all? How can we track this transition across different geographies? And how to we grow our movement so that it is commensurate with the scale of the challenges?
16-30- 17:00	Reflections from the day



5th February Day II: Building solidarity

Focus: In what ways are diverse local green enterprises being supported to flourish in India? And how do those experiences tally with other national experiences?

8.30 - 9.00	Registration & Networking
9.00 – 10.30	National perspectives on Local Green Enterprises A deeper dive into the Indian experience as national networks, thinkers and micro, small and medium sized enterprise aggregators share their experience on working with smaller enterprises, and together we take a closer look at the policy implications of different models already in existence.
10.30 – 13.00	Enterprise Fair (<i>Mela</i>) and Talk shops (<i>Chaupal</i>) in parallel An opportunity to walk through an enterprise fair and interact directly with small green enterprises, their aggregators and support organisations in order to understand their journeys and realities.
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch & Networking
14.30 – 16.30	What's working, what's not Synthesis of findings to build into thematic recommendations with particular attention to financing green enterprises, sustainable public procurement, triple bottom line accounting and impact. Together we will tease out the barriers and enabling conditions.
16.30 – 17.00	Panel reactions on recommendations and insights Commentators representing policy makers, international governance organisations and investors will react to the recommendations and insights generated through the discussions.
17.00	The India Statement Together we will draft and present a collective statement on empowering small green enterprises for an Inclusive Green Economy to present to national and global decision makers through the GEC network.



6th February **Day III: Building synergy**

Focus: What are the priorities for supporting local green enterprises to drive the transition to Green Economies?

8.30 - 9.00	Coffee & Networking
9.00 – 10.00	Welcome & Opening keynote
10.00 – 11.30	Inclusion in India’s growth model <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Government of India• UNPAGE India• GEC India Reading out and signing of the India Statement
11.30 - 13.30	Working group sessions <p>Together, we will focus on the key themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financing local green enterprises• Sustainable public procurement approaches• Triple bottom line impact of green local enterprises
13.30 - 14.30	Lunch & Networking
14.30 - 16.30	Panel discussion <p>Presentations from the three technical sessions to the Plenary, followed by a Panel Session, reflecting on the policy asks and recommendations</p>
16.30- 17:30	Meeting Close and Valedictory Session

