ENSURING GREEN GROWTH HELPS THE POOREST

WHY?

ECONOMIC GROWTH IS FAILING THE POOREST AND THE PLANET

Green growth has some of the solutions. But it will not help the poorest if:

- It does not start where people already live and work
- It involves only high tech solutions
- It focuses only on carbon emissions
- It is driven by big companies and institutions
- It relies on ‘trickle down’ economic growth

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FOUR PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITY ACTIONS

PRO–POOR INCLUSIVE GREEN GROWTH: EXPERIENCE AND A NEW AGENDA


For green growth to help the poorest it needs to guide structural reform towards

1 | Inclusive, integrated governance
- Multi-stakeholder policy platforms prioritize dialogue and interdisciplinary diagnosis
- Learning and continuous improvement
- Institutions become better linked - away from silos towards closer cross-sector and cross-hierarchy coherence

2 | Empowerment of marginalised people
- Poor people’s rights, knowledge and assets are recognised and strengthened
- The informal economy – where up to 80% of people work – is recognised and supported to become inclusive and green

3 | Inclusive, accessible finance
- Prioritize micro-finance/insurance, mobile banking and social protection schemes
- Limit Green Growth transition costs borne by poor
- Merge natural resource revenues for poverty reduction and for future flows

4 | Metrics for inclusive Green Growth
- Agree and mainstream key measures that matter most (SDGs)
- Align progress metrics across government, business and civil society frameworks

Pro-poor inclusive green growth: experience and a new agenda


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