



# Green Jobs in Asia Project Overview

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## Green Jobs

### The two defining challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century

- Averting dangerous climate change and protecting life-support on earth
- Creating jobs, decent work, well-being and dignity for the excluded



# The two challenges are connected

## Climate change / environmental degradation:

Measures to address  
vulnerability to Climate  
Change (adaptation)

Policies to avoid  
dangerous climate change  
(mitigation)

Protecting environmental  
resources



## Employment and social challenges:

Changing employment  
needs eg. Green skills

Poverty and environmental  
degradation

Population pressures on  
natural resources

Increasing energy use

# What do we mean by decent work?

The ILO's Decent Work Agenda provides a framework with four strategic objectives:

1. Fundamental principles and rights at work and labour standards
2. Employment and income opportunities
3. Social protection and social security
4. Social dialogue and tripartism

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## Green Jobs

- **Green Jobs** can be defined as

the employment created in economic sectors and activities, which reduces their environmental impact and ultimately brings it down to levels that are sustainable.

**Green Jobs** are  
**decent jobs that contribute to  
environmental sustainability**

# What are green jobs?

**Green Jobs = Environmentally Sustainable + Decent**

## **GREEN**

Activities that are  
environmentally sustainable

- Low-carbon (mitigation)
- Climate resilient (adaptation)
- Environmentally-friendly (minimizing waste and pollution, protecting biodiversity...)

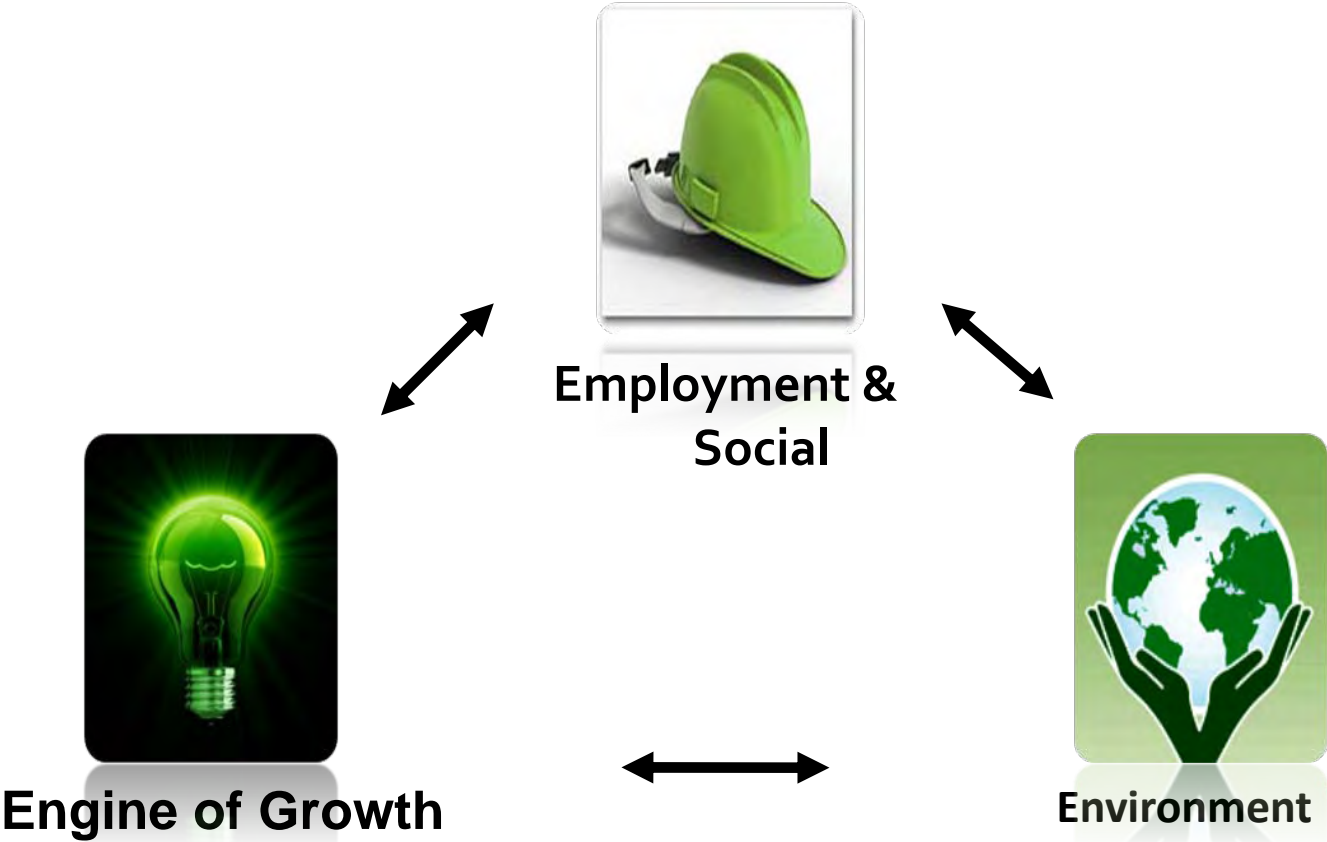
## **JOBS**

Decent work is defined by the ILO as:

“Opportunities for women and men to obtain productive work in conditions of freedom, equity, security and human dignity”

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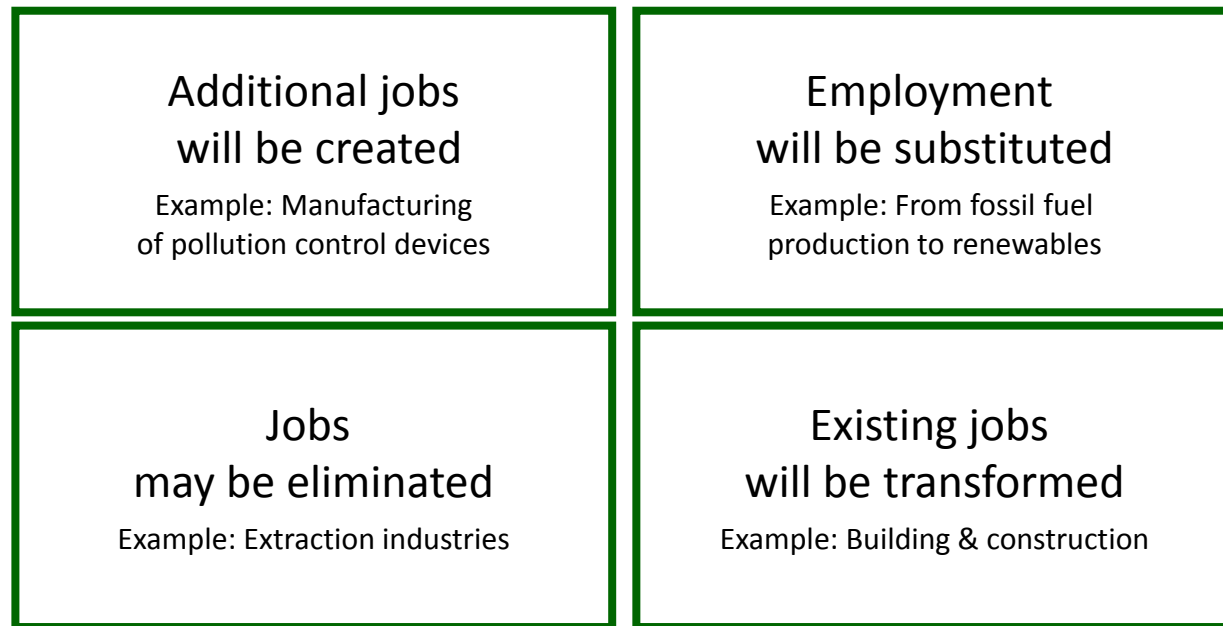
## Sustainable Development



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## Green Jobs

Ensuring the impact of climate change and green growth on employment is a positive one





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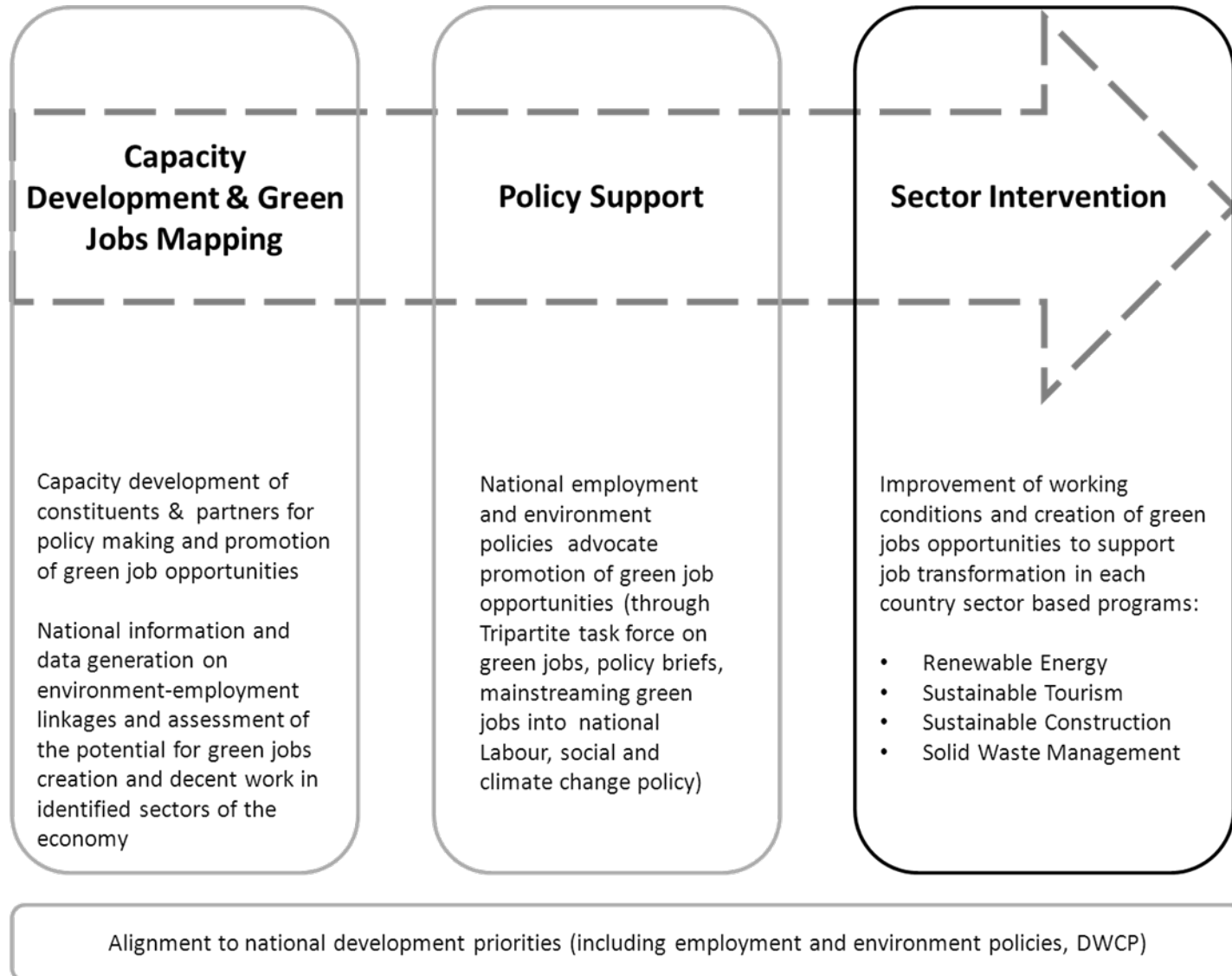
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- **Objective**

To deepen ILO constituents understanding and commitments for the promotion of gender sensitive green jobs opportunities and a just transition for workers and employers towards a low-carbon, climate resilient, environmentally friendly development

- **Target Countries:** Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nepal, Philippines and Sri Lanka
- **Budget:** AUD 3 Million (August 2010 – June 2012)
- **Donor Agency:** Government of Australia

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## Project Components

**Objective 1:**  
Increased  
access to data  
& info on green  
jobs, good  
practices and  
training

→ National conference on green jobs

→ Econometrics study on environment  
-employment -economy linkages

→ Training/information program of ILO  
constituents & addressing particular  
needs of the social partners

→ Regional knowledge portal

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## Project Components

### **Objective 2:**

Green jobs mainstreamed in national labour and social policy of participating countries

→ Setting-up or integration into existing structures of a tripartite task force on green jobs

→ National policy briefs

→ Mainstreaming green jobs into Decent Work CP

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## Project Components

**Objective 3:**  
Strengthened  
framework for  
green jobs  
employment  
promotion in  
specific sectors  
in target  
countries

→ Bangladesh: Renewable energy

→ Indonesia: Sustainable tourism

→ Sri Lanka: Waste management

→ Philippines: Sustainable social housing construction

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## Sectoral Project Overview: Bangladesh

- **Main Products:**
  - Solar Home System (SHS)
- **Scope:** Solar technicians/entrepreneurs
- **Target Areas:** Technical Training Centers in 10 rural areas
- **Main Partners:** ILO Constituents & Grameen Shakti/Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training/Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (IDCOL)
- **Strategic fit:**
  - Renewable Energy Policy (2008): development of renewable energy resources to meet 10% of the national demand for power by 2020
  - Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan (2009): promotion of low-carbon development pathways through renewable energy

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## Sectoral Project Overview: Sri Lanka

- **Main Products:**
  - Composting
  - Plastic recycling
- **Scope:** Solid waste management operators
- **Target Areas:** Western Province
- **Main Partners:** ILO Constituents & Ministry of Environment/  
Western Province Solid Waste Management  
Authority/National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
- **Strategic fit:**
  - National 'Pilisaru Project' to address solid waste management issues
  - Western Province Solid Waste Management covering 7 zones
  - The National Environment Action Plan for Haritha Lanka with its focus on waste management

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## Sectoral Project Overview: Philippines

- **Main Products:**
  - Modified concrete hollow block for walling systems
  - Coco coir nets (erosion control)
- **Scope:** Green construction workers
- **Target Areas:** Montalban (Rodriguez, Rizal)
- **Main Partners:** ILO Constituents & National Housing Authority/  
Department of Labor and Employment/Local Government  
(Montalban, Rodriguez, Rizal)
  - Private sector: Philippine Green Building Council(PGBC)/BAQUE Corporation, Inc.
- **Strategic fit:**
  - Philippine Development Plan for 2011-2016 (decent and affordable housing)
  - National Housing scheme with focus on construction of socialized housing
  - National Climate Change Action Plan (adaptive housing)



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## Sectoral Project Overview: Indonesia

- **Main Products:**
  - Green/er homestays
  - Ecotourism
- **Scope:** Sustainable tourism operators
- **Target Areas:** North Sumatra & East Java (with potential for further expansion)
- **Main Partners:** ILO Constituents & Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy/Ministry of Environment/National Climate Change Council
  - Provincial and District Governments
- **Strategic fit:** Promotion of local Destination Management Organizations (DMOs)

# Thank You

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