



Green Transition and Poverty Alleviation in Least Developed Countries (LDCs): Taking Stock of LDC-IV

CUTS-FES Joint Breakout Session
during the UNCTAD Public Symposium on
“Making Trade and Finance Work for People and the Planet”

Palais des Nations, Room XXV, Geneva, Thursday, 23 June 2011,
14:30 pm – 16:30 pm

Experts present: Charles GORE (UNCTAD Geneva), Asad NAQVI
(UNEP Geneva) and Gerhard SCHORIES (ttz Bremerhaven).

The event will combine one of the major topics of the Public Symposium, “fair transition to a green economy”, with outcomes from the fourth UN-Conference on LDCs held in May 2011 (LDC-IV).

Which progress has been made on the way to a green economy for LDCs? How “green” is the Plan of Action deriving from the LDC-IV conference? This session will focus on the specific needs and interests of the group of least developed countries to establish green economies.

Background:

LDCs are faced with a number of challenges that were worsened by the recent financial and economic crises. In addition they are particularly vulnerable to effects of climate change such as drought, desertification, floods, loss of biodiversity and others.

This situation calls for strategies and concrete action to redress and/or mitigate the challenges and achieve the transition towards a sustainable and poverty reducing green economy.

Objectives:

- To evaluate the LDC IV outcomes and the resulting Plan of Action in the context of LDC needs and interests.
(Charles GORE, UNCTAD Geneva)
- To present and share ideas on concrete work being undertaken in LDCs to facilitate transformation into green economies. **(Gerhard SCHORIES, ttz Bremerhaven)**
- To discuss poverty related issues, their implications to the environment in the LDCs and possible strategies and initiatives to ensure inclusive resolution of this challenge.
(Asad NAQVI, UNEP Geneva)

The breakout session will be moderated by Ramamurti Badrinath and Matthes Buhbe. It is meant for representatives of governments, international organizations, NGOs, research institutions and media.