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Towards a resource efficient, low carbon and pro-employment growth path

Side Event Report: Moving towards a green economy

South Africa through its Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) co-hosted the side event entitled "Moving towards a Green Economy" along the fringes of Durban UNFCCC COP 17/CMP7 on 2 December 2011 at the Africa Pavilion.

H.E. Ms. Rejoice Mabudafhasi, Deputy Minister for Water and Environmental Affairs opened the event and presented the context in which South Africa was taking the initiative to conduct a quantitative assessment of its green economy effort. On behalf of Deputy Executive Director, Ms. Amina Mohamed, Mr Nick Nuttall Spokesperson of the Executive Director provided the UNEP perspective. Mr. Cecil Morden, Chief Director, Economic Tax Analysis, discussed National Treasury initiatives on environmental fiscal policy and market-based instruments. Ms. Mapula Tshangela, Director for Sustainable Development & Green Economy at DEA presented green economy perspective and the roadmap for conducting the green economy assessment, priorities identified, partners involved and steps that have taken place so far. Based on that roadmap, the aim is to produce initial results in early 2012 and to produce a report in March 2012. Dr Moustapha Kamal Gueye, UNEP Acting Head, Green Economy Advisory Services Unit



provided an overall green economy modelling for UNEP green economy report and other tailor made reports including for USA, Denmark, Costa Rica, Mali and China. Mr. Cleopus Wangombe, Senior Economist at Kenya Ministry of Planning, National Development and Vision 2030 and T21 Kenya Core Team Leader, presented Kenya's experience in employing the T21 model in its climate change adaptation programme, under the Africa Adaption Programme. Mr. Jean-Charles Hourcade, Director of CIRED (Centre International de Recherche sur l'Environnement et le Development) in France described the IMACLIM Platform, a modelling tool that CIRED developed and is proposing to BRICS countries including South Africa. Ms. Anna Sanchez, Expert in ILO Green Jobs Programme, described ILO's engagement in South Africa and opportunities to build on the green jobs assessment conducted under the Green Economy Accord approved by Government and social actors in South Africa in November 2011.

In the discussions and exchanges that followed the panel presentations, several questions, comments and contributions were made on the green economy report, South Africa's green economy programme and collaboration among various institutions. This side event provided a platform to forge new partnerships including with Kenya that already completed their T21 Green Economy Modeling through UNEP and Millennium Institute.

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