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## Ethiopia Proud First African Host of Global Green Growth Week

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Dr. Gemedo Dalle, Minister, MEFCC in the middle; Kebede Yemam, State Minister, Forest Sector in the right.

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Over 500 global representatives are in Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa for the first ever Global Green Growth Week (GGGWeek2017) to be hosted on the African continent.

High-level ministers, thought leaders, institutional investors and decision makers seeking to scale up green growth in Africa and around the world will gather from 17 to 20 October for the event at the UN Conference Center, Addis Ababa, under the theme 'Unlocking Africa's Green Growth Potential'.

"The purpose of the meeting is to strengthen multilateral relationships and jointly reduce the effect of climate change," Dr. Gemedo Dalle, Minister of Ethiopia's Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MEFCC), announced during a 16 October press conference in the capital. The event is being hosted by the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) in collaboration with the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

Gemedo expressed pride at the opportunity for Ethiopia to co-host the event, noting that this was a result of the country's commitment to achieving so many green growth initiatives that can serve as a model for Africa and the world at large. He also highlighted Ethiopia's role in leading Least Developed Countries Group under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as a chairman for two years starting this year.

He emphasised Ethiopia's successes at mobilizing domestic resources to implement the Climate Resilient Green Economy (CRGE) aligned with National Policies and Strategies.

"If we just depend on foreign funding, we will not go far," Gemedo said.

Ethiopia's CRGE Facility case will be among the 20 specialised sessions during the week that will highlight global and African green growth innovations, policies and strategies.

Dr. Frank Rijsberman, GGGI Director General, highlighted the organisation's supporting role to Ethiopia towards the approval of USD45 million in financing from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for a project developed by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Cooperation (MOFEC) in cooperation with MEFCC.

"GGGI does not work on just plans. We want to move those plans to action," Rijsberman said.

Over the last two years GGGI has mobilized USD100 million as part of its 2015 – 2020 Strategic Plan. The organisation has ambitious plans to mobilize USD2.5 billion by 2020 in GCF for members.

## Global Green Growth Week 2017 Kicks Off in Addis Ababa

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The Global Green Growth Week 2017 (#GGGWeek2017), in its second year, will take place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from October 17 – 20 to discuss ways to scale up green growth in Africa and around the world. Jointly organized by the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) and the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the four-day event will serve as a platform bringing together over 300 high-level ministers, thought leaders, institutional investors and

decision makers to catalyze creative solutions for transformational green growth in Africa and the world over. The discussions will revolve around achieving Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Agreement and making progress on the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals.

Under the theme 'Unlocking Africa's Green Growth Potential', #GGGWeek2017 will focus on addressing a number of green...

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## Lancement de la Semaine mondiale de la croissance verte 2017 à Addis-Abeba

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La Semaine mondiale de la croissance verte 2017 (#GGGWeek2017), rendue à sa deuxième année, se tiendra à Addis-Abeba, Éthiopie, du 17 au 20 octobre pour débattre des moyens de renforcer la croissance verte en Afrique et dans le monde. Cet événement de quatre jours, organisé conjointement par l'Institut mondial de la croissance verte (GGGI) et la République fédérale démocratique d'Éthiopie, servira de plate-forme de concertation entre plus de

300 ministres de haut rang, les leaders d'opinion, les investisseurs institutionnels et les décideurs pour stimuler des solutions créatives pour une croissance verte transformationnelle en Afrique et dans le monde. Les discussions porteront sur l'obtention de contributions déterminées au niveau national (CDN), l'Accord de Paris et sur les progrès réalisés sur les objectifs de développement durable de l'ONU.

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Solar power and Energy Saving Solution Are vital for Africa's Green Growth .

Credit: Wambi Michael

# Public-Private Partnerships for Clean Energy Starting to Show Results

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By Wambi Michael

The Africa Economic Outlook projects Africa's 2018 GDP growth at 4.3% with East Africa leading at 6%. However, the report also cites inadequate critical infrastructure as a major obstacle with four of five East Africans without access to electricity.

Reduced rainfall and increased evaporation are an added threat for hydropower systems in the region, which includes Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, Ethiopia and South Sudan.

The region has vast unexploited renewable energy resources -- solar, biomass, geothermal, wind -- but financing remains a major obstacle. To achieve green growth, East Africa and the rest of the continent are exploring private sector financing through public-private partnerships as a potential solution to sustainable and inclusive development.

African Development Bank President Akinwumi Adesina, speaking at Global Green Growth Forum 2016 Copenhagen, Denmark, stressed the importance of ensuring mechanisms that will encourage private sector investment in sustainable development. During the panel

discussion on "Accelerating Financial Investments in Sustainable Growth", President Adesina highlighted the Bank's plan to lead the way on green growth and to triple its climate finance to USD5 billion per year. Additionally, he raised The Bank's plans to leverage about USD20 billion in private and public sector investments in climate mitigation and adaptation by 2020.

"It is not a question of the demand not being there, but how you structure the projects and bring them to bankability. Africa needs relevant and sustainable projects," he said during the Forum.

Just last week, AfDB delivered on its commitment when it announced

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that it had issued its first "Light Up and Power Africa" bond worth USD90 million. Bought by Japanese insurance firm Dai-ichi, the bond will contribute to AfDB's goal of achieving

universal electricity access in Africa by 2025, one of its "High Fives" for transforming Africa. In remarks delivered at the Japan Energy Initiative in July, Adesina said, "Japan has answered our call to make it easier for African governments to adopt a balanced energy mix of all available energy sources and technologies, including the best low-emitting clean coal technologies, where they form part of a least-cost sector development plan".

The Bank funded Kenya's Lake Turkana wind power project aimed at increasing the country's power generation capacity, and clean affordable energy.

But while independent power producers are considered more efficient than state-owned producers, the cost tends to be higher to consumers. Governments

also consider power generation as a strategic sector that should remain in state hands. This is a complex sector in which finance, economics and social considerations mix.

## Green Growth Priorities at a Glance

### Energy



A fundamental transformation in the global energy sector is key to driving economic growth, meeting growing demand, reducing energy poverty, and addressing future climate risk. Innovative approaches to business models, financing systems, and regulatory and policy frameworks will be necessary to ensure that these opportunities and challenges are addressed in a green and sustainable manner.

### Water



Water presents diverse social impacts and is critical to agricultural, industrial and energy production. Green growth demands action to address issues impacting water availability and use by encouraging water-related innovation in industries and investment in green urban infrastructure, and through integration with policies on water allocation in economic sectors.

### Land-use



Approximately 2.6 billion people across the globe rely on agriculture for their livelihoods; therefore, land-use and land degradation have a direct impact on social welfare and pose a significant challenge to efforts aimed at reducing poverty and enhancing food security. A critical green growth approach is to develop and implement approaches in the agriculture and forestry sectors that can improve food security, create sustainable jobs, and introduce innovative technology for better resource efficiency and productivity.

### Green City Development



With over half of today's global population now living in urban areas, cities consume 70% of global energy and produce between 60% and 80% of all global greenhouse gas emissions. Green growth strategies prioritise work with developing and emerging countries to avoid lock-in to low-density and inefficient cities, and develop the analytical, institutional, and financial capacity to plan green cities that are compact, connected, and coordinated.

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Uganda's former Finance Minister, Maria Kiwanuka firmly believes that Africa's green growth should be funded by the private sector with these considerations in mind. "I think we can fund all our power requirements as long as we emphasize the least cost power development plans. As long as we emphasize leading with the productive use of electricity and then cross subsidizing to households and disadvantaged groups" she said.

Kiwanuka observed that countries like Uganda have put a lot of

emphasis on power generation but the private sector can play a role in distributing the power to areas where it is needed. She was one of the panelists at Future Energy Uganda Conference in mid-September on the theme "Attracting business opportunities and investments in the Energy Sector".

Sabine Dall'Omo, CEO of Siemens Southern and Eastern Africa concurs, and also points to the need for a good regulatory framework from governments. "Uganda is one...

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# Lancement de la Semaine mondiale de la croissance verte 2017 à Addis-Abeba

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...Organisé sous le thème « Exploiter le potentiel de la croissance verte de l'Afrique », #GGGWeek2017 se planchera sur un certain nombre de sujets relatifs à la croissance verte : mobilisation du financement vert / climatique pour des projets bancables dans les pays en développement ; gestion durable des ressources pour résoudre les problèmes qui menacent la sécurité alimentaire et hydrique ; et élaboration et adoption des politiques qui assurent une croissance économique viable pour l'environnement et permettant l'intégration sociale. Les sessions de #GGGWeek2017 donneront l'occasion aux délégués d'identifier des moyens d'obtenir des ressources financières et d'explorer des questions relatives à l'adéquation entre le financement climatique aux projets bancables et la mobilisation des marchés de capitaux locaux pour les investissements dans les énergies renouvelables.

Des sessions telles que les défis d'énergie verte et les solutions d'énergie renouvelable hors réseau en Afrique, les stratégies vertes et les exemples de réussites en Afrique, l'initiative reverdir la ceinture et la route et reverdir les villes africaines permettront de mettre la lumière sur les initiatives de croissance verte transformationnelle et la connaissance globale de la mise en œuvre de la croissance verte.

Le secteur privé, qui aura une forte présence à l'événement, a un rôle crucial à jouer étant donné que le financement climatique est au premier plan de la mise en œuvre de la NDC. Parmi les partenaires du secteur privé qui prendront part à GGGWeek, il y aura Elion Resources Group, une entreprise basée à Pékin et engagée dans un financement vert, écologique.

GGGI travaille à l'échelle internationale avec des partenaires tels que le Fonds vert pour le climat (FVC), la Banque africaine de développement (BAD), d'autres banques multilatérales de développement, les commissions régionales, économiques et sociales des Nations Unies pour mobiliser les investissements privés et publics dans la croissance verte inclusive. Un exemple est la création d'une structure de l'économie verte résistante au changement climatique (CRGE) de la République fédérale démocratique d'Éthiopie, le canal de financement d'un projet de 50 millions de dollars pour améliorer les systèmes d'irrigation indispensables dans les régions sujettes à la sécheresse du pays. Créé par le Ministère des Finances et de la Coopération économique (MOFEC)

avec l'appui ferme de GGGI, cette structure recevra et acheminera les 45 millions de dollars américains récemment approuvés par le FVC pour le projet, élaboré par le MOFEC en partenariat avec le Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Forêt et du Climat (MEFCC). Avec un cofinancement du gouvernement éthiopien à hauteur de 5 millions de dollars américains, le projet devrait bénéficier directement à 330 000 personnes et à près d'un million de personnes indirectement.

Plus de sessions exceptionnelles permettront de mettre en lumière des exemples et des exemples de réussites, comme le cas du Mécanisme de CRGE de l'Éthiopie, sur les interventions, les politiques et les stratégies mondiales et africaines de croissance verte.

L'Union africaine, l'Agence internationale pour les énergies renouvelables, le GCRAI, la Nouvelle économie du climat et l'Institut des ressources mondiales figurent parmi les quelques partenaires qui présenteront les meilleures pratiques en matière de politiques et de mise en œuvre de la croissance verte.

En tant que pays hôte de la Semaine, l'Éthiopie présentera ses initiatives de croissance verte, y compris des visites de sites qui mettront en lumière quelques projets d'énergie renouvelable et autres projets de croissance verte en pleine croissance de cette nation africaine.

Pour plus d'informations sur #GGGWeek2017, visitez <http://www.gggweek2017.org/>

## À propos de GGGI

Basée à Séoul, la GGGI est une organisation intergouvernementale internationale créée par un traité afin de soutenir et promouvoir la croissance verte. L'organisation travaille en partenariat avec les pays pour les aider à bâtir des économies à croissance forte, plus efficaces et durables dans l'utilisation des ressources naturelles, moins intensives en carbone et plus résistantes au changement climatique. GGGI travaille avec des pays du monde entier pour renforcer leurs capacités et les aider dans l'élaboration des politiques de croissance verte susceptibles d'avoir un impact sur la vie de millions de personnes. Pour en savoir plus sur GGGI, visitez <http://www.gggi.org> et visitez-nous sur Facebook et Twitter.

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# Global Green Growth Week 2017 Kicks Off in Addis Ababa

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...growth topics: mobilizing green/climate finance to bankable projects in developing countries; sustainably managing resources to address water and food security challenges; and developing and adopting policies that drive environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive economic growth. Sessions at #GGGWeek2017 will provide an opportunity for delegates to identify ways to secure financial resources and explore issues such as how to match climate finance with bankable projects and mobilize local capital markets for renewable energy investment.

Sessions like Africa's Green Energy Challenges and Off-grid Renewable Energy Solutions, Green Strategies and Success Stories in Africa, Greening the Belt and Road Initiative, and Greening African Cities will shed light on transformational green growth initiatives and global knowledge of green growth implementation.

The private sector, which will have a strong presence at the event, has a critical role to play given that climate finance is at the forefront of NDC implementation. Among private sector partners attending GGGWeek is Elion Resources Group, a Beijing-based company committed to eco-friendly, green finance.

Together with partners such as the Green Climate Fund (GCF), the African Development Bank (AfDB), other multilateral development banks, UN regional, economic and social commissions, GGGI is working globally to leverage private as well as public sector investment in inclusive green growth. An example is the establishment of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia's Climate Resilient Green Economy (CRGE) Facility, the financing channel for USD50million project to enhance critical irrigation systems in the country's drought-prone regions. Established by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Cooperation (MOFEC) with the close support of GGGI, the Facility will receive and channel the recently approved USD 45 million from the GCF for the project, developed by MOFEC in

cooperation with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate (MEFCC). With co-financing from the Ethiopian government of USD 5 million, the project is set to directly benefit 330 000 people directly and nearly 1 million people indirectly.

Over 15 unique sessions will highlight examples and success stories, like the Ethiopia CRGE Facility case, of global and African green growth interventions, policies and strategies.

The African Union, the International Renewable Energy Agency, CGIAR, the New Climate Economy, and the World Resources Institute are among a few partners who will showcase best practices of global green growth policies and implementation.

As a host for the Week, Ethiopia will showcase its green growth initiatives, including site visits that will highlight some of the fast growing African nation's renewable energy and other green growth projects.

For more information on #GGGWeek2017, visit <http://www.gggweek2017.org/>

## About GGGI

Based in Seoul, GGGI is a treaty-based international, inter-governmental organization founded to support and promote green growth. The organization partners with countries to help them build economies that grow strongly, are more efficient and sustainable in the use of natural resources, less carbon intensive, and more resilient to climate change. GGGI works with countries around the world, building their capacity and working collaboratively on green growth policies that can impact the lives of millions. To learn more about GGGI, see <http://www.gggi.org> and visit us on Facebook and Twitter.

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...of the few outstanding countries in Africa which have liberalized. And if you look at what has happened in the last twenty years, you see that there is massive stability on how the regulator defines tariffs, the way and how feed in is done and how the generation is done. Yes it is on a small scale but you do know what you are working with and for us that is very important," said Dall'Ombo.

Another initiative that is recording some public-private partnerships success is "Power Africa". Launched by then U.S. President Barack Obama during his Africa Tour in 2013, the American presidential initiative is aimed at extending 20,000 MW of new power to sub-Saharan Africa by 2020 by supporting governments' work with the private sector to support Africa's Green Growth through clean energy.

Initially launched in three in East African and three in West African countries, the program has since been extended to the whole of Sub Saharan Africa. Dr. Kate Steel, Energy Team Lead, Power Africa, told IPS on the sidelines of the Uganda Energy Future Energy conference that though the programme is a U.S government initiative, the private sector has played a big role in the rollout in Africa. Power Africa, according to Steel, has over 140 private sector partners that have come in with investments, funding Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPCs).

She revealed that Power Africa has enabled ten million new connections mainly off grids. "We have facilitated eighty power projects with an estimated 7000 MW that have reached financial closure. About 2000 MW was online by September 2017" said Steel.

