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# PUBLIC-PRIVATE JOINT EFFORTS TOWARDS RIO+20

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***Moving Towards A Green Economy:  
Green Jobs And Social Inclusion***

European GCLNs



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“Climate change is the greatest collective challenge that we have ever faced. It is destroying our only planet at an accelerating pace.”

(Angel Gurría,  
OECD Secretary-General).



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# World crisis implications:

- Human welfare
  - Unemployment
  - Poverty, and
  - Environmental impacts
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# Green economy concept

Response to the multiple crises

A promise of growth while protecting the earth's ecosystems

Contributing to poverty alienation

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# Green economy agenda

- Greening of existing industries
- Reducing the environmental impacts of processes and products through using resources more efficiently
- Creating new green industries



## Effecting on *employment*

- Additional jobs will be created
- Some employment will be substituted
- Certain jobs may be eliminated without direct replacement
- Many existing jobs will simply be transformed and redefined as day-to-day skill sets



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# Towards a Green Economy

- A green job shall be a decent job – social inclusion
- Meeting the needs of the future generations - a change in production and consumption patterns



# Key challenges

- **Realigning priorities** – according to the scale, urgency, and long-term perspective of the public agenda emerging in response to the climate challenge
- **Job losses mitigation** – pro-active policies that assist in this transition by way of retraining, skill-building, income support and social protection



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# Key challenges

- **Decent work promotion** – overcoming the extremely poor practices, exposing workers to hazardous substances that endanger their health and lives
- **Skill availability** – deficits in management skills and technical job-specific skills



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# Key challenges

- **Addressing unsustainable consumption patterns** – distribution of Incomes worldwide and within countries
- **Alleviating poverty** – opportunities for economic development and poverty alleviation without liquidating or eroding A country's natural assets



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This is only the beginning ...



# Discussion questions

- What steps can the private sector take – independently and in collaboration with the public sector – to realize the transition to a green economy?
- Can green jobs be considered as adequate tools to realize a more sustainable and inclusive economy?