



Green Economy and Sustainable Development

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Road Map

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Background

- Humans impact the environment in two ways (+/-)
- The past economic and human population growth led to:
 - Overexploitation of natural resources
 - Burning of fossil fuels
 - Pollution
 - Land degradation
 - Deforestation
- Changes like these have triggered **climate change, soil erosion, poor air quality, and undrinkable water.**



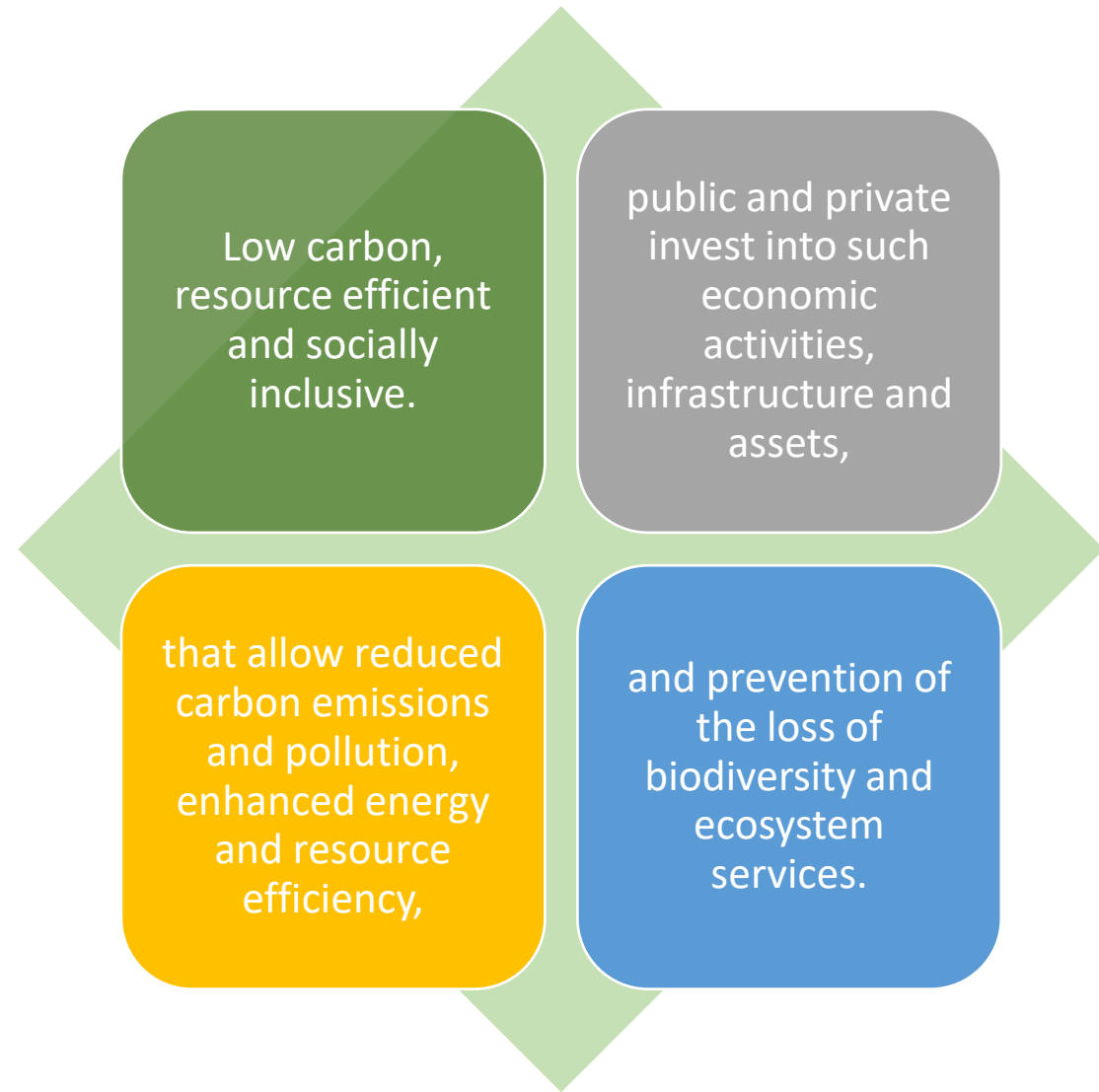
Is having economies based
on burning of fossil fuels
sustainable?





What if we go Green?

What is Green Economy?



Governed by Five Principles

1. The Wellbeing Principle: all people to create and enjoy prosperity.
2. The Justice Principle: equity within and between generations.
3. The Planetary Boundaries Principle: safeguards, restores and invests in nature.
4. The Efficiency and Sufficiency Principle: support sustainable consumption and production.
5. The Good Governance Principle: guided by integrated, accountable and resilient institutions.

Green economic practices

Policy-making is relevant for government action:

- Promoting investment and spending in areas that stimulate a green economy;
- Addressing environmental externalities and market failures;
- Limiting government spending in areas that deplete natural capital;
- Establishing sound governing frameworks;
- Investing in capacity building and training; and
- Strengthening international governance.

What are the links between Green Economy and Sustainable Development?

- Sustainability means that what we do today doesn't deplete resources for future generations.
- Green economy is considered as one of the important tools available for achieving sustainable development.
- Ensures that natural assets continue to provide the resources and environmental services for a continued wellbeing.

The Forestry Sector for Green Economic Growth

- Numerous ecosystem services
- Sustainable financing (PES)
- Livelihoods enhancement
- Habitat conservation
- Sustainable agriculture/food production
- Enabling institutions

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Take Home Message

"The green economy should not just be about reclaiming throw-away stuff. It should be about reclaiming throw-away communities. It should not just be about recycling things to give them a second life. We should also be gathering up people and giving them a second chance."

~ Van Jones



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THANK YOU