



DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

Concept Note on Side Event

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Towards a Green Economy: Through Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) and Just Green Transitions

I. Overview

The world is facing multiple crises stemming from uneven pandemic recovery, natural disasters, environmental & climate change, unsustainable debt, and geopolitical tensions, all of which are hindering our efforts to achieve sustainable development. The economic and social impacts of the crises have reversed the progress made towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Responding to these challenges requires an integrated approach, on the lines of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' in order to build a prosperous planet for our people, leaving no one behind.

Keeping this idea in mind and acknowledging the scale of responsibilities of the G20, India is focusing on green development as an overarching priority for its G20 Presidency that will enable in acceleration of growth with sustainability. In this regard, Lifestyle For Environment and Just Green Transitions, as critical enablers for green development, can help integrate efforts towards a revamped international enabling environment.

Given there exists a strong link between sustainable development and climate change impacts, there is an urgent need for the development pathways that minimise trade-offs and maximise synergies between efforts to achieve the development and environment including climate goals. LiFE and JGT, therefore, will address this concern by emphasizing on innovative ways to mobilise public as well as private sector financial resources, reducing the high cost of capital through a mix of concessional and non-concessional loans and other innovative green finance tools. Further, there will also be emphasis on capacity building to accelerate SDGs and green development, including through better coordination and partnerships between the public and private sectors to skill, upskill and re-skill workers, identifying and linking the aspirations of people for job creation, poverty eradication and social inclusion. The side event on 'Towards Sustainable Future: Through Lifestyle for Environment and Just Green Transition' will provide an opportunity to dive deep on these topics, hear diverse perspective and come up with recommendation to build a sustainable future.

II. Session Objectives

- Discuss the ways to minimise trade-offs and maximise synergies in efforts to achieve development, environment, and climate agenda for developing countries.



- Highlight the role of different stakeholders globally and multilaterally to strengthen partnerships and for amplifying actions for sustainable lifestyles and just green transitions.
- Discuss various means of implementation & focus areas (viz., including financing, technology, capacity building, policy coherence, etc) for international community and G20 that need to be considered in the development strategies and responses both nationally and globally to revamp the international enabling environment
- Discuss global strategies for LiFE and Just Green Transitions that take the needs and capacities of all countries, especially developing countries into account.
- Discuss the contours for a global movement on LiFE and globally just green transitions.
- Highlight the different policy responses, cooperation and partnerships at the global level that are required to create an enabling international environment to support greening of the economy.

III. Questions for Discussion

Panel 1: LiFE: An engine for growth

- 1) What are the key global actions for boosting sustainable production that can create green ecosystems and infrastructure to empower individuals?
- 2) How can we shape and support evidence-based policies and data to demonstrate the impact of LiFE?
- 3) What are the possible international financial instruments for unlocking financing, especially for high impact sectors for promoting sustainable lifestyles such as waste management, transport, regenerative urbanization etc to transition towards a sustainable economy?
- 4) How to highlight the central role of sustainable lifestyles in international climate action?
- 5) How can LiFE approach demonstrate the intrinsic interlinkages between the development and environment including climate agendas?

Panel 2: Just green transitions: An integrated approach

- 1) How can green transitions become globally just? How can such transitions become a model of growth that tackles the challenge of climate, development and growth in a complimentary manner? How can it enable and underpin an understanding on a development paradigm which reduces the trade-offs between development, environment and climate agendas?



- 2) How can the discussion on green transitions that are globally just between the various transitions for developing countries be strengthened so as to bring the principles of justice and equity at the center of the international discourse?
- 3) What are the challenges faced by developing countries in moving towards Green Transitions? How can these be turned into opportunities for all and what kind of international cooperation be required for this and for ensuring climate justice?
- 4) How revamp the international enabling environment for green transitions that are globally just?
- 5) What is the role of different stakeholders, especially groupings like G20 and international organizations in creating an international enabling framework for just green transitions, including for capacity building, access to financing and technology transfer? What kind of international cooperation is needed to create such an enabling environment?
- 6) What could be the proposed areas of actions by G20 to address bottlenecks faced by developing countries and galvanizing support for creating an international enabling environment for a globally just transition?

IV. Agenda

Time (IST)	Session
13:45 – 13:55	Welcome Remarks by DWG Co-chair Ms Eenam Gambhir
Panel 1: LiFE – Engine for Growth	
13:55 - 14:05	Keynote address by Ms. Maria Fernanda Espinosa
14:05 - 15:10	Panel Discussion Moderated by Professor Sachin Chaturvedi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Maria Fernanda Espinosa • Dr. Fahmida Khatun • Mr. Heerad Sabeti • Dr. Balasubramaniam
15:10 – 15:20	Q & A (10 mins)
Panel 2: Just Green Transitions – Comprehensive, Integrated Approach	
15:20 – 15:30	Keynote Address by Mr. Avinash Persaud
15:30 – 15:40	Presentation on JGT by Mr. Giuseppe De Simone
15:40 - 16:45	Panel Discussion Moderated by Ms. Sunaina Kumar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Avinash Persaud • Amb. Manjeev Singh Puri • Mr. Rathish Balakrishnan • Mr Giuseppe de Simone
16:45 – 16:55	Q & A (10 mins)
16:55 – 17:00	Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks