



MULTIPLE PATHWAYS TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday 21 July, 14:00-16:30
International Environment House II
(7-9 ch. de Balexert)

In June 2012, at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), world leaders recognized the existence of a number of “different approaches, visions, models and tools available to each country, in accordance with its national circumstances and priorities, to achieve sustainable development”, and highlighted the importance of South-South Cooperation as a means by which such approaches can be shared. This sentiment was echoed by the United Nations Environment Programme Governing Council, who, in February 2013, called upon UNEP to collect national sustainable development approaches.

In response to this call, UNEP has for the past two years been working with four countries, within the framework of the project “**Enhancing South-South Cooperation - Building the Capacity of Developing Countries to Promote Green Economies**”, to document and share their national initiatives.

You are cordially invited to attend a panel discussion presenting UNEP’s new report, *Multiple Pathways to Sustainable Development: Initial Findings from the Global South*, which highlights national sustainable development initiatives being implemented by China, Bolivia, South Africa, and Thailand. The panel discussion will focus on the approaches of **Ecological Civilization** in China, **Sufficiency Economy** in Thailand, **Green Economy** in South Africa, and **Living Well** in Bolivia, and how they may be able to contribute to the achievement of the proposed Sustainable Development Goals.

NEW REPORT PRESENTATION

AGENDA

Welcome

Steven STONE, Chief, UNEP Economics and Trade Branch

Introduction to the Sustainable Development Goals

Monika LINN, Principal Advisor to the Executive Secretary, UNECE

Green Economy and Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE)

Steven STONE, Chief, UNEP Economics and Trade Branch

National sustainable development approaches

SHENG Fulai, Head, Research and Partnership Unit, UNEP Economics and Trade Branch

LI Haisheng, Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Environmental Protection, China

H.E. Mr. Thani THONGPHAKDI, Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Ncumisa NOTUTELA, Deputy Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

María Natalia PACHECO RODRIGUEZ, Permanent Mission of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva

Discussion with the audience

Fairtrade coffee and tea from 13:30

More information on UNEP Multiple Pathways Project

<http://www.unep.org/greeneconomy/South-South>

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