Green Jobs for Sustainable Development: Myth or Reality?

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Ms. Monia Braham YOUSSFI is Public Services Advisor (graduate of Tunis ENA), and holds two masters in law. She entered the International Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning and represented Tunisia in bilateral negotiations (2000-2003). In 2003, she joined the Cabinet of the Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources to ensure the implementation of the project "Elimination des stocks des pesticides obsolete en Afrique "funded by GEF-FFEM and managed by the World Bank. In 2006, Monia Braham
Youssfi was appointed Deputy Director in the Directorate General for Planetary Sustainable Development Issues at the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development. In 2011, appointed Director of Environmental Studies and Economic Analysis and Planning, she is the chief negotiator of Tunisia for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development Rio +20, she contributed to the regional process and is preparing the national roadmap. Moreover, she is responsible for launching the National Green Economy Study, and monitors two national programs: the Program for the Modernization of Information Systems on Sustainable Development, and the National Program on Sustainable Finance. In addition she leads two studies on the potential of Corporate Social Responsibility, and on the adaptation of legal and institutional framework for sustainable development.

Dr. Ulrike LEHR studied physics at the University of Essen (Diploma in 1990) and economics at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, VA USA (M.Sc. 1992). She received her PhD for a thesis on environmental valuation in 2005 from the University of Hohenheim. She worked as a researcher at the department of System Analysis and Technology Assessment of the German Aerospace Center (2005-2008) at the Rhine-Westphalia Institute of Economics Research, RWI e.V., Essen; Department of energy policy studies and research (1993-1999). She works with GWS as a Senior Expert since 2008. She has large research and consulting experiences with national and international institutions including German Federal Ministries for Economy, Environment, Research and Education, GIZ, EU, IEA, and as a counselor for twinning projects within the new member states.

Mr. Riad SULTAN is a Lecturer in Economics at the University of Mauritius. He conducted the Green Jobs Assessment study for Mauritius. He has wide experiences in socio-economic issues and policy-making, having served as the Research Executive of the National Economic and Social Council of Mauritius for nearly 10 years before joining the University. He was also the Research Coordinator of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) project in Mauritius for the African Union - 2003-2008. He has conducted research on areas such as green jobs assessment, green industry, economics of bio-ethanol, energy and ecosystem valuation in Mauritius. His research interests include climate change economics, fisheries, sustainable transport solutions and energy modelling.

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