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# Growing Green with Equity: Our Approach<sup>1</sup>

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**The real-time opportunities** for sustainable inclusive green growth within the Southern African Development Community (SADC) are being explored as part of the development of a *Green Guide* for SADC parliamentarians. The collaborative partnership between the Rural and Sustainable Development team at the UNDP International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) and the SADC Parliamentary Forum, which has been fully supported by the Climate Development Knowledge Network (CDKN), dates back to July 2011. The *Green Guide*, the primary output of this collaboration, will outline the compelling case for further implementation of context-appropriate inclusive green growth policies to decision-makers from a variety of departments and ministries, with the aim of encouraging inter-sectoral coordination, policy coherence and programme convergence.

By examining sustainable inclusive green growth within this specific region, the results of this partnership should inform discussions on the practice of inclusive green growth. Most efforts to date have focused largely on national processes, however, a gap still exists regarding how countries could coordinate efforts, and how greener economies could be formed at the regional and global levels. The SADC region serves as a fascinating microcosm of the policy and political structures at play regionally and internationally, due to the diversity of its member states (post-conflict states, emerging economies, Small Island Developing States and resource-dependent states among others), their experiences, the structure of their economies and their current human development achievements. Along with the *Green Guide* and a *Principles for Parliamentarians* document, an online companion tool may also be created. These publications may serve as useful models for other regions.

**How to 'go green equitably'** – By providing a comprehensive list of key questions and considerations that decision-makers from a variety of departments and ministries can draw on regarding the green economy and development, the *Green Guide* seeks to specifically demonstrate ways of mitigating social risks while significantly reforming economies to ensure that the poor and most vulnerable members of society both participate in and share the benefits of development.

The *Green Guide* will also enable parliamentarians to conduct a self-assessment and analysis of which type of context-sensitive development pathway, (see **One Pager No.195**) is best suited for them to follow in their pursuit of inclusive green growth. Three important elements of the work conducted by the team include:

- the development of a conceptual framework <<http://www.ipc-undp.org/pressroom/files/ipc671.pdf>> for inclusive green growth;
- comprehensive background research on the social, environmental and economic conditions, focusing on those elements which bring the three together; and
- a Development Pathway Analysis framework relevant to the SADC context.

**Contributors** – The Core Working Group and the Technical Review Committee (TRC) are composed of colleagues from a variety of organisations and agencies who have contributed to the production of the *Green Guide* by

applying their extensive collective knowledge. The role of the Core Working Group has been to provide technical input for the development of the guide including research, case studies, informal peer review, methodological support, written contributions and analyses. The members of the Core Working Group are as follows:

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The TRC is expected to provide technical comments and advice to the *Green Guide* project team in terms of *the technical soundness of connections being made between issues, the relevance and effectiveness of the guiding questions and case studies used and the overall clarity of the content of the guide.*

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## Notes:

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2. Merylyn Hedger was also part of the original project design and concept team and continues to provide technical support to the Green Guide Project.