

Day 2 Recap (October 25, 2022)

AT A GLANCE: What sessions took place today?

Circular Economy/ Waste Management (1) Green Investments (1) Clean Energy Transition (2) Climate Action (3) Green Buildings (1) Carbon Pricing (1)

On Day 2, three sessions spurred fruitful conversations on global ambitions for **Climate Action**, especially relevant in anticipation of the 2022 COP27 in Egypt. Co-organized by (GGGI), the Embassy of Egypt and of the United Kingdom in the Republic of Korea, the session focused on addressing expectations for COP27. This was useful in order to increase understanding of what's at stake in Sharm el-Sheikh in November, how different stakeholders prepare to bring their solutions to the table, and how international organizations and experts are ready to provide their support for countries to accelerate national actions on climate change to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement. Moreover, a COP on the African continent is bound to place adaptation at the forefront, with the majority of the 46 Least Developed Countries being in Africa. For this reason, a session on Adaptation Capacities was extremely relevant to look at what the gaps are between adaptation planning processes and action, and what lessons can be learned from current practice. The importance of knowledge was recognized to mobilize more informed, targeted and rapid decision-making that helps experts and institutions promote inclusive green economy policies, practices and actions at the local, national, regional and global levels. These dynamics were explored in a session that focused on the various modalities to increase community awareness and strengthen the capacity of different points of view, foster intergenerational understanding and support collective action among different groups in society critical for a behavioural shift, from the government level to communal and household levels.

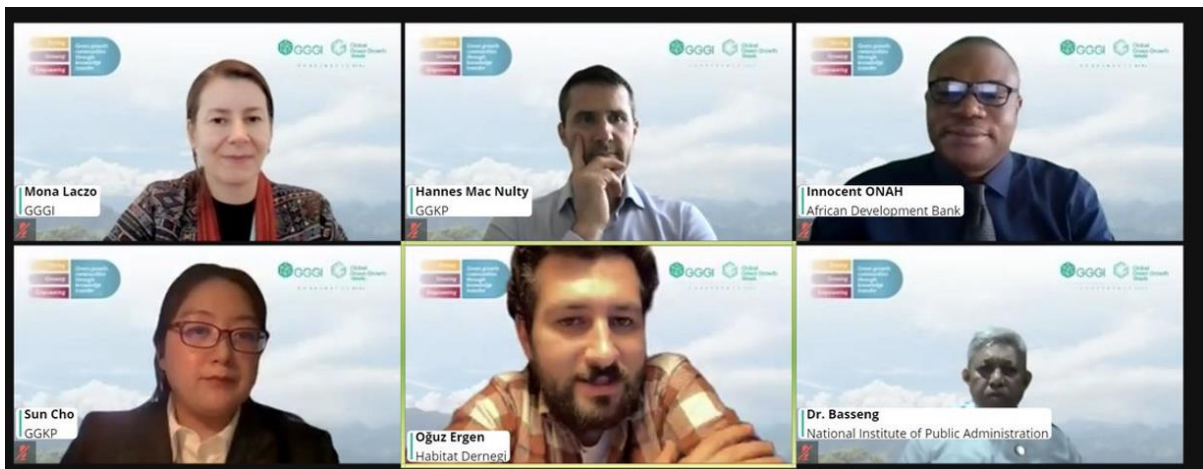
As well as global ambitions, regional goals were also at the center of discussions as in the case of **Green Buildings** in the context of Africa. With inputs from region member countries and partner organizations, this session brought together policy makers and practitioners to share experiences on the advancements made over the past few years in adoption of green buildings. Through building codes, energy efficiency standards, virtual learning platforms and tools to measure and compare the embodied carbon of building materials there is an opportunity to build from today and to create green jobs. A brainstorming activity also took place on the role of building partnerships and accessing climate finance to deliver impacts at scale. These discussions were particularly relevant for the recognition of the potential of green buildings to deliver on the aspiration set out by the Africa Union Agenda 2063 for a 'prosperous Africa, based on inclusive growth and sustainable development'.

On a local scale, the broader impact of **Green Energy Transitions** was explored in relation to the Garment Industries in Cambodia. Industrial activities are a major source of air, water and land pollution, leading to illness and loss of life all over the world. The garment industry in Cambodia provides income to 800,000 workers of which 80% are female, it contributes to 15% of the GDP and 80% of the value of exports. In Cambodia, GGGI is now implementing a 4-year program supported by the EU-SCP Switch-Asia facility, providing a regulatory framework to go clean and reduce energy and CO2 emissions. During this session we learnt more about the plans from the EU for the garment sector, the potential savings and challenges

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for Energy Efficiency (EE) and Renewable Energy (RE) in the garment factories and the perspective from an international Brand.

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