



**Harnessing innovations, technologies and
management of Africa's natural resources:
Strategic approaches and opportunities**

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1. Background

- **GENRS- established in 2013 within SID– ECA restructuring**

- **Objective:**

To contribute to the body of knowledge and enhance understanding on the implications of the inclusive green economy paradigm for Africa's transformational agenda

Intent:

Informing the formulation and implementation of policies to achieve a green transformation and realize optimal benefits from Africa's natural resources and related sectors



Background...

GENRS conceptualization of IGE draws broadly on the *"Future We Want"*

Outcomes in all three dimensions of sustainable development

- **Sustained economic growth**
- **Improved human well-being and social equity**
- **Enhanced natural resource-use efficiency, and ecosystems resilience**



2. Strategic focus and approaches

- **Contextualized within Africa's structural transformation agenda**
- **Approaches:**
 - **Step-wise approach- promoting IGG in key sectors of the economy- draw good practices and lessons**
 - **Leveraging the catalyzing and stabilizing role of enablers**
 - **Promoting integrated policy approaches**
 - **Generating and disseminating knowledge products and capacity building**



3. Priority areas of work

- Examining the implications of the transition for Africa's transformation**
- Leveraging opportunities for inclusive green growth – in key sectors**
- Analyzing enablers of the transition in the context of Africa**
- Promoting planning tools and methodologies to support integrated policy making and assessments**
- Fostering natural resource use efficiency**





4. Furthering GENRS' work - Risks

● Inadequate understanding of the concept

- Relatively new concept- pace of appreciation and buy-in

● Political economy of the green economy

- Not only a technical issue of design and implementation but also a political choice- level of engagement

● Capacity issues

- Institutional and technical capacity challenges, and financial and human resource implications



Furthering GENRS' work - opportunities

- **ECA's mandate on inclusive green economy-**
 - clear mandate at global and regional levels
- **Commitments by member States and partnerships-**
 - Regional platforms - AGEP
- **ECA's strategic focus –**
 - linking inclusive green economy and structural transformation
- **Emerging opportunities for engagement-**
 - supporting the development and implementation of policies
- **Research, knowledge generation and knowledge platforms –**
 - ECA's focus on policy relevant research



5. The road ahead

- **Support consolidation and innovation in policy design and implementation**
 - Deepen policy research and evidence
 - Deepen engagement with member States
 - Enhance integrated analysis
- **Strengthen/promote partnerships and coordination**
 - Identify actors, comparative advantages, value addition, common goals and strategies- coordination and collaboration
- **Facilitate knowledge networking and exchange, and capacity building**
 - Support learning and knowledge dissemination



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