

PDCI AT THE SEED AFRICA SYMPOSIUM

Practitioners' Dialogue on Climate Investments at the SEED Africa Symposium 2015

Building Bridges for Impact – Green and Inclusive Growth through Entrepreneurship

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About: The Practitioners' Dialogue on Climate Investments

- The “Practitioners’ Dialogue on Climate Investments” (PDCI) – implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) – aims to advance the overall understanding of how governments in developing countries and emerging economies can engage the businesses and the financial sectors in climate-resilient and low-emission growth.
- The PDCI focuses on smart public incentive schemes, effective regulatory frameworks and innovative financial mechanisms to unlock more private climate investments.
- What the PDCI dialogue process offers:
 - PDCI connects public sector decision-makers with business and financial sector practitioners, and enables cross-sectoral exchange and networking;
 - PDCI provides an international global platform to present and discuss policy approaches, financial mechanisms and cooperation models to mobilize private investments in renewable energy projects, energy-efficiency improvements and adaptation actions;
 - PDCI offers the opportunity to work in small expert groups on specific investment-related challenges and business opportunities, to develop ideas for solutions and initiatives, and attract international support;
 - PDCI provides an excellent opportunity for businesses and financial institutions to present climate products and services.

- During the Lead-Up Event of the PDCI which took place in Bonn, Germany on 9–10 June, high-ranking representatives from the public and private sector aimed at preparing the Practitioners' Dialogue series from September 2015 onwards. Participants identified key questions and challenges in sectorial focus groups, renewable energies, energy efficiency and adaptation to climate change which will now be further elaborated throughout the dialogue process.

About: The SEED Africa Symposium

- SEED is a global partnership for action on sustainable development and green economy established in 2002 at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg by UNEP, UNDP, and IUCN. SEED sets out to stimulate and support innovative, small-scale and locally-led enterprises, whose business models integrate social aspects and environmental benefits.
- SEED annual Symposia are part of SEED's efforts to foster Green Economy at the grassroots and to promote the growth of entrepreneurship for development in Africa. The SEED Africa Symposium is largely supported by the European Union, the Government of Flanders and the German Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB), and by Hisense, SEED's corporate partner.
- The SEED Africa Symposium is a forum for businesses, policy-makers, civil society, and finance and support institutions. The event brings together more than 500 delegates from Africa and abroad. Target participants include: social and environmental enterprises, inclusive businesses, SMEs, MNCs, investors, legal and financial institutions, governments, foundations, development agencies, academia, service providers, community-based and civil society organisations.
- This year the SEED Africa Symposium will focus on **Building Bridges for Impact: Green and Inclusive Growth through Entrepreneurship**. It will demonstrate entrepreneurial solutions and collaborations examples that counter global social and environmental challenges.

The PDCI at the SEED Africa Symposium

- The Practitioners' Dialogue on Climate Investments (PDCI) is a partner of the SEED Africa Symposium 2015. The SEED Africa Symposium is one of PDCI's outreach activities; it enables PDCI participants to network with private sector representatives, particularly small and medium sized enterprises and financing institutions, and to discuss challenges and questions identified during the Lead-Up Event in Bonn.
- During the SEED Africa Symposium, the PDCI network will engage in discussions on how to shape renewable energy markets in order to mobilise private climate investments in Africa. Public and private sector practitioners shall discuss how to design enabling policies in order to support the development of renewable energy markets in Africa.

Objective of the partnership of PDCI and the SEED Africa Symposium

- The objective is to facilitate exchange between policy makers and private sector representatives (particularly for SMEs from Sub-Saharan Africa) on how to best shape enabling framework conditions for private investments in the field of renewable energy in Africa. Specific inputs to the discussions of the PDCI in the field of renewable energy investments are developed;
- The partnership shall provide new insights on entrepreneurial innovations in the field of promoting renewable energy in Africa to policy makers and investors; and
- Develop suggestions for policy-makers and private-sector led initiatives in the field of private renewable energy investments in Africa.
- The discussions on private renewable energy investments will be continued during the 1st Practitioners' Dialogue on Climate Investments in Jakarta, Indonesia, on October 07–09.